

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2014 Regular Session
May 7, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Austin J. Badon, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Austin J. Badon, Jr., Chairman
Representative Robert E. Billiot, Vice Chair
Representative Taylor F. Barras
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Wesley T. Bishop
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Roy A. Burrell
Representative Michael E. Danahay
Representative Kenneth E. Havard
Representative Dalton W. Honoré
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Stephen J. Ortego
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative Thomas P. Willmott
Representative Ebony Woodruff

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, Committee Attorney
Valarie Banks, Committee Secretary

Renita McKnight, Committee Clerk
David Gauthier, Legislative Analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Candace Pointer, Sergeant at Arms
Joyce Trotter, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 587 by Senator Peterson

On behalf of Senator Peterson, Mr. Marshall Hevron, representing Mid City Security District, 976 Joliet Street, New Orleans, LA, (504) 505-0242, and Mr. James Olsen, representing Mid City Security District, 111 Veterans Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 301-3623, presented Senate Bill No. 587, which provides relative to the Mid City Security District.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to implement the five-minute rule, limiting testimony per witness to five minutes. Without objection, the five-minute rule was implemented by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Pugh, and Woodruff voted yea.

Representative Badon offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 587 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 587 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, and Woodruff voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 588 by Senator Peterson

On behalf of Senator Peterson, Mr. Edselle K. Cunningham, Jr., and Ms. Anita Tillman, representing Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 763-8700, presented Senate Bill No. 588, which provides relative to the Louisiana Housing Corporation.

Representative Badon offered a set of amendments that added changes to present law provisions relative to actions taken by the board of directors of the corporation; removed provisions that required the presence of a quorum for the exercise of any power or function of the corporation; authorized the board to create and appoint members to an executive committee; and made technical changes. Representative Badon offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, and Woodruff voted yea.

Ms. Sidni L. Shorter, representing Louisiana Housing Alliance, 412 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0041, was present in support of the bill but declined to speak.

Representative Badon offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 588 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 588 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, and Woodruff voted yea.

House Bill No. 1144 by Representative Brossett

Representative Wesley Bishop presented House Bill No. 1144, which provides relative to fees charged by the La. Housing Corporation.

At the April 24, 2014, meeting of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, Representative Wesley Bishop offered a set of amendments to House Bill No. 1144 that changed the lead author on the bill from Representative Brossett to Representative Wesley Bishop. Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Representative Wesley Bishop voluntarily deferred action on the bill on which no vote was taken.

Ms. Sidni L. Shorter, representing Louisiana Housing Alliance, 412 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0041, was present in support of the bill but declined to speak.

Present to provide information were Ms. Anita Tillman and Mr. Edselle K. Cunningham, Jr., representing Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 763-8700.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1144 with amendments, to which Representative Burrell objected. The secretary called the roll and House Bill No. 1144 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Woodruff voted yea. Representative Burrell voted nay. Chairman Badon abstained.

Senate Bill No. 387 by Senator LaFleur

Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 387, which provides relative to local governing authorities and special districts.

Representative Billiot offered a set of amendments that removed provisions that granted special districts the same powers as those granted to a parish or municipality in those instances wherein a parish or municipality creates a special district, and the governing authority of the parish or municipality also serves as the governing authority of the special district; and added provisions authorizing an action of the special district's governing authority and the approval of such action by the local governmental subdivision's governing authority to occur in one meeting. Representative Billiot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Woodruff voted yea.

Representative Billiot offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 387 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 387 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Woodruff voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 425 by Senator Cortez

Senator Cortez presented Senate Bill No. 425, which provides relative to private water supply or sewer system providers.

Representative Berthelot offered a set of amendments that makes proposed law also applicable to any political subdivision located within a parish having a population greater than 107,000 but less than 110,000. Representative Berthelot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Wesley Bishop objected. The secretary called the roll and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Norton, and Ortego voted yea. Representatives Barras, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, and Willmott voted nay.

Representative Barras offered a set of amendments that added a provision that requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to work with private water providers located within certain parishes; added a provision that requires that private water providers that have onsite water filtration systems located in certain parishes to maintain and utilize such systems; and added provisions for fines. Representative Barras offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, and Willmott voted yea.

Speaking in support of the bill were Mr. Graeme Tuminello, 610 Burlington Circle, Broussard, LA, (337) 839-1555; Mr. Bryan L. Corcoran, 505 Burlington Circle, Broussard, LA, 70818, (337) 839-0535, and who presented photographs of water from his neighborhood's water provider (Exhibit A); Ms. Cherie Sellers, representing Country Village and Windy Meadows Subdivision, 106 Village Tree Drive, Youngsville, LA 70592, (337) 280-2212, who presented photographs of water treatment equipment (Exhibit B); Ms. Jennifer Duhon, representing Country Village and Windy Meadows Subdivision, 107 Village Tree Drive, Youngsville, LA 70592, (337) 278-5066, who presented a photograph of laundry after a wash in water from her neighborhood's water provider (Exhibit C).

Speaking in opposition to Senate Bill No. 425 was Mr. Robert Rieger, representing Adams and Reese LLP and Ascension Wastewater Treatment, 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200.

Present in opposition to the bill but declining to speak were Mr. Gerald Simmons, representing Baton Rouge Water Works, P.O. Box 1006, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 343-8801; and

Ms. Clarissa A. Preston, representing Ascension Wastewater Treatment, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 378-3215.

Representative Barras offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 425 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 425 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 566 by Senator Claitor

Senator Claitor presented Senate Bill No. 566, which provides relative to the board of commissioners of the Capital Area Transit System (CATS).

Representative Norton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 566 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 566 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

House Bill No. 1097 by Representative Norton

Representative Norton presented House Bill No. 1097, which provides relative to the levy of an additional sales and use tax within the city of Shreveport.

Mr. Duane Huddleston, representing the Shreveport Police Department, 1234 Texas Avenue, Shreveport, LA, (318) 673-6900, spoke in support of the bill.

Present in support of House Bill No. 1097 but declining to speak were Ms. Barbara Sellers, representing the Shreveport Fire Department, 222 LaFitte Drive, Shreveport, LA; Mr. Rodney Braxton, representing the city of Shreveport, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. Aaron Miscenich, representing New Orleans Bio Innovation Council, 1441 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 680-2973; Mr. Dino Paternostro, representing LegisLink, 4620 Hessmer, Metairie, LA, (504) 756-7904; Mr. Ed Parker, representing AFSCME, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 927-2800; Mr. Fabian Blache, representing Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 700 North 10th Street, Suite 250, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 387-3261; and Mr. Stacy Birdwell, representing Shreveport Fire Fighters, 9021 Aurora Lane, Shreveport, LA 71115.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1097 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1097 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

House Bill No. 585 by Representative Stokes

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 585, which authorizes Jefferson Parish to create an automobile rental tax district.

Representative Billiot offered a set of amendments to decrease the proposed tax from 3% to ½%. Representative Billiot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

Present to provide information in support of House Bill No. 585 was Mr. Mike Quigley, representing the city of Kenner, 1801 Williams Boulevard, Kenner, LA 70062, (504) 468-4090.

Ms. Rubye Noble, representing Jefferson Parish Legislative Delegation, P.O. Box 44434, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-0357, was present to provide information if requested.

Present to provide information in support of the bill if requested were Ms. Debra Miller Yenni, representing the city of Kenner, 1801 Williams Boulevard, Kenner, LA 70062, (504) 468-7240; and Mr. Louis Gruntz, Jr., representing the city of Kenner, 1801 Williams Boulevard, Kenner, LA 70062, (504) 468-4080.

Mr. Rodney Braxton, representing the city of New Orleans, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112; and Ms. Jennifer Ansardi, representing Jefferson Parish, P.O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700, were present in support of House Bill No. 585 but declined to speak.

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 585 was Mr. Alexis Hocesvar, representing Enterprise Rent-A-Car and CATRALA, 3545 I-10 Service Road, Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 779-3244.

Mr. Donald Hains, representing the office of the governor, 900 North 3rd Street, 4th floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7015; and Mr. Ryan Haynie and Mr. Randy Haynie, representing Enterprise Rental Car, P.O. Box 44032, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 336-4143, were present in opposition to the bill but declined to speak.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 585 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 585 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

House Bill No. 699 by Representative Cromer

Representative Cromer presented House Bill No. 699 relative to the qualifications a newspaper must meet in order to be selected to publish the official proceedings, legal notices, and advertisements of a political subdivision.

Mr. Kevin Chiri, representing *The Slidell Independent*, P.O. Box 3130, Slidell, LA 70459, spoke in support of the bill. Also present in support but declining to speak was Mr. Kevin Cunningham, representing *Times-Picayune*, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (225) 381-0166.

Representative Cromer voluntarily deferred House Bill No. 699. No vote was taken.

Chairman Badon read into the meeting records the witness cards of the opponents to House Bill No. 699: Mr. Gary Miller, representing Louisiana state newspapers (no address given), Lafayette, LA, (225) 654-6841; Mr. Dan Shea, representing *The Advocate*, 7290 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. Johnny Koch, representing Louisiana Press Association (no address given); Mr. Norris Babin, representing *Plaquemines Gazette* and *St. Bernard Voice*, 7962 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, LA, (504) 615-1966; Ms. Karen Courtney, representing *St. Tammany Farmer*, 321 North New Hampshire, Covington, LA, (985) 892-2323; Ms. Pamela Mitchell, representing Louisiana Press Association, 404 Europe Street, (225) 344-9309; Ms. Debbie Reynaud, representing Ruhr Valley Publishing, Inc., P.O. Drawer 460, Lutcher, LA 70071, (225) 869-5784; Mr. Wilbur Reynaud, representing *Lutcher News-Examiner*, *Vacherie Enterprise*, *Napoleonville Pioneer*, P.O. Drawer N, Lutcher, LA 70071, (225) 869-8566; and Ms. Gina Goings, representing *The Advocate*, 1445 Lakeridge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 326-1244.

House Bill No. 1210 by Representative Moreno

Representative Moreno presented House Bill No. 1210, which authorizes the parish of Orleans to levy a sales tax on tobacco products sold in the parish.

At the April 30, 2014, meeting of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, Representative Badon offered a set of amendments that changed the amount of the proposed tax from \$0.75 to \$0.80 and specified the distribution of the additional \$0.05. Representative Badon offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Speaking in support of House Bill No. 1210 were Ms. Suchitra Satpathi, representing the city of New Orleans, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70113, (504) 658-4900, who presented a letter from New Orleans City Council President Stacy Head (Exhibit D); Mr. Michael Hecht, representing Greater New Orleans, Inc., 365 Canal Street, Suite 2300, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 527-6900;

and Mr. Nick Felton, representing New Orleans Fire Fighters, 3520 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA, (504) 366-8564.

Mr. Rodney Braxton, representing the city of New Orleans, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; Mr. Martin Gaul, Sr., representing Local 632 (no address given), Mr. Michael Langston, representing Local 632 New Orleans Fire Fighters, 3520 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA, (504) 366-8564; Mr. Terrell P. Hampton, representing Local 632 New Orleans Fire Fighters, 82 Hawk, New Orleans, LA 70124; Mr. Mark Bickstrom, Mr. Jim Harris, and Ms. Ginny Martinez, representing Ochsner Health System, 521 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 344-0381; Ms. Jennifer Marusak, representing Louisiana State Medical Society, 6767 Perkins Road, Suite 100, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 763-8500, Ms. Catherine Kitchen, representing Ochsner Health System (no address given); Mr. Louis Reine, representing Louisiana AFL-CIO, 100 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (504) 366-8564; Mr. Thomas F. Meagher, III, New Orleans, Fire Fighters Pension Fund, 3500 General De Gaulle, New Orleans, LA, (504) 578-0305; Mr. Dino Paternostro, representing LegisLink, 3620 Hessmer, Metairie, LA, (504) 756-7904; and Mr. Aaron Miscenich, representing New Orleans Bio Innovation Center, 1441 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA, (504) 680-2973, were present in support of House Bill No. 1210 but declined to speak.

Speaking in opposition to the bill were Ms. Natalie Babin Isaacks, representing Louisiana Convenience Store Association, 5647 Bankers Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 926-8300, and who presented a letter to the editor from Mr. Kenneth J. Retif (Exhibit E); and Mr. Jack Casanova, representing Church Point Wholesale and Law, P.O. Box 189, Church Point, LA 70525, (337) 684-5411.

Mr. David Tatman, representing Louisiana Association of Wholesalers, 3043 Old Forge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 931-0793; Mr. Christian Rhodes, representing Reynolds American, 8440 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. Josh Borill, representing Church Point Wholesale and ShopRite, 1200 Camellia Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 70508; Mr. Fred Burkett, representing Louisiana Retail Association (no address given), (225) 344-9481; Mr. Ryan Haynie and Mr. Randy Haynie, representing Altria, P.O. Box 44032, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 336-4143; Ms. Jessica Elliott, representing Louisiana Retailers Association, P.O. Box 44034, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 344-9481; Ms. Gina Goings, representing Swisher, 1445 Lakeridge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; and Mr. Jim Nickel and Mr. Bud Courson, representing Louisiana Oil Marketers and Convenience Store Association and Cigar Association of America, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 346-6900.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1210 with amendments, to which Representative Danahay objected. The secretary called the roll and by a vote of 7 yeas and 8 nays, the motion failed to pass. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Burrell, Honoré, and Woodruff voted yea. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Norton, Pugh, and Willmott voted nay.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to involuntarily defer House Bill No. 1210, to which Representative Badon objected. The secretary called the roll and by a vote of 9 yeas and 6 nays, House Bill No. 1210 was involuntarily deferred. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Burrell, and Woodruff voted nay.

House Bill No. 489 by Representative Wesley Bishop

Representative Wesley Bishop presented House Bill No. 489, a constitutional amendment which authorizes the donation of certain blighted or abandoned housing property to the residents of the Lower Ninth Ward of the city of New Orleans.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 489 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 489 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to reconsider the favorable vote on House Bill No. 489. Without objection, House Bill No. 489 was reconsidered by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a set of amendments that added a provision authorizing sale of property at a price that the legislature may set. Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 489 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 489 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

House Bill No. 1001 by Representative Wesley Bishop

Representative Wesley Bishop presented House Bill No. 1001, which authorizes the city of New Orleans to sell blighted property in the Lower Ninth Ward for a fixed price.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a set of amendments that required, rather than authorized, the sale of property; specified qualified purchasers of property pursuant to proposed law; and changed property to which proposed law is applicable from abandoned property to former Road Home program property and removed the definition of abandoned property. Representative Wesley Bishop

offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1001 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1001 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 549 by Senator Gallot

Senator Gallot presented Senate Bill No. 549, which provides relative to the wages for firefighters.

Present in support of Senate Bill No. 549 but declining to speak were Mr. Chad Major, representing Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana, 8011 Merle Gustafson, Baton Rouge, LA 70811, (225) 572-8403; Mr. Nick Felton, representing New Orleans Fire Fighters, 3520 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA, (504) 366-8564; Mr. Shane Spillman, representing Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana, 8011 Merle Gustafson, Baton Rouge, LA 70811, (225) 354-1400; Mr. Ricky Campbell, Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana, 8011 Merle Gustafson, Baton Rouge, LA 70811, (225) 354-1400; Ms. Barbara Sellers, Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana, 222 LaFitte Road, Bossier City, LA, (318) 272-9229; Ms. Bennie Ouber, Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana and Alexandria Fire Fighters, 1106 West Shore Drive, Alexandria, LA; Mr. Ed Parker, representing AFSCME, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 927-2800; Mr. Perry Jeselink, representing Monroe Fire Fighters, 2500 Bonita Place, Monroe, LA; Mr. Michael Langston, representing New Orleans Fire Fighters, 3520 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA, (504) 366-8564; Mr. Louis L. Robein, representing fire fighters, 2540 Severn Avenue, Metairie, LA, (504) 885-9994; Mr. David Watkins, representing New Orleans Fire Fighters, 3520 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA, (504) 366-8564; Mr. Terrell Hampton, representing New Orleans Fire Fighters, 3520 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA, (504) 366-8564; and Mr. Stacy Birdwell, representing fire fighters, 9021 Aurora Lane, Shreveport, LA 71115.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 549 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 549 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Ortego, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 601 by Senator Amedee

At the request of Senator Amedee, Representative Berthelot presented Senate Bill No. 601, which provides relative to the abolition of the position of police chief and the police department of the town of Sorrento.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 601 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 601 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 435 by Senator Perry

At the request of Senator Perry, Representative Ortego presented Senate Bill No. 435, which authorizes the city of Scott to levy a hotel occupancy tax not to exceed five percent of the rent or fee charged for such occupancy.

Mr. Nick Cahanin, representing the city of Scott, 1200 Church Street, Lafayette, LA 70508, was present in support of the bill but declined to speak.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 435 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 435 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 1164 by Representative Jackson

On behalf of Representative Jackson, Representative Wesley Bishop presented House Bill No. 1164, which provides relative to fiscal administrators, including provisions for their powers and duties and prohibition of retroactive application of certain provisions of law relative to fiscal administrators.

Mr. Will Belton, representing NAACP State Conference, P.O. Box 66653, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 926-8124 spoke in support of the bill.

Ms. Charla Mason-Melton, councilwoman of the town of Jonesboro and representing Civil Rights Advocacy Association, Jonesboro, LA 71251, (318) 533-9090; and Dr. Mauricelm-Lei Millere, representing Civil Rights Advocacy Association Jonesboro, Homer (no address given), (202) 735-7656, provided information.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1164 favorably, to which Representative Danahay objected. The secretary called the roll and House Bill No. 1164 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Billiot,

Wesley Bishop, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Woodruff voted yea. Representatives Danahay and Pugh voted nay.

Senate Bill No. 183 by Senator Mills

At the request of Senator Mills, Representative Barras presented Senate Bill No. 183, which requires additional notice to certain property owners of meetings by a parish, a municipality, the state, or a political subdivision of the state.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 183 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 183 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Woodruff voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 186 by Senator Mills

At the request of Senator Mills, Representative Barras presented Senate Bill No. 186, which provides relative to the city of New Iberia municipal fire and police civil service system board.

Representative Barras offered a set of amendments that made technical changes only. Representative Barras offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Woodruff voted yea.

Mr. Fabian Blache, representing Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 700 North 10th Street, Suite 250, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 387-3261, was present in support of the bill but declined to speak.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 186 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 186 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Woodruff voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 564 by Senator Mills

At the request of Senator Mills, Representative Barras presented Senate Bill No. 564, which provides for position of deputy chief of police for the city of St. Martinville.

Mr. Fabian Blache, representing Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 700 North 10th Street, Suite 250, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 387-3261, was present in support of the bill but declined to speak.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 564 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 564 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

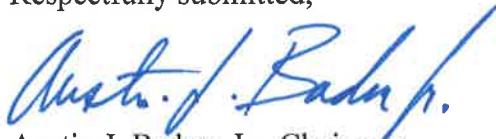
V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no other announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Austin J. Badon, Jr., Chairman
House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs
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