

## House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting  
2021 Regular Session  
May 3, 2021

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The committee administrative assistant called the roll.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman  
Representative Roy Daryl Adams  
Representative Tony Bacala  
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter  
Representative R. Dewith Carrier  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
Representative Mary DuBuisson  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman  
Representative Lance Harris  
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.  
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones  
Representative Timothy P. Kerner  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative Tanner D. Magee  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Jack G. McFarland  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Troy D. Romero  
Representative Francis C. Thompson  
Representative Christopher Turner  
Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Katie Andress, committee administrative assistant

Ms. Stephanie Little, attorney

Ms. Amanda Trapp, legislative analyst

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Ms. Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 642 by Representative Schexnayder**

Representative Schexnayder presented House Bill No. 642, which provides for the disbursement of monies received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments to appropriate American Rescue Plan Act funds and provide additional funding for teacher pay raises, foster care, nurse education and training, Community Choice Waivers, and GOHSEP disaster response. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Mr. Ron Krueger, president, Southern Theatres, 935 Gravier Street, Suite 1200, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 289-2601, spoke in support of House Bill No. 642.

Mr. Steve Duke, Theatre Owners of Mid-America, P.O. Box 80029, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, (225) 324-6960, spoke in support of House Bill No. 642.

Commissioner Jay Dardenne, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 642.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 642 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 642 was reported with amendments by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson,

Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 642 Special Order #1 for May 6, 2021. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to allow staff to make technical corrections to House Bill No. 642. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support. 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: 1 for information only. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 1 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 1, which provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments, Exhibit A, which are included in the committee records.

Mr. J. Travis McIlwain, director, Office of Planning and Budget, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7005, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Jones, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Crews offered amendments to remove funding for the Office of Charitable Gaming. Representative Crews offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Freeman objected.

The administrative assistant called the roll, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Jones, McFarland, Miguez, Romero, Thompson, and Wheat voted yea. Representatives Carpenter, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, and Marcelle voted nay.

Representative Bacala offered amendments to require that any subsequent change to the allocation of expenditures or means of financing for the personal services expenditure category be approved by the commissioner of administration and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Commissioner Dardenne and Mr. McIlwain addressed the committee regarding the impact of Representative Bacala's amendments.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Marcelle objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Kerner, McFarland, Miguez, Turner, and Wheat voted yea. Representatives Carpenter, Carter, Jones, Lyons, Marcelle, and Dustin Miller voted nay.

Representative McFarland offered amendments to move state general funds from the Wildlife Suppression Subfund to the Forestry Program. Representative McFarland offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carter, Carrier, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1 was reported with amendments by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 1 Special Order #2 for May 6, 2021. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to allow staff to make technical corrections to House Bill No. 1. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

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### **House Bill No. 516 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 516, which makes supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments to: (1) provide that any appropriation to a local government entity contained in Act 45 of the 2020 Second Extraordinary Session for which a valid cooperative endeavor agreement exists between the entity and the state treasury on June 30, 2021, shall be deemed a bona fide obligation through December 31, 2021. Requires all other provisions of the cooperative endeavor agreement, including reporting requirements, to be performed as agreed; (2) provide that any appropriation contained in the proposed law shall be deemed a bona fide obligation; (3) increase appropriations as follows: State General Fund (Direct) by \$211,200,465 and Statutory Dedications by \$195,364,605; (4) decrease appropriations as follows: Interagency Transfers by (\$41,572,761), Fees and Self-generated Revenues by (\$4,436,999), and Federal Funds by (\$366,174,495); and (5) make technical corrections.

Mr. McIlwain spoke for information only on House Bill No. 516.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Jones, Lyons, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, and Wheat voted yea.

Commissioner Dardenne spoke for information only on House Bill No. 516.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 516 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 516 was reported with amendments by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Jones, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 516 Special Order #3 for May 6, 2021. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Jones,

Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to allow staff to make technical corrections to House Bill No. 516. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 584 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 584, which appropriates funds for the expenses of the judiciary for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments to: (1) add a requirement that appropriations from State General Fund (Direct) be reduced by a total amount of \$9,626,155 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the La. Supreme Court; and (2) make technical changes.

Chief Justice John L. Weimer, Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, no telephone number provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 584 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Justice Will Crain, Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, no telephone number provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 584.

Representative Marcelle took a personal privilege to recognize Judge Yvette M. Alexander, Baton Rouge City Court.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Marcelle, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 584 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 584 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Marcelle, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 584 Special Order #7 for May 6, 2021. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives

Zeringue, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Marcelle, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to allow staff to make technical corrections to House Bill No. 584. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Marcelle, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

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### **House Bill No. 515 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 515, which provides for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies among state funds.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments to transfer an additional \$27.5M to various existing funds, convert certain existing funds from "special treasury funds" to "dedicated fund accounts", repeal certain funds, and provide for a sweep of remaining CARES Act balances to the State Coronavirus Relief Fund. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 515 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 515 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 515 Special Order #4 for May 6, 2021. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to allow staff to make technical corrections to House Bill No. 515. Without objection, motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 484 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 484, which provides for the ancillary expenses of state government.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments to add language to require the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) to contract with a third-party vendor to review claims data. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Commissioner Dardenne spoke for information only on House Bill No. 484.

Mr. David Couvillion, chief executive officer, OGB, 1201 North Third Street, Suite G-B9, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9670, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 484.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 484 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 484 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Illg, Kerner, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 484 Special Order #5 for May 6, 2021. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to allow staff to make technical corrections to House Bill No. 484. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 695 by Representative Schexnayder**

Representative Schexnayder presented House Bill No. 695, which makes appropriations for the expenses of the legislature for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.



Representative Zeringue offered amendments to: (1) reduce the State General Fund appropriation for the legislative auditor by (\$483,708), and (2) make technical corrections. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 695 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 695 was reported with amendments by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Marcelle, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 695 Special Order #6 for May 6, 2021. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Marcelle, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to allow staff to make technical corrections to House Bill No. 695. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Marcelle, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 553 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 553, which provides for Revenue Sharing Distribution for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments to update the revenue sharing distribution to parishes to reflect the distribution as calculated for FY 2021-22. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Marcelle, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 553 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 553 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Marcelle, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 553 Special Order #8 for May 6, 2021. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Marcelle, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to allow staff to make technical corrections to House Bill No. 553. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Marcelle, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Representative Schexnayder**

Representative Schexnayder presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, which provides for a hospital stabilization formula.

Mr. Greg Waddell, Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 928-0026, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Commissioner Dardenne spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was reported favorably by a vote of 20 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 Special Order #9 for May 6, 2021. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 20 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 639 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 639, which provides relative to infrastructure funding.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 639 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 639 was reported favorably by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat 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.

#### **IV. BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **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 [h-app@legis.la.gov](mailto:h-app@legis.la.gov) and received prior to noon on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 Deshotel offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue  
House Committee on Appropriations