

## **House Committee on Ways and Means**

Minutes of Meeting  
2021 Regular Session  
April 27, 2021

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman  
Representative Ryan Bourriaque  
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant  
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler  
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier  
Representative Les Farnum  
Representative Jason Hughes  
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe  
Representative Wayne McMahan  
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.  
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron  
Representative Tammy T. Phelps  
Representative Neil Riser  
Representative Malinda B. White  
Representative Matthew Willard  
Representative Mark Wright

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms  
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 50 by Representative Stefanski**

Representative Stefanski presented House Bill No. 50, which provides a state and local sales and use tax exclusion for certain re-leases or re-rentals of items of tangible personal property.

Representative Bishop offered amendments which change the type of transactions the exclusion applies to from re-leases or re-rentals made by a short-term equipment rental dealer to leases or rentals by a short-term equipment rental dealer for the purpose of re-lease or re-rental. Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Farnum offered a motion to report House Bill No. 50 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 50 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Representative Riser in the chair*

**House Bill No. 7 by Representative Freeman**

Representative Freeman presented House Bill No. 7, which provides for a sales and use tax exemption for feminine hygiene products and diapers.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 7 favorably, to which Representative DeVillier objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 7 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Bryant, Butler, Hughes, LaCombe, Riser, White, and Willard voted yea. Representatives Bourriaque, DeVillier, Farnum, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, and Wright voted nay.

**House Bill No. 148 by Representative Echols**

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 148, which exempts certain educational institutions from state sales and use tax on the lease or rental of tangible personal property.

*Chairman Bishop in the chair*

Representative Riser offered a motion to report House Bill No. 148 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 148 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

**House Bill No. 36 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 36, which reduces the annual cap on the amount of motion picture production tax credits awarded, the cap on the amount of credits claimed on tax returns, and the per project cap. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 36 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 29 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 43 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 43, which exempts certain business utilities from state sales and use taxes. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 43 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

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

**House Bill No. 205 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 205, a constitutional amendment which eliminates the mandatory corporation income tax deduction for federal income taxes paid. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 205 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier,

Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

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

#### **House Bill No. 208 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 208, which repeals the income tax deduction for federal income taxes paid for purposes of calculating corporation income tax. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 208 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright 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.

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

#### **House Bill No. 209 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 209, which provides for the rate of corporation income tax. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 209 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright 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.

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#### **House Bill No. 318 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 318, a constitutional amendment which provides for the ad valorem tax exemption for industrial manufacturers. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 318 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 543 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 543, which repeals individual income, corporate income, and corporate franchise taxes and repeals all credits, deductions, exemptions, and exclusions from the tax.

Representative DeVillier offered conceptual amendments which specify that House Bill No. 486 is the proposed constitutional amendment to which the effectiveness of House Bill No. 543 is tied. Representative DeVillier offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 543. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 543 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

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

### **House Bill No. 486 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 486, a constitutional amendment which provides relative to state sales and use tax exemptions for food for home consumption, utilities for residential use, and prescription drugs. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 486 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 114 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 114, a constitutional amendment which phases-in over a four-year period an exemption for items constituting business inventory.

Mr. Will H. Green, Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association (LADA), 7526 Picardy Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 769-5500, spoke in support of House Bill No. 114.

Ms. Karen White, Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA), 700 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 344-5001, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 114.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to report House Bill No. 114 favorably, to which Representative Mincey objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 8 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Orgeron, Riser, and Wright voted yea. Representatives Bryant, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, White, and Willard voted nay.

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.

#### **House Bill No. 540 by Representative Hilferty**

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 540, which provides a sales and use tax exemption for purchases of construction materials by certain charitable organizations.

Representative Bishop offered amendments which change the bill to exempt the sales and use taxes imposed by the state on the sale of construction materials to nonprofit charitable organizations. 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, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, and Wright voted yea.

Mr. Nick Albares, Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana, 4152 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 330-1245, spoke in support of House Bill No. 540.

Secretary Kimberly Lewis Robinson, Louisiana Department of Revenue (DOR), 617 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-4059, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 540.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 540. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 540 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

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

#### **House Bill No. 488 by Representative Pressly**

On behalf of Representative Pressly, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 488, a constitutional amendment which establishes the maximum rate for

purposes of calculating individual income taxes and repeals the mandatory deduction for federal income taxes paid. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 488 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

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

#### **House Bill No. 489 by Representative Pressly**

On behalf of Representative Pressly, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 489, a constitutional amendment which exempts items constituting business inventory from ad valorem property tax. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 489 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

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

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#### **House Bill No. 506 by Representative Beaulieu**

On behalf of Representative Beaulieu, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 506, which increases the amount of the net operating loss deduction. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 506 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 527 by Representative Crews**

On behalf of Representative Crews, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 527, which expands eligibility for the digital interactive media and software tax credit to include information technology services. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 527 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright 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.

**House Bill No. 546 by Representative Pressly**

On behalf of Representative Pressly, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 546, which reduces the rates and brackets for purposes of calculating individual income tax liability and the tax liability for estates and trusts and modifies certain income tax credits, exemptions, and deductions. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 546 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

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

**House Bill No. 547 by Representative Pressly**

On behalf of Representative Pressly, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 547, which levies a flat corporate income tax, repeals the corporation franchise tax, repeals deductibility of federal income taxes paid, and terminates certain income tax credits. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 547 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

**House Bill No. 615 by Representative Freiberg**

Representative Freiberg presented House Bill No. 615, which adjusts the amount of excise tax levied on gasoline, diesel, and special fuels and levies new taxes on gasoline, diesel, special fuels, and electric and hybrid vehicles.

Representative Bishop offered amendments which: (1) remove provisions of proposed law that gradually decrease the existing per gallon tax on gasoline, diesel, and special fuels beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025, from 16¢ per gallon to 13¢ per gallon, and beginning July 1, 2025, from 13¢ per gallon to 12¢ per gallon; (2) remove provisions of proposed law that levy a new, additional tax on gasoline, diesel, and special fuels, the rate of which gradually increases over a period of 12 years beginning July 1, 2021, at 13¢ per net gallon or gallon equivalent to July 1, 2033, and thereafter at 26¢ per net gallon or gallon equivalent; (3) change the allocation of the avails of the annual tax on electric and hybrid vehicles from 60% on highway and bridge preservation projects included in the Highway Priority Program and 40% on Highway Priority Program projects classified as capacity projects to 80% on highway and bridge preservation projects included in the Highway



Priority Program and 20% on Highway Priority Program projects classified as capacity projects; and (4) change the effective date from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2022.

Senator Rick Ward, District 17, 3741 Highway 1, Port Allen, LA 70767, (225) 246-8838, spoke in sponsorship of this measure.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Dr. Shawn D. Wilson, secretary, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70501, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 615.

Representative Farnum offered a motion to report House Bill No. 615 with amendments, to which Representative Mincey objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 8 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, Orgeron, Phelps, and White voted yea. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, DeVillier, McMahan, Mincey, Riser, Willard, and Wright voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 13 in support, 2 in opposition, and 1 for information only. 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 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

***Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 615 at a later point in the meeting. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 615.***

### **House Bill No. 693 by Representative Davis**

*Representative Riser in the chair*

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 693, which dedicates a portion of the avails of state sales and use tax to the Construction Subfund of the Transportation Trust Fund and extends .4% of current state sales and use tax.

Senator Rick Ward, District 17, 3741 Highway 1, Port Allen, LA 70767, (225) 246-8838, spoke in sponsorship of this measure.

Mr. James Lee, Americans for Prosperity (AFP), 7814 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (504) 881-0039, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 693.

Mr. Davante Lewis, Louisiana Budget Project (LBP), 619 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (337) 377-5110, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 693.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to report House Bill No. 693 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 693 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 21 in support, 1 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Chairman Bishop in the chair*

#### **House Bill No. 615 by Representative Freiberg**

***This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 615 from earlier in the meeting. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 615.***

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to reconsider the vote on House Bill No. 615. Without objection, the motion to reconsider the vote passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to report House Bill No. 615 with amendments, to which Representative Mincey objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 615 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Orgeron, Phelps, and White voted yea. Representatives Mincey, Riser, Willard, and Wright voted nay.

#### **House Bill No. 279 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 279, which phases-out the corporation franchise tax over a certain period of time.

Representative DeVillier offered conceptual amendments which: (1) remove the amendment which was previously adopted, contingent upon the passage of House Bill No. 205, a constitutional amendment; and (2) make the new amendment contingent upon the passage of House Bill No. 454. Representative DeVillier offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection,

the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, and White voted yea.

***Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 279 at a later point in the meeting. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 279.***

#### **House Bill No. 454 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 454, which reduces the amount of certain income tax exclusions, exemptions, deductions, and credits.

Ms. Kelli Bottger, American Federation for Children (AFC), 37397 Cypress Alley Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737, (225) 936-9800, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 454.

Ms. Rhonda Reap-Curiel, Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association (LIDEA), P.O. Box 66872, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (318) 308-9921, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 454.

Ms. Mandi Mitchell, Louisiana Economic Development (LED), 617 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-6499, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 454.

Representative White offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 454, to which Representative DeVillier objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and action on House Bill No. 454 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Bryant, Butler, Hughes, LaCombe, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, and Willard voted yea. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, DeVillier, McMahan, and Wright voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 21 in opposition and 2 for information only. 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 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 279 by Representative DeVillier**

***This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 279 from earlier in the meeting. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 279.***

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 279, which phases-out the corporation franchise tax over a certain period of time.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 279. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 279 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

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#### **House Bill No. 616 by Representative Mike Johnson**

On behalf of Representative Mike Johnson, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 616, which establishes an individual income tax credit for volunteer firefighters. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 616 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

#### **IV. OTHER 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: Statements emailed to [hwmc@legis.la.gov](mailto:hwmc@legis.la.gov) and received prior to noon on Monday, April 26, 2021, will be distributed to the committee members prior to the 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 Butler offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop  
House Committee on Ways and Means