

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting 2012 Regular Session March 28, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Tim Burns, Chairman of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in Committee Room 2. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy G. Burns, Chairman
Michael E. Danahay, Vice Chairman
Taylor F. Barras
John A. "Johnny" Berthelot
Stuart J. Bishop
Jared C. Brossett
Randal L. Gaines
Anthony V. Ligi, Jr.
Gregory A. Miller
Stephen E. Pugh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Girod Jackson III

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, Legislative Analyst
Mark Mahaffey, Attorney
Shawn O'Brien, Secretary
Joyce Anthony, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION

House Bill No. 699 by Representative Stuart Bishop

House Bill No. 699 provides that certain electronic mail addresses obtained through certain corporation and association filings are confidential. There was no discussion on the bill.

At the request of the author, Representative Burns moved that action be voluntarily deferred on the bill. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Brossett, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Ligi, Miller, and Pugh voted 10-0 in favor of the motion.

House Bill No. 208 by Representative Ponti

House Bill No. 208 extends sunset for confidentiality of company information submitted to the Department of Economic Development through July 1, 2016. Representative Ponti explained

that confidentiality is one reason for job creation and should be extended beyond the upcoming July 1, 2012, expiration.

Mr. Stephen Moret, secretary, Louisiana Department of Economic Development, 105 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, cited the importance of the statute allowing confidentiality of information regarding projects for a company which has not yet made a site selection to the state's economic development efforts, which he said other states also employ. The public records protections no longer apply after site selection, if there are impacts on the environment, or similar issues, he said, and many companies will not accept a proposal unless a nondisclosure agreement is in place.

Ms. Erin Monroe Wesley, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, 564 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-339-1168; Ms. Marie Centanni, Chamber southwest, 300 Myrtle Place, Lafayette, Louisiana; 225-270-5014; Ms. Desiree' Lemoine, Louisiana Chemical Association, One American Place, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; 225-376-7654; and Ms. Keli Williams, Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Assn., P. O. Box 82531, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-767-7640, filed witness cards indicating support of the bill but did not testify.

Mr. Carl Redman, The Advocate, 7290 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-388-0277, stated in opposition to House Bill No. 208 that secrecy in such matters is unnecessary, particularly when details are well known across the country and cited examples. He asked that, should the bill become law, it at least require the designation of the National American Industrial Classification System for the industry being sought in order to indicate the type of industry sought and the parishes in play.

Ms. Pamela Mitchell, Louisiana Press Association, 404 Europe Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-344-9309; and Ms. Ina Laborde and Mr. Ed Parker, AFSCME, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, had filed witness cards in opposition to the legislation but chose not to testify.

Representative Burns proposed a motion to report the bill favorably, to which there was no objection. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Brossett, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Ligi, Miller, and Pugh voted 10-0 to report House Bill No. 208 favorably.

House Bill No. 178 by Representative Ponti

House Bill No. 178 extends confidentiality to any proprietary or trade secret information submitted to the Department of Economic Development for economic development purposes. Representative Ponti presented the bill.

Mr. Stephen Moret, secretary, Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LDED), 105 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, speaking in support, explained that the bill would shift the onus on the challenger rather than the company to assert the privilege of disclosure.

Ms. Erin Monroe Wesley, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, 564 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-339-1168; Ms. Marie Centanni, Chamber southwest, 300 Myrtle Place, Lafayette, Louisiana; 225-270-5014; Ms. Desiree' Lemoine, Louisiana Chemical Association,

One American Place, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; 225-376-7654; and Ms. Keli Williams, Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Assn., P. O. Box 82531, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-767-7640, filed witness cards indicating support of the bill but did not testify.

Mr. Carl Redman, The Advocate, 7290 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-388-0277, spoke in opposition to the bill, saying that proprietary or trade secret information should remain specifically and narrowly defined as it is in related statutes.

Ms. Lea Anne Greco, executive counsel, LDED, explained the definition of trade secret information as used in economic development matters.

Representative Ligi proposed a motion to report the bill favorably, to which there was no objection. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Brossett, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Ligi, Miller, and Pugh voted 10-0 to report House Bill No. 178 favorably.

House Bill No. 811 by Representative Norton

House Bill No. 811 requires employers to grant leave to employees who are local elected officials and provides for the effect of such leave. Representative Norton presented the bill.

Mr. Kenneth Epperson, Sr., Caddo Parish Commission and Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 3922 Treat Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana, 318-631-2581, assisted in Representative Norton's presentation, saying that the bill is necessary to ensure that local elected leaders are allowed by their employer to attend the basic meetings of bodies to which they are elected, which participation he noted is a worthy public service. He stated that failure of employers to allow this is undemocratic and discriminatory. Similar leave is allowed for jury duty and military duty, he noted.

Ms. Ina Laborde, AFSCME, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, stated in support that employers should be proud of their employees performing the service of public office.

Mr. Ed Parker, AFSCME, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Mr. Michael Carter, Shreveport Police Officers Association, 420 Milan Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana; Mr. Ernest Stephens, Louisiana AFL-CIO, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Mr. Emory Belton, Policy Jury Association, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Mr. Steve Monaghan, Louisiana Federation of Teachers/AFS, 9623 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; 225-923-1037; filed witness cards in support of the legislation but chose not to testify.

Mr. Jim Patterson, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, P. O. Box 80258, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-928-5388, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 811.

Ms. Beryl Amedee, Terrebonne Parish Council, 200 Rhett Place, Gray, Louisiana, 985-870-6731; Mr. John Walters, Associated Builders and Contractors, 19251 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-172-1415; and Ms. Renee Amar, National Federation of Independent Business, 530 Lakeland Drive, #102, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-218-6847, filed cards indicating opposition to House Bill No. 811 but did not speak.

Representative Brossett proposed a motion to report the bill favorably, to which Representative Ligi objected and made a substitute motion that House Bill No. 811 be involuntarily deferred. Upon Representative Brossett's objection, the secretary called the roll on the substitute motion. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Burns, Danahay, Ligi, Miller, and Pugh voted yea; Representatives Brossett and Gaines voted nay, and the substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on the bill passed by a vote of 8-2.

House Bill No. 511 by Representative Leger

House Bill No. 511 provides for limitation on public access to records of the division or archaeology within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT) which specify the specific location or archaeological sites. Representative Leger presented the bill, explaining that access to such records shall be restricted to individuals who have a legitimate or management need as determined by the division of archaeology, while the rights of private property owners on whose property such is being conducted would be protected.

Ms. Pam Breaux, CRT, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-342-8200, informed the committee that archaeological sites are located on federal, state, and parish public property and on private property.

Representative Brossett proposed a motion to report the bill favorably, to which there was no objection. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Brossett, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Ligi, Miller, and Pugh voted 10-0 to report House Bill No. 511 favorably.

Representative Brossett made a motion to place the bill on the Local and Consent Calendar, to which there was no objection. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Brossett, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Ligi, Miller, and Pugh voted in favor of the motion, 10-0.

House Bill No. 89 by Representative Ligi

House Bill No. 89 requires public collective bargaining to be conducted in public sessions and provides that related documents are public records. Representative Ligi presented the bill, explaining that it would remove the current exception that allows a public body to hold executive session for purposes of collective bargaining, thereby ensuring fairness in the process.

Mr. Jim Patterson, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, P. O. Box 80258, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-928-5388, Ms. Bridget Devlin, BESE (no address provided); and Mr. Michael Delesdernet, Jefferson Parish School Board, (address illegible) Metairie, Louisiana, 504-281-4106, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Pamela Mitchell and Mr. Johnny Koch, Louisiana Press Association, 404 Europe Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-344-9309; Mr. Carl Redman, The Advocate, 7290 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-388-0277; Mr. John Walters, Associated Builders and Contractors, 19251 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-172-1415; Mr. Larry Dale, Jefferson Parish School Board, 504 Mayflower Drive, Metairie, Louisiana, 504-831-1275; Mr. Joe R. Salter, BESE (no address provided); Ms. Renee Amar, National Federation of Independent Business, 530 Lakeland St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-218-6847, and Ms.

Camille Conaway, Blueprint Louisiana, 9371 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-769-2676, had filed witness cards indicating support for the legislation but chose not to testify.

Mr. Chad Major, Professional Firefighters, (address illegible), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-572-8483; Mr. Chris Nassif, Louisiana Union of Police Association, 1332 Lakeridge Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-300-8055; Mr. Ed Parker, AFSCME, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Mr. Michael Carter, Shreveport Police Officers Association, 420 Milan Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana, testified in opposition to House Bill No. 89, all stating that they considered the bill to be an attack on labor unions statewide even though their meetings are held in public, while the author's issue appears to be restricted to Jefferson Parish.

Ms. Julie Cherry, Louisiana AFL-CIO, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-383-5741, stated in opposition to the bill that it will adversely impact numerous average citizens, particularly teachers, who are impacted further by other high profile legislation in the session.

Mr. Steve Monaghan, LFT/AFS (no address given), 225-270-9184, opposed the bill, saying that thousands of teachers are being impacted by other legislation without regard to transparency, which House Bill No. 89 seeks to require with regard to public employees.

Ms. Meladie Munch, Jefferson Federation of Teachers, 2540 Severn Avenue, Suite 301, Metairie, Louisiana, 504-454-5047, testified in opposition that relevant provisions of collective bargaining agreements that were negotiated relative to teachers in Jefferson Parish were legal and any process whereby neither party is 100% satisfied with a contract is the best outcome in any negotiation.

Ms. Ina Laborde, AFSCME, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, stated in opposition to the bill that there is no need for the legislation.

Mr. Brian Blake, Mr. Chris Stewart, and Mr. Chad King, Baton Rouge Union of Police, 251 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-389-4888; Mr. Jason Turner, 17258 Highway 929, Prairieville, Louisiana, 225-485-6548; Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 6820 Menlo Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Mr. David Watkins, 3001 General DeGaulle, New Orleans, Louisiana, 504-366-8564; Ms. Cathy Lutz, Jefferson Federation of Teachers, 10 Elm Place, Luling, Louisiana, 985-308-0023; Mr. Leonard Hardman, AFSCME and AFL-CIO, 429 Government Street, 225-927-2800; Mr. John Sabathe, Louisiana Pipe Trades, 733 Wood Duck Lane, Slidell, Louisiana, 985-285-6844; Mr. Ernest Stephens, Louisiana AFL-CIO, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Ms. Cynthia Posey, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-923-1037; Mr. Chad Langa, IBEW, 3200 Ridgelake Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana; and Mr. David Wingate, Professional Firefighters, 18500 Blythe Road, Prairieville, Louisiana, 225-571-1384, filed witness cards stating their opposition to House Bill No. 89 but did not testify.

Representative Ligi made a motion that House Bill No. 89 be reported favorably, to which Representative Gaines objected and made a substitute motion that the bill be involuntarily deferred. Upon Representative Ligi's objection to the substitute motion, the secretary called

the roll. Representatives Brossett, Danahay, and Gaines voted yea; Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Burns, Ligi, Miller, and Pugh voted nay; and the substitute motion failed by a vote of 3-7.

On Representative Gaines's further objection to the author's original motion to report the bill favorably, the secretary called the roll. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Burns, Danahay, Ligi, Miller, and Pugh voted yea; Representatives Brossett and Gaines voted nay; and the committee reported House Bill No. 89 favorably, 8-2.

House Bill No. 292 by Representative Pugh

House Bill No. 292 requires local option elections in local school districts to impose a limit of three, four-year terms for school board members. Representative Pugh presented the legislation.

The author requested the addition of a technical amendment as suggested by the staff and moved that it be adopted. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Brossett, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Ligi, Miller, and Pugh voted 10-0 to adopt the technical amendment.

Ms. Cecilia Giannobile, 110 Granby Drive, Hammond, Louisiana, 985-345-4176, spoke in favor of the bill, saying that term limits ensure limited power that counters that of incumbency.

Mr. Barry Erwin, CABL, P. O. Box 4308, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-344-2225, testified in favor of House Bill No. 292, saying that school boards differ from other local boards because they set policy and therefore benefit from fresh approaches. He noted that the bill requires local elections to decide the issue district by district.

Ms. Holly Boffy, BESE (no address provided), spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Phillip Rozeman, Blueprint Louisiana, 510 Longleaf Road, Shreveport, Louisiana, 318-861-7051, stated that term limits would serve as a check against school board members becoming overly proprietary about their policies.

Ms. Brigitte Nieland, LABI, 3113 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-985-5388, stated in support that local school boards are critical in the formation and support of quality public schools.

Mr. Clay Allen, Blueprint Louisiana, 903 Richland Avenue, Lafayette, Louisiana, 337-291-1260, testified in support.

Mr. Michael Delesdernet, Jefferson Parish School Board, (address illegible), Metairie, Louisiana, 504-281-4106, stated in support of the bill that it is clear from the low ranking of Louisiana schools that change is necessary.

Ms. Renee Amar, National Federation of Independent Business, 530 Lakeland St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-218-6847; Ms. Camille Conaway, Blueprint Louisiana, 9371

Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-769-2676; Mr. Blake Cooper, Roy O. Martin Industries, P. O. Box 1110, Alexandria, Louisiana, 318-483-3808; Mr. Eric Sunstrom, Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 80106, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Ms. Stephanie Desselle, CABL, 251 Florida Blvd., Suite 400, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-344-2225; Ms. Phyllis Perron, LUBA Workers Comp (no address provided), 225-344-0620; Mr. Ryan Haynie, Blue Print Louisiana, P. O. Box 44032, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Mr. Jim Harris and Mr. Brad Lambert, Blueprint Louisiana, 521 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-346-4145; Mr. Joe Salter, BESE, (no address provided), 225-342-3745; Mr. John W. Smith, Education's Next Horizon, 412 North 4th Street, Suite 240, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-383-3844; Mr. John Walters, Associated Builders and Contractors, 19251 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-172-1415; Mr. Larry Dale, Jefferson Parish School Board, 504 Mayflower Drive, Metairie, Louisiana, 504-831-1275; Ms. Erin Monroe Wesley, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, 564 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-339-1168; Ms. Lindy Broderick, Shreveport Chamber, 400 Edwards, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, 318-677-2500; Ms. Beryl Amedee, Terrebonne Parish Council, 200 Rhett Place, Gray, Louisiana, 985-870-673; and Ms. Ashley Busada, Bossier Chamber, 710 Benton, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111, filed witness cards in support of the legislation but chose not to testify.

Mr. Steve Monaghan, LFT/AFS, 9623 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; 225-923-1037, stated in opposition to the bill that term limits would force out good board members and that while the bill would force turnover it cannot force engagement in the electoral process, he said.

Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 6820 Menlo Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Ms. Julie Cherry, Louisiana AFL-CIO, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-383-5741; Mr. Gary Reed, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-769-3191; Mr. Ed Parker, AFSCME, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Mr. Dan Garrett, St. Charles School Board, 445 North Blvd., Suite 801, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-325-8709, submitted witness cards indicating they were opposed to House Bill No. 292 but did not speak.

Representative Pugh offered a motion that the bill be reported with amendments, to which Representative Brossett objected, whereupon the secretary called the roll. Representatives Barras, Bishop, Burns, Ligi, and Pugh voted yea; Representatives Brossett, Danahay, and Gaines voted nay; and House Bill No. 292 was reported with amendments, 5-3.

House Bill No. 949 by Representative Landry

House Bill No. 949 provides relative to meetings of public bodies. There was no discussion on the bill.

At the request of the author, Representative Burns moved that action be voluntarily deferred on the bill. Representatives Barras, Bishop, Brossett, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Ligi, and Pugh voted 8-0 in favor of the motion.

House Bill No. 792 by Representative Hunter

House Bill No. 792 requires public meetings of local governing authorities and school boards to be broadcast live on public access channels, which in his presentation, Representative Hunter noted is currently permissive instead.

Representative Hunter presented a technical amendment as well as amendments to allow a governing authority of a parish or municipality with a population of less than 25,000 to opt out of the requirement.

Representative Burns moved that the technical amendment be adopted, to which there was no objection. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, and Pugh voted 7-0 to adopt the technical amendment.

Representative Burns offered the population-based amendment, making a motion to adopt the same, to which Representative Berthelot objected based on creating a mandate to local government. Representatives Barras, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, and Pugh voted yea; Representatives Berthelot and Bishop voted nay; and the committee adopted the amendment, 6-2.

Representative Danahay requested an amendment to delete Paragraph (A)(2) from the bill and moved that it be adopted. There was no objection, and the amendment was adopted 8-0 with Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, and Pugh voting yea.

Representative Danahay offered an amendment to apply the broadcasting requirement only to regular and special meetings of the governing authority. There being no objection to his motion for adoption, Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, and Pugh voted 8-0 in favor of the motion.

Representative Danahay requested a final amendment to delete the reference to broadcasts of meetings being live. He moved that the amendment be adopted, to which there was no objection. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, and Pugh voted in favor of the motion, 8-0.

Ms. Renee Amar, National Federation of Independent Business, 530 Lakeland Drive, #102, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-218-6847, filed a witness card expressing support for the bill.

Mr. John Gallagher, LMA, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-344-5001, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Paulette Baily Wilson, LMA, (no address provided) and Mr. Eric Sunstrem, Louisiana Conference of Mayors, P. O. Box 80106, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 757-9908, filed cards stating opposition to the bill.

Representative Berthelot moved that the committee involuntarily defer action on House Bill

No. 792, to which there was no objection. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, and Pugh voted 8-0 in favor of the motion.

House Bill No. 875 by Representative Hunter

House Bill No. 875 requires the governing body of certain nongovernmental entities to cause a transcript to be made of each meeting and for copies to be available in the manner of the Public Records Law. It further specifies that any person aggrieved by action of the nongovernmental entity or its governing body may seek relief in a court of competent jurisdiction. Representative Hunter presented the bill.

Representative Burns offered a technical amendment on the bill as suggested by staff and moved that it be adopted. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, and Miller voted 7-0 in favor of the motion.

Mr. Thomas Spradley, LHSAA, (no address provided), informed the committee that all rulings of the LHSAA are made public and that courts have not accepted any suits on behalf of aggrieved parents. Further, the legislature has no jurisdiction to make rules governing the LHSAA, and the association opposes the bill, he said.

Representative Burns made a motion that the committee voluntarily defer action on the House Bill No. 875 and reschedule the bill for further discussion. There was no objection to the motion, and Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, and Pugh voted 6-0 in favor thereof.

House Bill No. 390 by Representative Champagne

House Bill No. 390 is a constitutional amendment providing for a limit of three consecutive terms for election to the same statewide elected office, excluding the governor, by prohibiting a person who has served for more than 2-1/2 terms in three consecutive terms from being elected to the same statewide elected office for the succeeding term. Representative Champagne presented the legislation.

The Honorable Jay Dardenne, Lt. Governor, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-342-7009; Mr. John Walters, Associated Builders and Contractors, 19251 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-172-1415; and Ms. Renee Amar, National Federation of Independent Business, 530 Lakeland Drive, #102, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-218-6847, submitted witness cards in support of House Bill No. 390 without testifying.

Mr. Michael Ranatza, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, speaking in opposition to the bill, stated that term limits preclude the important element of experience and seniority.

Ms. Julie Cherry, Louisiana AFL-CIO, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-383-5741; Mr. Joe Mapes, Louisiana Farm Bureau, 731 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-268-8572; and Mr. Gary Bennett, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175

Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-342-8402, filed witness cards indicating opposition to the bill but did not testify.

Representative Barras proposed a motion to report the bill favorably, to which Representative Berthelot objected, whereupon the secretary called the roll. Representatives Barras, Bishop, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, and Pugh voted yea; Representative Berthelot voted nay, and the committee reported House Bill No. 390 favorably, 6-1.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the committee.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy G. Burns, Chairman
Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

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Adopted: _____