

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2013 Regular Session
April 11, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. in Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Wesley T. Bishop
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Henry L. Burns
Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.
Representative Simone B. Champagne
Representative John Bel Edwards
Representative Cameron Henry
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, Vice Chairman
Representative Nancy Landry
Representative Edward J. Price
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Robert E. Shadoin
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Jeff R. Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman
Representative Alfred C. Williams

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borné, Legislative Analyst
Nancy Y. Jolly, Legislative Analyst
Jacqueline Snowden, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 298 by Representative Chaney**

Representative Chaney presented House Bill No. 298, which provides relative to the membership of the La. Commission on Civic Education.

Representative Thompson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 298 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to place House Bill No. 298 on the Local and Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

House Bill No. 207 by Representative Carmody

Representative Carmody presented House Bill No. 207, which authorizes each public postsecondary education management board to name a building at an institution under its supervision and management in honor of a living person.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 207. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

House Bill No. 540 by Representative Jones

Representative Jones presented House Bill No. 540, which provides relative to the eligibility of nationally certified school teachers, counselors, and psychologists for specific salary adjustments.

Speaking in support of the bill were Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9632 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 923-1037; and Ms. Joyce Haynes,

representing the Louisiana Association of Educators, (337) 946-1827. Also supporting the bill, but declining to speak, was Mr. Michael W. Myers, representing Red River United, 409 Galway Dr., Shreveport, LA 71115, (318) 798-3640.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 540 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

House Bill No. 635 by Representative Patrick Williams

Representative Patrick Williams presented House Bill No. 635, which requires local public school boards to adopt policies relative to accommodations for employees to express breast milk.

Speaking in support of the bill were Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9632 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 923-1037. Also supporting the bill, but declining to speak, was Mr. Michael W. Myers, representing Red River United, 409 Galway Dr., Shreveport, LA 71115, (318) 798-3640.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report House Bill No. 635 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

Representative Smith offered a motion to place House Bill No. 635 on the Local and Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

House Bill No. 243 by Representative Carter

Representative Carter presented House Bill No. 243, which provides relative to the eligibility of certain students who graduate from certain out-of-state or out-of-country high schools to receive a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award.

Providing information was Mr. George Eldredge, general counsel, Office of Student Financial Assistance, 602 N. 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-7668. Also available to provide information was Ms. Melanie Amrhein, representing the Office of Student Financial Assistance, 602 N. 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-7299.

Representative Champagne offered a set of amendments to change the dates of graduation for eligible students. The amendments provided as follows:

1. Relative to eligibility under proposed law, changes the school year during or after which a student shall have graduated from 2010-2011 to 2009-2010.

Representative Champagne offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

Representative Champagne offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 243. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

House Bill No. 89 by Representative Hoffmann

Representative Hoffmann presented House Bill No. 89, which provides relative to the use of seclusion and physical restraint to address the behavior of certain students.

Mr. Denny Walter, secondary supervisor, Ouachita Parish Schools, explained the bill.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of House Bill No. 89 are attached.

Representative Richard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 89 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

House Bill No. 650 by Representative Carter

Representative Carter presented House Bill No. 650, which provides relative to the organization of the state Department of Education.

Ms. Erin Bendily, representing the state Department of Education and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, presented the bill to the committee. She was accompanied by Ms. Beth Scioneaux, representing the state Department of Education, Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-3617.

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 650 were Ms. Patricia McElroy, former state Department of Education employee and Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9632 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 923-1037.

Providing information only was Dr. Michael Walker-Jones, executive director, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 343-9243.

Representative Champagne offered a motion to report House Bill No. 650 favorably, to which Representative Edwards objected. The secretary called the roll and the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Ivey, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea. Representatives Edwards and Richard voted nay.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman
House Committee on Education