

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
April 8, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Julie Emerson, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 Michael Charles Echols
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.
Representative Chance Keith Henry
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Brach Jerad Myers
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Roger William Wilder, III
Representative Matthew Willard
Representative Rashid Armand Young

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Larry Selders

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Drew Murray, legislative analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. INSTRUMENTS TO BE HEARD

House Bill No. 921 by Representative Hilferty

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 921, which limits the determination of fair market value of certain real property by an assessor under certain circumstances.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 921 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 921 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Emerson, Brass, Bamburg, Bayham, Billings, Echols, Farnum, Gallé, Henry, McMahan, Myers, Orgeron, Willard, and Young 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.

The committee stood at ease at 10:09 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

House Bill No. 836 by Representative McFarland

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 836, which provides that certain non-debt-forming concession agreements and other obligations are not deemed as debt requiring approval of the State Bond Commission.

Dr. John Fleming, treasurer, Department of Treasury, 900 N. Third St., 3rd floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 836.

Mr. Mike Waguespack, certified public accountant, Louisiana Legislative Auditor(LLA), P.O. Box 94397, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 836.

Representative Echols offered a motion to report House Bill No. 836 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 836 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Emerson, Brass, Bamburg, Bayham, Billings, Echols, Farnum, Gallé, Henry, McMahan, Orgeron, Wilder, Willard, and Young voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Emerson announced that House Resolution No. 61 has been voluntarily deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Henry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Emerson, Brass, Bamberg, Bayham, Billings, Echols, Farnum, Gallé, Henry, McMahan, Orgeron, Wilder, Willard, and Young voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Julie Emerson
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