

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2020 First Extraordinary Session
June 22, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Representative Ryan Joseph Bourriaque
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Neil Riser
Representative John M. Stefanski, vice chairman
Representative Matthew Willard
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Malinda B. White

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brittany Lea, committee administrative assistant
Mark Mahaffey, deputy director
Alison Pryor, senior attorney
Catherine Zeringue, attorney

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
Alvin Judson, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator Johns**

Senator Johns presented Senate Bill No. 5, which provides relative to promotional play wagers.

Mr. Wade Duty, Louisiana Casino Association, P.O. Box 3801, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-0037, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 5.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 5 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 5 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Butler, Farnum, Ivey, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Stefanski, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 4 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 16 by Senator Abraham

On behalf of Senator Abraham, Representative Stefanski presented Senate Bill No. 16, which provides for cooperative endeavor agreements between local governmental subdivisions and other entities that may require payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 16 favorably, to which Representative Riser objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 16 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Ivey, McMahan, Mincey, Stefanski, Willard, and Wright voted yea. Representative Riser voted nay.

Senate Bill No. 17 by Senator Hewitt

On behalf of Senator Hewitt, Representative Wright presented Senate Bill No. 17, which provides relative to the Angel Investor Tax Credit Program.

Mr. Jason Decuir, chairman of the Louisiana Economic Recovery Task Force, 301 Main Street, Suite 1500, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 334-0040, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 17.

Representative Beaulieu in the chair

Mr. Dino Paternostro, Small Business Innovation Research Consortium (SBIRC), Baton Rouge, LA, (504) 756-7901, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 17.

Mr. Rand Ragusa, Better Day Health, New Orleans, LA, (504) 710-8506, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 17.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 17 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 17 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, McMahan, Mincey, Riser, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 26 by Senator Hewitt

On behalf of Senator Hewitt, Representative Wright presented Senate Bill No. 26, which provides for an extension of the application deadline for the Quality Jobs Program.

Mr. Jason Decuir, chairman of the Louisiana Economic Recovery Task Force, 301 Main Street, Suite 1500, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 334-0040, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 26.

Representative Mincey offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 26 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 26 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, McMahan, Mincey, Riser, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

COMMITTEE ROOM 3 TO BE USED FOR OVERFLOW

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee:

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning a specific instrument or matter under consideration by the committee or concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

NOTE: Only statements mailed to leab@legis.la.gov and received prior to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, June 21, will be included in the record for this committee meeting. All persons desiring to participate in the meeting shall utilize appropriate protective health measures and observe the recommended and appropriate social distancing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Bishop offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, McMahan, Mincey, Riser, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop
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