

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
June 1, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:34 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 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 John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Troy D. Romero
Representative Christopher Turner
Representative Debbie Villio
Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Lance Harris

Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Francis C. Thompson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Andress, committee administrative assistant
Stephanie Little, attorney
Amanda Trapp, legislative analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 220 by Senator Cloud

Senator Cloud presented Senate Bill No. 220, which provides relative to the legislative auditor.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 220 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 220 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, McFarland, Romero, Turner, Villio, and Wheat 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. 15 by Senator Milligan

Senator Milligan presented Senate Bill No. 15, which provides relative to purchase of telecommunication and video equipment or services by all state agencies.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 15 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 15 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Romero, Turner, Villio, and Wheat voted yea.

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.

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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 Turner offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Romero, Turner, Villio, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
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