

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
March 30, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in Room 2, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins Jr.
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Mark Mahaffey, attorney
Shawn O'Brien, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 163 by Representative Havard

House Bill No. 163 creates the Privatization Review Act.

Representative Shadoin offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 163. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 163 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Dananay, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 207 by Representative Bagneris

House Bill No. 207 provides for the conduct of early voting on the Sunday during the early voting period from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Representative Jimmy Harris offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 207. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 207 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 342 by Representative Jones

House Bill No. 342, a constitutional amendment, authorizes the legislature to pass local laws providing relative to the St. Mary Parish School Board.

Representative Hill 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 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 376 by Representative Danahay

House Bill No. 376 prohibits the registrar, chief deputy registrar, and confidential assistant of the registrar from receiving certain increases in salary under certain circumstances.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 376. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 376 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 599 by Representative Gaines

House Bill No. 599 provides for automatic voter registration through driver's license facilities.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 599. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 599 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

House Bill No. 909 by Representative Anders

Representative Anders presented House Bill No. 909, which provides with respect to limitation of terms of members of boards and commissions.

Jim Monroe, Louisiana Farm Bureau, 731 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225-937-3899, spoke in support of House Bill No. 909.

Commissioner of Agriculture Mike Strain, no address provided, 225-342-7270, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 230.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 909 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 909 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin, voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 898 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 898, which changes the definition of motor vehicles relative to the prohibition on purchasing motor vehicles with campaign funds to provide that such prohibition does not apply to trailers.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 898 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 898 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 459 by Representative Danahay

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 459, a constitutional amendment which provides the manner of appointment and qualifications of the registrar are to be provided by law.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Bill No. 459 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 459 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 471 by Representative Danahay

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 471, which provides qualifications for the office of registrar of voters.

Representative Pugh offered a technical amendment. Representative Pugh offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Bill No. 471 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 471 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 593 by Representative Danahay

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 593, which provides relative to the appointment of registrars of voters.

Representative Danahay offered a technical amendment. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 593 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 593 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 470 by Representative Danahay

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 470, which provides that an appeal of an evaluation of a registrar of voters is conducted by the State Board of Elections Supervisors.

Representative Danahay proposed an amendment to remove the secretary of state from the appeals process in registrar of voters' evaluations.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 230.

Representative Danahay withdrew the amendment.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Bill No. 470 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 470 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, and Pugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 230 by Representative Smith

Representative Smith presented House Bill No. 230, which provides relative to early voting days interrupted by a holiday.

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 230.

Zachary Rau, Legislative Fiscal Office, Louisiana State Capitol, 18th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-372-7162, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 230.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 230 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 230 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to reconsider vote by which House Bill No. 230 had been reported favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to specify that the holiday must be observed on a weekday for proposed law to apply. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Bill No. 230 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 230 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 583 by Representative Broadwater

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 583, which provides relative to withdrawal of candidates.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 583 favorably, to which Representative Shadoin objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 583 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea. Representatives Jenkins and Shadoin voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 877 by Representative Hunter

Representative Hunter presented House Bill No. 877, which provides relative to early voting.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 877. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 877 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 2 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Michael E. Danahay
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: