

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2013 Regular Session
April 11, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Timothy G. "Tim" Burns, Chairman of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. in Room 3, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Taylor F. Barras
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Jared C. Brossett
Representative Michael E. Danahay, Vice Chair
Representative Randal L. Gaines
Representative Girod Jackson III
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.
Representative Timothy G. "Tim" Burns, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, Legislative Analyst
Mark Mahaffey, Attorney
Shawn O'Brien, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Brittany Sylvester, Sergeant at Arms
Amy Robinston, Sergeant at Arms
Andrew Hoz, Clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 172 by Representative Dove

Representative Dove presented House Bill No. 172, which names Grand Isle bivalve hatchery the "Michael C. Voisin Hatchery".

Ms. Sarah Theriot Voisin, Motavatit Seafoods, 116 East Ellendale Estates Drive, Houma, LA 70360, 985-851-7429, provided testimony in support of the bill naming the hatchery after her recently deceased husband.

Mr. Cole Garrett, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808-225-763-5577, was present for information.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 172 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Girod Jackson, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Tim Burns voted yea.

Representative Tim Burns offered a motion to place House Bill No. 172 on the local & consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Girod Jackson, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Tim Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 220 by Representative Havard

Representative Havard presented House Bill No. 220, which requires the Legislative Fiscal Office to issue certain reports regarding the General Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Leonal Hardman and Mr. Ed Parker, AFSCME/AFL-CIO, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 225-927-2800, filed witness cards in favor of the bill.

Representative Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 220 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Girod Jackson, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Tim Burns voted yea.

Representative Schroder offered a motion to place House Bill No. 220 on the local & consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Girod Jackson, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Tim Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 628 by Representative Barras

Representative Barras presented House Bill No. 628, which provides for technical corrections to various provisions of the La. Revised Statutes, the Children's Code, and the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 628 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Girod Jackson, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Tim Burns voted yea.

Representative Barras offered a motion to place House Bill No. 628 on the local & consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Girod Jackson, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Tim Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 522 by Representative Katrina Jackson

Representative Katrina Jackson presented House Bill No. 522, which calls a special election for submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the state's electors.

Mr. Leonal Hardman and Mr. Ed Parker, AFSCME/AFL-CIO, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 225-927-2800, filed witness cards in favor of the bill.

Ms. Angie Rogers, Mr. Joe R. Salter, and Ms. Merietta Norton, Secretary of State's Office, P. O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-922-0900, were present to provide information at the committee's request.

Representative Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 522 favorably, and recommit to the Committee on Appropriations.

Representative Gaines offered a substitute motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 522 for one week. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Girod Jackson, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Tim Burns voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS**Report on HSR No. 9 of the 2012 R.S.**

Ms. Patricia Lowrey-Dufour enumerated the recommendations made pursuant to the committee's series of interim meetings held on HSR No. 9 of the 2012 R.S.

Oversight of rules proposed by the secretary of state relative to emergency election day paper ballot procedures

Ms. Angie Rogers, commissioner of elections, Secretary of State's Office, P. O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-922-0900, presented proposed rules relative to emergency election day paper ballot procedures.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to find the rules acceptable. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Girod Jackson, Miller, Pugh, and Tim Burns voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Burns welcomed Representative Schroder as a newly appointed member of the committee.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Girod Jackson, Miller, Pugh, and Tim Burns voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy G. "Tim" Burns, Chairman
House and Governmental Affairs

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Adopted 5/28/14