

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2016 First Extraordinary Session
March 1, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. in Room 5, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman
Representative Mark Abraham
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Franklin J. Foil, Vice Chairman
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Scott M. Simon

Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Penny B. Bouquet, Administrative Secretary
Mr. Peter G. E. Conroy, Legislative Analyst
Ms. Nancy Keaton, Legislative Analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

None

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 111 by Representative Marcelle

Representative Marcelle presented House Bill No. 111, which is relative to eliminating the Debt Recovery Fund. (See Exhibit A)

Ms. Karen St. Germain, Commissioner, and Staci Hoyt, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV), 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-6146, discussed, with Representative Bagley and Representative Pylant, OMV's ability to accept partial payments for insurance lapse penalties.

Mr. Jarrod J. Coniglio, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Debt Recovery, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 341-9122, discussed, with Representative Schroder, the office's role in debt recovery collections for OMV.

Commissioner St. Germain and Ms. Hoyt discussed OMV's insurance lapse fees and notices with Representative Schroder and Representative Berthelot.

Mr. Coniglio and Ms. Hoyt discussed the debt recovery process with Representative Bacala.

Commissioner St. Germain and Ms. Hoyt discussed, with Representative Henry, the cost of a new payment system for OMV.

Mr. Shawn D. Wilson, Secretary for the Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200, provided information to the committee regarding House Bill No. 111.

Mr. Coniglio and Mr. Barry Dussé, Director of the Office of Planning and Budget, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7005, discussed, with Representative

Schroder and Representative Hensgens, the purpose of the Office of Debt Recovery and the Debt Recovery Fund.

Representative Henry offered a set of amendments to delete the provision which would nullify the present law appropriation contained in House Bill No. 2 (Act 26) of the 2015 Regular Session and to also delete the amendment previously adopted by the committee. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Hensgens, Hodges, McFarland, Miller, Pylant, Schroder, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Marcelle and Mr. Dussé discussed, with Representative Henry, the correlation between House Bill No. 111 and House Bill No. 122.

There was no further discussion of the bill.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 111 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 111 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, McFarland, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Schroder, and Zeringue voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Amedée offered a motion to adjourn, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hensgens, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
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