

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2012-2013 Interim
March 21, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Joel C. Robideaux, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 2:48 p.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Joel C. Robideaux, Chairman
Representative Taylor F. Barras
Representative Christopher Broadwater
Representative Richard T. Burford
Representative Michael E. Danahay
Representative Mickey J. Guillory
Representative Lowell C. Hazel
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative Eddie J. Lambert
Representative Major Thibaut
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Lenar L. Whitney
Representative Patrick C. Williams, Vice Chair
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Regina Ashford Barrow
Representative Wesley T. Bishop
Representative Harold L. Ritchie
Representative Jeff R. Thompson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Alison Pryor, Attorney
Ms. Elise C. Read, Legislative Analyst
Ms. Kristin Cheng, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ms. Susan C. Broussard, Sergeant at Arms

III. BUSINESS

Representative Patrick Williams presented House Study Request No. 6 (See Exhibit "A") from the 2012 Regular Session, to study the impact of pharmacy benefit management contracts on the collection and payment of local sales and use tax on prescription drugs and pharmacist services.

Present to provide information on House Study Request No. 6 were Mr. Randal Johnson, Louisiana Independent Pharmacists Association, 927 Cyril Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 334-9165; Mr. Patrick Callahan, CVS Caremark, 1 CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895, (401) 770-4772; and Mr. Jonah C. Houts, Express Scripts, 17A W. Chapman Street, Alexandria, VA 22301, (202) 383-7983.

A copy of the witness cards for individuals (who were present, but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information on House Study Request No. 6 is attached. (See Exhibit "B" and Exhibit "C")

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel C. Robideaux, Chairman

Date