

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
March 25, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Julie Emerson, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Julie Emerson, chairman
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass, vice chairman
Representative Dennis Bamburg, Jr.
Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.
Representative Beth Anne Billings
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.
Representative Chance Keith Henry
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Brach Jerad Myers
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Larry Selders
Representative Roger William Wilder, III
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Les Farnum
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Rashid Armand Young

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacob Wilkinson, committee administrative assistant
Brittany Lea, executive assistant
Alison Pryor, senior attorney

Drew Murray, legislative analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

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

III. INSTRUMENTS TO BE HEARD

House Bill No. 530 by Representative Schamerhorn

Representative Schamerhorn presented House Bill No. 530, which exempts owners of certain vehicles from paying local sales and use tax under express circumstances.

Mr. Alex Boxberger, Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), 900 N. Third St., 18th floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 530 and provided a handout, exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Dan Casey, commissioner, Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV), 7701 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 530.

Mr. Guy Cormier, executive director, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 N. Seventh St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition of House Bill No. 530.

Mr. Paul Holmes, Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA), 6767 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition of House Bill No. 530.

Ms. Paulette Bailey-Wilson, lead lobbyist, LMA, 10191 Patriot Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, spoke in opposition of House Bill No. 530.

Mr. Michael Chauffe, mayor, LMA and Village of Grosse Tete, 18125 Willow St., Grosse Tete, LA 70740, spoke in opposition of House Bill No. 530.

Mr. Wade Evans, mayor, LMA and City of Central, 10652 Big Sur Dr., Central, LA 70818, spoke in opposition of House Bill No. 530.

Mr. Drew Talbot, Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators (LATA), 10518 Kentshire Ct., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke in opposition of House Bill No. 530.

No action was taken on House Bill No. 530.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 15 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received for House Bill No. 530 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

House Bill No. 77 by Representative LaCombe

Representative LaCombe presented House Bill No. 77, which provides for the disposition of certain local sales and use taxes at the Angola State Penitentiary Prison Rodeo.

Representative Echols offered a motion to report House Bill No. 77 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 77 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Emerson, Brass, Bamburg, Billings, Bryant, Echols, Gallé, Henry, LaCombe, McMahan, Myers, Selders, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

The committee stood at ease at 10:47 a.m. the committee reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Emerson announced that House Bills No. 37, 216, 365, and 368 have been voluntarily deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Brass offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Emerson, Brass, Bamburg, Billings, Bryant, Echols, Gallé, Henry, LaCombe, McMahan, Myers, Orgeron, Selders, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Julie Emerson
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