

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL, PAROCHIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting
2012 Regular Session
May 3, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Girod Jackson III, chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 12:23 p.m. in House Committee Room 6 of the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Girod Jackson III,
Chairman
Representative Robert E. Billiot,
Vice Chairman
Representative Austin Badon
Representative Taylor F. Barras
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Wesley T. Bishop
Representative Jared Brossett
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Roy Burrell
Representative Michael E. Danahay
Representative Kenneth E. Havard
Representative Dalton Honoré
Representative Stephen J. Ortego
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Barbara Norton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, Committee Attorney
Valarie Banks, Committee Secretary
David Gauthier, Central Staff Legislative Analyst
Bryan Vincent, Director
E. Anne Dunn, Director

Joyce Anthony, Sergeant at Arms
Mattie Franklin, Sergeant at Arms
Amy Robinson, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 1137 by Representative Schroder

Chairman Girod Jackson III stated that House Bill No. 1137, which provides relative to the filling of vacancies in certain positions in the classified police service, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

Mr. Chris Nassif, representing the Louisiana Union of Police Association, 1332 Lakeridge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 300-8099; and Mr. Craig Desermeaux, representing Lake Charles Police Local 830, P.O. Box 219, Lake Charles, LA 70602, (337) 598-5272, were present in opposition to the bill.

Senate Bill No. 677 by Senator Morrell

Chairman Girod Jackson III stated that Senate Bill No. 677, which provides relative to the New Orleans Regional Business Park, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

House Bill No. 909 by Representative Barrow

Representative Barrow voluntarily deferred House Bill No. 909, which requires that local governing authorities report the number of traffic citations issued and revenue collected directly to the legislature.

Mr. Rodney Braxton, representing the City of New Orleans, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 806-2522, was present in opposition to the bill.

House Bill No. 253 by Representative Foil

The author presented House Bill No. 253, which provides for the creation of a crime prevention and improvement district in the Mayfair Park, Mayfair Park East, and Mayfair Heights subdivisions in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Representative Barrow proposed amendments to House Bill No. 253 that, relative to the collection of the parcel fee, require that all fees, rather than unpaid fees, be added to the tax rolls of the parish; require that the collection of the fee be enforced in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as all ad valorem taxes, rather than as unpaid ad valorem taxes; and remove proposed law that provides that the district's budget and all amendments shall be subject to the approval of the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish. There were no objections to the amendments, which were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Mr. David Holmes, representing Mayfair Community Patrol, 1044 Flora Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 761-4351, spoke in support of the legislation.

Ms. Carolyn Holmes, representing Mayfair Community Patrol, 1044 Flora Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 772-9267; Mr. Herman Pete Holmes, representing Mayfair Community Patrol, 1044 Flora Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 772-2173; Mr. Albert Lee Johnson, Sr., representing Mayfair Crime Prevention, 1268 Savanna View Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 315-1104; Ms. Hilda R. Lucas, representing Mayfair Crime Prevention, 1122 Arcarding Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70710, (225) 769-7471; and Ms. Gloria T. Spooner, representing Mayfair Crime Prevention and Patrol, 9555 Chanadia Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 766-3992, were present in support of the bill but declined to speak.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report House Bill No. 253 with amendments, to which no one objected and the motion was carried by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Senate Bill No. 407 by Senator Murray

Senator Murray presented Senate Bill No. 407, which provides for the fixing of rates to be charged users of the sewer system by the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board.

Mr. Brian Ferrara, representing the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, 625 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA 70165, (504) 585-2236, spoke in support of the bill.

Present in support of the bill was Mr. Robert B. Jackson, representing the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, 625 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA 70165, (504) 269-7978, but he declined to speak.

Representative Brossett offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 407 favorably, and without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 407 on the Local and Consent calendar, to which no objection was made. The motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voting yea.

Senate Bill No. 353 by Senator Murray

Senate Bill No. 353 designates the month of March as Irish-American Heritage Month and was presented by the author.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 353 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 353 on the Local and Consent Calendar, to which no one objected and the motion was carried by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention with Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voting yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 1097 by Representative Champagne

Representative Champagne presented House Bill No 1097, which provides relative to the per diem paid to members of Vermilion Parish Fire Protection District No. 7.

Representative Barras offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1097 favorably. There were no objections. The motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Badon offered a motion to place House Bill No. 1097 on the Local and Consent Calendar. Without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 889 by Representative Champagne

House Bill No. 889 exempts certain businesses from sales and use taxes levied by economic development districts that have tax increment financing authority and was presented by the author.

Vice Chairman Billiot is in the chair.

Mr. Kristian Magar, representing Cameron International, 408 Little Guy Lane, New Iberia, LA 70563, (985) 518-7460; Mr. Patrick Norris, 3011 West Admiral Doyle Drive, New Iberia, LA, (337) 367-2844, who presented documents relative to the effects of Tax Increment Financing districts (Exhibit A); and Mr. Jay Sharplin, 5137 University Parkway, Natchitoches, LA, (317) 354-9911, spoke in support of the bill.

Chairman Girod Jackson III is in the chair.

The following persons were present in opposition to the bill, but declined to speak: Ms. Jennifer Ansardi, representing the Louisiana Conference of Mayors, P.O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700; Mr. Emory Belton, representing the Louisiana Police Jury Association,

707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 675-0212; Mr. Rodney Braxton, representing the City of New Orleans, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 806-2522; Ms. Lindy Broderick, representing the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, 400 Edwards Street, Shreveport, LA, (318) 677-2520; Mr. Ty Bromell, representing the Louisiana Police Jury Association, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; Ms. Marie Centanni, representing the Chamber of Southwest Louisiana, 309 Myrtle Place, Lafayette, LA 70506, (225) 270-5014; Mr. Bud Courson and Mr. Jim Nickel, representing the City of Baton Rouge, 453 Lafayette Street, Suite 5A, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 346-6900; Mr. John Gallagher, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 344-5001; Mr. Randy Haynie and Mr. Ryan Haynie, representing the City of Lafayette, P.O. Box 52129, Lafitte, LA, (225) 336-4113; Mr. Michael Hecht, representing Greater New Orleans, Inc., 365 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 527-6900; Mr. Walter Monsour, representing the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority, 801 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 387-5606; Mr. Dino Paternostro, representing the Northshore Legislative Alliance, 118 West Hall, Slidell, LA 70460, (504) 756-7904; Mr. Tyron Picard, representing The Picard Group and University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation, 807 Richland Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 989-0071; Mr. John Price, representing the City of Baton Rouge and the mayor, 17512 Five Oaks, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 229-4487; Ms. Erin Monroe Wesley, representing the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, 564 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 339-1168; and Ms. Keli Williams, representing the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, P.O. Box 82531, Baton Rouge, LA 70884, (225) 767-7640.

The Jefferson Parish Louisiana Legislative Delegation, P.O. Box 44434, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-0357, presented a document entitled, "SB 752 and HB 889 on Today's Agenda" (Exhibit B).

Representative Champagne voluntarily deferred House Bill No. 889.

House Bill No. 890 by Representative Champagne

Representative Champagne voluntarily deferred House Bill No. 890, which repeals provisions that authorize local governmental subdivisions to create certain economic development districts.

Present in support of House Bill No. 890 were Mr. Kevin Hayes, representing Adams and Reese LLP, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200; Mr. Kristian Magar, representing Cameron International, 408 Little Guy Lane, New Iberia, LA 70563, (985) 518-7460; Mr. Patrick Norris, 3011 West Admiral Doyle Drive, New Iberia, LA, (337) 367-2844; and Mr. Jay Sharplin, 5137 University Parkway, Natchitoches, LA, (317) 354-9911.

Ms. Jennifer Ansardi, representing the Louisiana Conference of Mayors, P.O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700; Mr. Emory Belton, representing the Louisiana Police Jury Association, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 675-0212; Mr. Rodney Braxton, representing the City of New Orleans, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 806-

2522; Ms. Lindy Broderick, representing the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, 400 Edwards Street, Shreveport, LA, (318) 677-2520; Mr. Ty Bromell, representing the Louisiana Police Jury Association, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; Ms. Marie Centanni, representing the Chamber of Southwest Louisiana, 309 Myrtle Place, Lafayette, LA 70506, (225) 270-5014; Mr. Bud Courson and Mr. Jim Nickel, representing the City of Baton Rouge, 453 Lafayette Street, Suite 5A, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 346-6900; Mr. John Gallagher, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 344-5001; Mr. Randy Haynie and Mr. Ryan Haynie, representing the City of Lafayette, P.O. Box 44032, Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. Michael Hecht, representing Greater New Orleans, Inc., 365 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 527-6900; Mr. Walter Monsour, representing the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority, 801 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 387-5606; Mr. Dino Paternostro, representing the Northshore Legislative Alliance, 118 West Hall, Slidell, LA 70460, (504) 756-7904; Mr. Tyron Picard, representing The Picard Group and University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation, 807 Richland Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 989-0071; Mr. John Price, representing the Mayor – Baton Rouge, 17512 Five Oaks, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 229-4487; Ms. Erin Monroe Wesley, representing the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, 564 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 339-1168; and Ms. Keli Williams, representing the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, P.O. Box 82531, Baton Rouge, LA 70884, (225) 767-7640, were present in opposition to the bill.

House Bill No. 891 by Representative Champagne

Representative Champagne voluntarily deferred House Bill No. 891, which requires voter approval prior to the creation of certain economic development districts by local governmental subdivisions.

Present in support of House Bill No. 891 were Mr. Kevin Hayes, representing Adams and Reese LLP, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200; Mr. Kristian Magar, representing Cameron International, 408 Little Guy Lane, New Iberia, LA 70563, (985) 518-7460; Mr. Patrick Norris, 3011 West Admiral Doyle Drive, New Iberia, LA, (337) 367-2844; and Mr. Jay Sharplin, 5137 University Parkway, Natchitoches, LA, (317) 354-9911.

Present in opposition to the bill were Ms. Jennifer Ansardi, representing the Louisiana Conference of Mayors, P.O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700; Mr. Emory Belton, representing the Louisiana Police Jury Association, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 675-0212; Mr. Rodney Braxton, representing the City of New Orleans, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 806-2522; Ms. Lindy Broderick, representing the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, 400 Edwards Street, Shreveport, LA, (318) 677-2520; Mr. Ty Bromell, representing the Louisiana Police Jury Association, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; Ms. Marie Centanni, representing the Chamber of Southwest Louisiana, 309 Myrtle Place, Lafayette, LA 70506, (225) 270-5014; Mr. Bud Courson and Mr. Jim Nickel, representing the City of Baton Rouge, 453 Lafayette Street, Suite 5A, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 346-6900; Mr. John Gallagher, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 344-5001; Mr. Randy Haynie and Mr. Ryan Haynie, representing the City of

Lafayette, P.O. Box 44032, Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. Michael Hecht, representing Greater New Orleans, Inc., 365 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 527-6900; Mr. Walter Monsour, representing the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority, 801 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 387-5606; Mr. Dino Paternostro, representing the Northshore Legislative Alliance, 118 West Hall, Slidell, LA 70460, (504) 756-7904; Mr. Tyron Picard, representing The Picard Group and University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation, 807 Richland Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 989-0071; Mr. John Price, representing the Mayor's Office – Baton Rouge, 17512 Five Oaks, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 229-4487; Ms. Erin Monroe Wesley, representing the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, 564 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 339-1168; and Ms. Keli Williams, representing the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, P.O. Box 82531, Baton Rouge, LA 70884, (225) 767-7640.

House Bill No. 480 by Representative Barrow

The author presented House Bill No. 480, which creates the Glen Oaks Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Representative Barrow proposed amendments to House Bill No. 480 that: make changes to the district's boundaries; relative to the collection of the parcel fee, clarify that the fee shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem taxes are collected in East Baton Rouge Parish (EBR), rather than by EBR; relative to the collection of the parcel fee, require that all fees, rather than unpaid fees, be added to the tax rolls of the parish; require that the collection of the fee be enforced in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as all ad valorem taxes, rather than as unpaid ad valorem taxes; relative to the collection of the parcel fee, remove proposed law that authorizes EBR to retain one percent of the amount collected as a collection fee; add a provision that authorizes the district's governing board to enter into an agreement with the sheriff to authorize the sheriff to retain a collection fee; require the sheriff, rather than EBR, to remit tax proceeds to the district; and remove proposed law that provides that the district's budget and all amendments shall be subject to the approval of the governing authority of EBR. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention with Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, and Pugh voting yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report House Bill No. 480 with amendments, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, and Pugh voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Senate Bill No. 752 by Senator Peterson

On behalf of the author, Representative Billiot presented Senate Bill No. 752, which authorizes municipalities to enact ordinances relative to abandoned properties.

Ms. Jennifer Ansardi, representing Jefferson Parish, P.O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700, was present in support of the bill.

Ms. Rubye Noble, representing the Jefferson Parish Louisiana Legislative Delegation, P.O. Box 44434, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-0357, presented a document entitled, "SB 752 and HB 889 on Today's Agenda" (Exhibit C), and provided information relative to Senate Bill No. 752.

Present to provide information if requested were Mr. David Boneno, representing the Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 387-3282; Ms. Liz Lambert, representing Jefferson Parish, 1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Jefferson, LA, (504) 736-6300; Mr. Larry Murray, president of The Capitol Group, Bank of America, P.O. Box 444153, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 381-0127; and Mr. Robert L. Rieger, Jr., representing Adams and Reese LLP, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200.

Representative Billiot proposed an amendment to Senate Bill No. 752 that deletes the provision of abandoned residential property definition that specifies that the abandoning party have an interest in the property. There were no objections to the amendment, which was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Billiot offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 752 with amendments, to which no objections were made and the motion was carried by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Senate Bill No. 395 by Senator White

The author presented Senate Bill No. 395, which creates the Carmel Acres Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Representative Girod Jackson III proposed an amendment to Senate Bill No. 395 that deletes the provision that requires the Carmel Acres Crime Prevention and Improvement District to submit its budget and amendments to the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council. There was no objection to the amendment, which was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 395 with amendments. Without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention with Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voting yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Senate Bill No. 627 by Senator Broome

At the request of Senator Broome, Representative Honoré presented Senate Bill No. 627, which creates the Live Oak Trace Subdivision Crime Prevention and Improvement District in the city of Zachary.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 627 favorably, and without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention with Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voting yeas. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 627 on the Local and Consent Calendar. No objection was made and the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, and Pugh voted yeas.

Senate Bill No. 178 by Senator Nevers

Senate Bill No. 178 renames the Tangipahoa Parish Tourist and Film Commission to the Tangipahoa Parish Tourist Commission and was presented by Representative Pugh on behalf of the author.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 178 favorably. There were no objections, and the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yeas. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 178 on the Local and Consent Calendar, to which no objections were made and the motion was carried by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, and Pugh voting yeas.

Senate Bill No. 626 by Senator J. R. Smith

On behalf of Senator J. R. Smith, Representative Danahay presented Senate Bill No. 626, which transfers the ownership and management of the Beauregard Parish Covered Arena to the Beauregard Parish police jury.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 626 favorably. Without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yeas. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 626 on the Local and Consent Calendar. There were no objections. The motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Senate Bill No. 632 by Senator Martiny

At the request of the author, Representative Billiot presented Senate Bill No. 632, which provides relative to the Jefferson Parish Communication District's authority to contract for and fund certain services.

Present in support of the legislation but not wishing to speak was Ms. Jennifer Ansardi, representing Jefferson Parish, P.O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700.

Present to provide information if requested was Ms. Liz Lambert, representing Jefferson Parish, 1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Jefferson, LA, (504) 736-6300.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 632 favorably, to which no objections were made and the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, and Pugh voting yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 632 on the Local and Consent Calendar. Without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Girod Jackson III, Chairman

Date Approved: