

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2014 Regular Session
April 3, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Tim Burns, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. in Room 2, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, Committee Legislative Analyst
Mark Mahaffey, Committee Attorney
Shawn O'Brien, Committee Secretary
Rhonda Repetowski, Executive Assistant
Cheryl Forrest, Sergeant at Arms
Joyce Trotter, Sergeant at Arms
Andrew Hoz, Committee Clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 322 by Representative Jones

Representative Jones presented House Bill No. 322, which requires rulemaking agencies to publish on the Internet certain information concerning proposed rules and fees.

Representative Burns offered a set of technical amendments to add provisions stating that proposed law shall not be construed to require the publication of information concerning any rule or fee until the agency gives notice of its intended action.

Representative Burns offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

Representative Burns announced that Ms. Laura Veazey, Medicine Louisiana, P. O. Box 57804, New Orleans, LA; Ms. Marie Centanni, representing the La. Industrial Development Executives Assn., 650 N. 6th Street, Baton Rouge, LA, and The Chamber Southwest LA, 43 Ryan St., Lake Charles, LA; Mr. Shane Riddle, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-343-9243; Ms. Julie Cherry, Louisiana AFL-CIO, 429 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-383-5741; Ms. Courtney Baker, LABI, 3113 Valley Creek, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-937-7375; Mr. Ed Parker, AFSCME, 429 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA; and Ms. Jennifer Marusak and Mr. Greg Waddell, Louisiana State Medical Society, 6767 Perkins Rd., #100, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-763-8500, submitted witness cards in support of the bill but did not testify.

Ms. Mary Patricia Wray, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 923 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-923-1037, provided testimony in support of the bill.

Representative Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 322 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 322 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 1013 by Representative Schexnayder

Representative Schexnayder presented House Bill No. 1013, which provides for the abolition of certain boards, commissions, authorities, and like entities, in some cases also abolishing the functions and responsibilities of the entity, and in others providing that a different entity is responsible for the functions and responsibilities of the abolished entity.

Representative Burns offered a set of amendments to retain certain boards in the bill, to abolish one board, and to abolish the Catfish Promotion and Research Board but provide that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry shall transfer remaining monies to the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority for the purpose of catfish promotion.

Representative Burns offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

Ms. Courtney Baker, LABI, 3113 Valley Creek, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-937-7375; and Mr. Barker Dirmann, governor's office, submitted witness cards in favor of the bill but did not testify.

Representative Schroder proposed a motion to report House Bill No. 1013 with amendments, to which there was no objection. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted in favor of the motion, 7 yeas and 0 nays.

House Bill No. 858 by Representative Barrow

Representative Barrow presented House Bill No. 858, which provides that an action by a state agency which results in the termination of one hundred or more employees or a change in the parish in which one hundred or more employees report to work shall not be effective or enforceable unless it meets certain requirements.

Representative Burns offered an amendment on behalf of the author to provide for a five-day notice of a layoff in lieu of the original intent of the bill.

Representative Burns offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

Ms. Julie Cherry, Louisiana AFL-CIO; and Mr. Ed Parker, 429 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA submitted witness cards in support of the legislation.

Ms. Beverly Moore, governor's office (no address provided), submitted a witness card in opposition to the bill.

Representative Burns offered a motion to defer action voluntarily and to reschedule House Bill No. 858 for further discussion. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 292 by Representative Abramson

House Bill No. 292 provides for calling a limited constitutional convention for fiscal purposes and preparations therefor. There was no discussion on the legislation.

At the request of the author, Representative Burns offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 292. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 292 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 626 by Representative Abramson

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 626, which requires certain quasi public and nongovernmental entities to submit information to the legislative auditor and be approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget prior to receiving state monies or assistance.

Representative Abramson requested the adoption of a substitute bill that would require any contracting entity to submit information and documents to the commissioner of administration prior

entering into a contract with a state agency, require state agencies to certify that contracting entities are not on the legislative auditors non-compliance list, and prohibit state agencies from entering into contracts with contracting entities unless requirements are met.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to accept changes to the proposed substitute bill as requested by the author. Without objection, Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted by 7 yeas and 0 nays to accept the author's changes to the proposed substitute bill.

Mr. Ron Henson, Department of the Treasury, 3rd Floor, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-342-0055, submitted a card indicating support for the bill.

Ms. Kristy Nichols, commissioner of administration (no address provided), 225-342-7000; and Mr. Daryl Purpera, legislative auditor, 1600 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, each provided information on the bill.

Ms. Beverly Moore, Governor's Office (no address provided), submitted a card in opposition to the bill.

Representative Burns proposed a motion to voluntarily defer action on the bill in order to reschedule it for further consideration. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted in favor of the motion, 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Later in the meeting, Representative Abramson and Commissioner Nichols informed the committee of their discussions on the bill, whereupon Representative Abramson requested that he be given the opportunity to rewrite the proposed substitute bill.

Representative Burns re-urged his motion to voluntarily defer action on the bill and reschedule it for further discussion. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted in favor of the motion, 7 yeas and 0 nays.

House Bill No. 441 by Representative Harrison

Representative Harrison presented House Bill No. 441, which abolishes the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs and creates and provides for the Commission on Indian Affairs as its successor.

Mr. Thomas Dardar, Jr., United Houma Nation, 20086 Highway One, Golden Meadow, LA, 985-223-3093; and Mr. Adam Crappel, United Houma Nation, P. O. Box 2532, Morgan City, LA, 985-384-0336, spoke in support of the bill.

Honorable Tom Schedler, Secretary of State (no address provided), informed the committee that the legislation would require additional staff in his office and that he had not been informed of the governor's position on the bill.

Mr. Joe R. Salter, Secretary of State's Office (no address provided), submitted a card for information.

Representative Burns offered a set of amendments to grant the proposed commission the same powers as the abolished office with the exceptions that the commission would serve as the state's official agent upon which federally recognized tribes may serve notice of a request to negotiate state tribal compacts without making it the state's official negotiating agent, and that, while the commission would be granted power to make recommendations regarding proposed compacts, it would not have the power to submit such to the governor for his approval.

Representative Burns offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

Representative Schroder offered a motion to report House Bill No. 441 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 441 was reported with amendments by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 152 by Representative Harrison

Representative Harrison presented House Bill No. 152, which abolishes the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Department of Children and Family Services and creates the Department of Health and Social Services.

Representative Harrison submitted a substitute bill to instead transfer the Department of Children and Family Services as a state agency to the Department of Health and Hospitals, which he said would not change the functions or personnel of the two agencies and would organizationally provide for an office of elderly affairs.

Ms. Patricia-Lowrey Dufour, staff analyst, provided examples of agencies co-existing independently under the umbrella of other agencies in order to not exceed 20 state departments that include all functions of state government per the state constitution.

Representative Burns read the following names of citizens present in support of House Bill No. 152, as well as of House Bill No. 246, House Bill No. 341, House Bill No. 342, and House Bill No. 343: Janis Williams, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 5790 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA; Jay Williams, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 5790 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA; Mary Williams, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 610 Lettsworth, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-344-8236; Patricia S. Williams, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 3029 Fairfields Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225-343-2715; Sedonia Williams, EBRCOA (no address given); Annette Wilson, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 5790 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA; Brenda Gardner, E. Feliciana Council on Aging, P. O. Box 8707, Clinton, LA; Becky Bergeron, Pointe Coupee Council on Aging, P. O. Box 110, New Roads, LA 70769, 225-638-4402; Helen Langley, Jeff-Davis Council on Aging, 112 Greenwood Drive, Jennings, LA 70546, 337-824-5504; Albert Robichaux, Jefferson Council on Aging, 6620 Riverside Drive, Suite 216, Metairie, LA 70003, 504-207-4140; Patricia R. Jones, Louisiana Aging Network Assoc., 121 Thom Street, Oakdale, LA 71463, 318-335-3195; Dinah Landry, Cameron Council on Aging, 465 Hwy. 384, Lake Charles, LA 70607, 337-905-6000; Debi Fleming, Tangipahoa Council on Aging, 106 N. Bay Street, Amite, LA 70422, 985-748-7486; Darlene Schexnayder, Ascension Council on Aging, 10121 Lake Ridge Ave., Gonzales, LA 225-

675-5011; Tina Wolfe, Cameron Council on Aging, 965 Highway 384, Grand Lake, LA, 337-905-6000; Ernestine Bergeron, Chauvin Council on Aging, 123 Presque Isle, Houma, LA 70363; A. Cecile Boudreaux, Terrebonne Council on Aging, 7491 Paris Ave., Houma, LA 70364; Bradley Seaberry, Jr., East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 1606 N. 18th Street., Baton Rouge, LA 70802; Leola Small, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 320 Little John Drive., Baton Rouge, LA 70815; Aldriane Smith, 1426 E. Washington St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225-343-5523; Ivory Smith, EBRCOA (no address given); Elizabeth J. Terry, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 8138 E. Belvin Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70811, 225-357-0792; Alice M. Toombs, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 2222 Gen. Adams Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, 225-769-4895; Nancy Washington, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 3163 Plukkat St., Baton Rouge, LA 70805; Tommie R. Wilforn, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 3188 Garnet Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-355-6424; Corey Williams, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 4122 Scarborough Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70814; Fannie B. Williams, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 1925 Arkansas St., Baton Rouge, LA; 225-383-9273; Doretha S. Mills, EBRCOA; 1765 N. 47th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; Barbara Picol, EBRCOA, 5790 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA; Eva B. Pratt, EBRCOA, 5790 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, 225-823-8000; Sarah Price, 2550 Chaney Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70805; Rosa S. Pugh, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 715 East Polk St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802; Don and Rose Saunier, 10021 Gamma Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70814; Beverly Ann Sutton, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 4343 Denham Street, #802, Baton Rouge, LA; Elaine M. Meyers, 3225 Victoria Dr., #1056, Baton Rouge, LA 70805; Jessie M. Adams, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 5334 Wexford Drive, Baton Rouge, LA; Shan Barrow, EBRCOA, 6512 Vineyard Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70812; Earlise Bell, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 1941 Alabama St., Baton Rouge, LA; Howard L. Rodgers, New Orleans Council on Aging (no address given); Naomi Payne, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 5790 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA; Martha Manuel, P. O. Box 1023, New Roads, LA 70760; Trudy Bihm, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 5790 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806; Jessie Brumfield, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 6199 Woodbend Drive, Zachary, LA 70791; Gennie M. Brumfield, EBRCOA, 2060 Mission Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; Mary Ceaser, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 683 N. Carrollton Ave., #198, Baton Rouge, LA 70806; Tash Clark-AAR, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 5790 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806; Hazel Davis, EBRCOA (no address given); Lucille Dixon (no address given); Glenda F. Dent, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 7072 Palace Drive, Baton Rouge, LA; Airline Early, 147-1/2 Van Buren St., Baton Rouge, LA; Ella H. Franklin, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 10643 Hillside Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70810; Betty Gaines, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 5790 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA; Jacqueline Green, Calcasieu Council on Aging, 3950 Highway 14, Lake Charles, LA 70607; Lei Green, Calces Council on Aging, 3950 Highway 14, Lake Charles, LA 70607; Mary Haynes, EBRCOA (no address given); Sarah Irking, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 1567 N. 47th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; Cynthia Johnson, 242 South 21st Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806; Mary Alice Heard, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 2312 Englewood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA; Mamie S. Jones, 6172 Blackberry St., Baton Rouge, LA; Thelma Jones, 6155 Cedar Grove Drive, Baton Rouge, LA; Emma Lafayette, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 6458 Nellie Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70806; Elizabeth Lanier, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 2533 Jessamine Ave., Baton Rouge, LA; Fermat LeBeouf, 2840 Elgin St., Baton Rouge, LA; Shontell LeBeouf, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 5790 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA; Alberta M. McFarland, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 9792 Merganzer Ave., Baton Rouge, LA; Carolyn Bourg, Council on Aging-Chauvin; 402 Jerry Ann, Chauvin, LA 70344; Arlene Levron, Terrebonne Council on Aging, 5280 Highway 56, Chauvin, LA

70344; Hattie Picou, 6919 Driftwood Dr., Chauvin, LA 70344; Judy Rodrigue, Terrebonne Council on Aging, 176 Crochetville Rd., Chauvin, LA 70344; Clyde and Dorothy Domangue, 177 Clay LeCompte Lane, Chauvin, LA 70344; Gloria Darcey, Shady Acres Senior Center, 207 Everette Drive, Houma, LA 70364; Gerald and Harriette LeBlanc, Shady Acres Senior Center, 219 Viola St., Houma, LA; Kenneth Foret, 1437 Hwy. 55, Montegut, LA 70327; Ola Thibodaux, Council on Aging, 237 Damos Ct., Chauvin, LA 70344; Opal Touchard (address illegible), Houma, LA; Jeanette Billiott (no address given); Ramona Lirette, Terrebonne Council on Aging, 1345 Dr. Beatrous Rd., Theriot, LA 70397; Amy Toloudis, Terrebonne Council on Aging, 995 West Tunnel Blvd., Houma, LA 70360; Rose Gautreaux, Terrebonne Council on Aging, 908 Broadmoore Ave., Houma, LA 70364; Shirley Hendon, Terrebonne Council on Aging, 7491 Park Ave., #1009, Houma, LA 70364; Victoria P. Billiot; Terrebonne Council on Aging (no address given); Emily Robertson Etienne, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 10820 Ranchwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815; Diana N. Edmonson, Terrebonne Council on Aging, 995 W. Tunnel Blvd., Houma, LA 70360; and Shannon Broussard, Cajun Area Agency on Aging, Inc., 110 Toledo Drive, Lafayette, LA 70506, submitted witness cards in support of the bill. None of the attendees provided testimony.

State Representative Katrina Jackson, 1051 Kansas Lane, Monroe, LA; and Howard Rodgers, New Orleans Council on Aging (no address provided), 504-821-4121, submitted witness cards in support of House Bill 152 only.

Jesse McCormick, Capitol Partners, 532 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA; Anne Cassaty, La. Healthcare Connections, 6585 Archives Ave., Suite 310, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-201-8505; Kristy McKearn, Amerigroup, 5353 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-802-5180; Dickie Patterson, Amerigroup, 450 Laurel, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-381-2000; Lemmie Walker, 7844 Office Park Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-927-5642; Jeff Drozda, LAHP, 450 Laurel St., #1450, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-706-5522; Ashley Politz, American Association of Pediatrics, 1744 Rue Desiree, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-505-7611; Nick Waltz, Leading Healthcare of LA, 1200 Camellia Blvd., Lafayette, LA; Charles Castille, Adams and Reese, Humana, 450 Laurel St., #1900, Baton Rouge, LA 225-336-5200; Andrew Mull, AARP, 701 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA; Kelly Serrett, The Arc of Louisiana, 606 Colonial Dr., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-383-1033; Kim Kennedy, Gulf Coast Social Services, 5850 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-201-0696; Randal Johnson, Southern Strategy Group, 543 Spanish Town Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225-381-0166; Carmen Weisner, NASW-LA, 700 North 10th St., #200, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-346-1234; and Kelly Viator, Executive Director, ALS Association Louisiana-Mississippi Chapter, P. O. Box 66825, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-343-9880, submitted witness cards in opposition to House Bill No. 152 but did not testify.

Joseph Donchess, La. Nursing Home Assn., 7844 Office Park Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA; and John Wyble, PhD, 9654 Brookline Ave., Suite 210, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-930-0305, testified in opposition to the bill.

Courtney Phillips, DHH, 628 N. 4th St., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-342-9500, provided information on the bill.

Mr. Sammy Guillory, Brent Villemarette, Mr. Charlie Dirks, and Etta Harris, DCFS, Iberville Building, 627 N. 4th St., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-342-3961; and Calder Lynch, DHH, 628 N. 4th St., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-342-9500, were available to provide information but did not speak.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 152 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 152 was reported by substitute by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

House Bill No. 343 by Representative Harrison

Representative Harrison presented House Bill No. 343, a constitutional amendment which creates and provides for a Department of Elderly Affairs to be responsible for meeting the needs of Louisiana residents age 60 years or older and for planning, monitoring, coordinating, and delivering services to the state's elderly and prohibits appropriation of funds for such functions to any other unit of the executive branch of state government.

Representative Burns noted that all the citizens who had submitted cards in support for House Bill No. 152 had also indicated their support for House Bill No. 343. Representative Katrina Jackson, 1051 Kansas Lane, Monroe, LA; Representative Regina Barrow; and Shannon Broussard, Cajun Area Agency on Aging, 110 Toledo Drive, Lafayette, LA, 337-572-8940, also submitted witness cards stating support for the bill.

Mr. Joseph Donchess, Louisiana Nursing Home Assn., 7844 Office Park Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, submitted a witness card indicating his opposition to the bill.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 343 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 343 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

House Bill No. 246 by Representative Harrison

Representative Harrison presented House Bill No. 246, which provides relative to the Department of Elderly Affairs, including provisions for officers and employees, rulemaking, and funding.

Representative Burns offered a technical amendment and made a motion to adopt the same. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

Representative Burns noted that all the citizens who had submitted cards in support for House Bill No. 152 and House Bill No. 343 had also indicated their support for House Bill No. 246.

Representative Katrina Jackson, 1051 Kansas Lane, Monroe, LA, submitted a witness card stating support for the bill.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 246 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 246 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 341 by Representative Harrison

Representative Harrison presented House Bill No. 341, a constitutional amendment providing relative to departments of the executive branch of state government.

There was no discussion on the bill.

Representative Burns offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 341. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 341 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 342 by Representative Harrison

Representative Harrison presented House Bill No. 342, a constitutional amendment creating and providing for a Department of Elderly Affairs.

There was no discussion on the bill.

Representative Burns offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 342. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 342 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the committee.

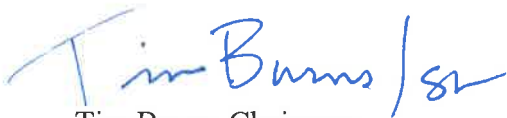
V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Burns /sr". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tim Burns, Chairman
House and Governmental Affairs

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Date Approved: : 3-4-15