

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL, PAROCHIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting
2012 Regular Session
May 31, 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 10:06 a.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 John A. Berthelot
Representative Jared Brossett
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Roy Burrell
Representative Michael E. Danahay
Representative Kenneth E. Havard
Representative Dalton Honoré
Representative Barbara Norton
Representative Stephen J. Ortego
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Austin Badon
Representative Taylor F. Barras
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow
Representative Wesley T. Bishop
Representative Stephen E. Pugh

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, Committee Attorney
Valarie Banks, Committee Secretary
Arletha Penn, Committee Clerk
David Gauthier, Central Staff Legislative Analyst

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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 562 by Senator Perry

The author presented Senate Bill No. 562, which provides relative to the tax upon the occupancy of hotel rooms, motel rooms, and overnight camping facilities levied and collected by the Abbeville Film and Visitors Commission District.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 562 favorably, to which no objection was made. The motion was carried by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention with Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Norton, and Ortego voting yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 562 on the Local & Consent Calendar. There was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Girod Jackson III, Norton, and Ortego voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 600 by Senator Perry

The author presented Senate Bill No. 600, which provides for the levy, collection, allocation, and use of certain taxes collected by the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission.

Representative Ortego offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 600 favorably. Without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention with Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Norton, and Ortego voting yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 600 on the Local & Consent Calendar. There was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Girod Jackson III, Norton, and Ortego voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 187 by Senator Dorsey-Colomb

At the request of the author, Mr. Ryan M. Seidemann, representing the Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 326-6085, presented Senate Bill No. 187, which provides relative to the collection, analysis, and reburial of exposed human skeletal remains from municipal and abandoned cemeteries.

Mr. Seidemann presented information in a document entitled, "Proposed Human Remains Recovery Legislation" (Exhibit A).

Representative Norton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 187 favorably. There were no objections. The motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, and Ortego voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 187 on the Local & Consent Calendar, to which no objection was made. The motion was carried by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson II, Norton, and Ortego voting yea.

Senate Bill No. 408 by Senator Murray

Senate Bill No. 408 extends the authorization for the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board to use design-build contracts for an additional year and was presented on behalf of the author by Representative Brossett.

Present in support of the legislation but declining to speak were Mr. Robert B. Jackson, representing the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board, 625 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA 70168, (504) 269-2928; and Ms. Brenda Thornton, representing the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board, 625 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA 70168, (504) 569-2169.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 408 favorably. There were no objections. The motion was carried by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Norton, Ortego, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Billiot offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 408 on the Local & Consent Calendar, to which no objection was made. The motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Girod Jackson offered a motion to approve the minutes of committee meetings held on March 15, 2012; March 29, 2012; April 12, 2012; April 19, 2012; April 26, 2012; and May 3, 2012. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Norton, and Ortego voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Girod Jackson III, Chairman

Date Approved: