

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
May 10, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in Room 6, 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 Bourriaque
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Neil Riser
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative Matthew Willard
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Tammy T. Phelps

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brittany Lea, committee administrative assistant
Alison Pryor, senior attorney
Claire Vermaelen, capital outlay specialist
Catherine Zeringue, attorney

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Mark Moses, Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-9654, provided a handout entitled "The 2021 Capital Outlay Bill", Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Riser in the chair

House Bill No. 2 by Representative Bishop

Representative Bishop presented House Bill No. 2, which provides for the comprehensive Capital Outlay budget.

Representative Bishop offered amendments which:

(1) Change General Obligation Bond funding as follows:

Priority 1	\$	22,866,142
Priority 2	\$	7,789,500
Priority 5	\$	(197,795,050)

Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, Magee, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yeas.

Mr. Ed Carlson, CEO, Odyssey House of Louisiana, 11251 North Tonti Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 494-9628, spoke in support of House Bill No. 2 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Riser offered a motion for staff to make technical corrections to House Bill No. 2. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, Magee, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yeas.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 2 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 2 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Representative LaCombe in the chair

House Bill No. 3 by Representative Bishop

Representative Bishop presented House Bill No. 3, which provides for the Omnibus Bond Act.

Representative Bishop offered amendments which: (1) add authorization for an issuance not to exceed \$400,000,000 in general obligation bonds for paying the first installment payment due by the state to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which payment be made on or before Sept. 30, 2021; and (2) direct the treasurer to transfer \$400,000,000 upon receipt of the bond proceeds to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 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, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 3 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 3 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, 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.

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 and received prior to noon on Friday, May 7, 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 Bishop offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop
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