

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Second Extraordinary Session
October 13, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Neil Riser
Representative John M. Stefanski, vice chairman
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Ryan Joseph Bourriaque
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Mark Wright

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brittany Lea, committee administrative assistant
Alison Pryor, senior attorney
Catherine Zeringue, attorney

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 89 by Representative James**

Representative James presented House Bill No. 89, which modifies the definition of "federal income tax liability" to include certain federal net disaster losses.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 89 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 89 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 6 by Senator Lambert

Senator Lambert presented Senate Bill No. 6, which provides for capital outlay requests for a state-owned and administered project submitted by a budget unit of the state.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 6. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 6 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

House Bill No. 73 by Representative Jones

Representative Jones presented House Bill No. 73, which provides relative to the use of tax increment financing by the Downtown Economic Development District for the City of Monroe.

Representative Bryant offered a motion to report House Bill No. 73 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 73 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Stefanski in the chair

Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Ward

On behalf of Senator Ward, Representative Bishop presented Senate Bill No. 1, which extends the carryforward period for the inventory tax credit for certain businesses.

Representative Bishop offered amendments to remove the provisions that provide for the applicability of the Act. Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

Representative White offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 1 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 1 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 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.

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: Statements emailed to leab@legis.la.gov and received prior to noon on Monday, October 12, 2020, will be distributed to the committee members prior to the meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Bishop offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop
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