

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 7, 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 10:01 a.m. in Room 2, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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 Robert E. Shadoin
Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Hurst, sergeant at arms
Abigail Reynolds, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 162 by Representative Edmonds

House Bill No. 162, prohibits communication among a quorum of the members of a public body unless such communication is contemporaneously visible or audible to the public unless the public body is in an executive session authorized by law.

There was no discussion on the bill.

Representative Shadoin offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 162. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 162 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

House Bill No. 166 by Representative Richard

House Bill No. 166 provides relative to records of the office of the governor.

There was no discussion on the bill.

Representative Hill offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 166. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 166 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

House Bill No. 141 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 141, which provides for the content of actuarial notes.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 141 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 141 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

House Bill No. 81 by Representative Broadwater

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 81, which requires public bodies to make certain information concerning the custodian of records publicly available.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 81 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 81 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support.

House Bill No. 896 by Representative Garofalo

Representative Garofalo, with Mr. Alfred W. Speer, clerk of the House of Representatives, presented House Bill No. 896, which provides for the transmission of documents, including ballots and petitions, to and from members of the legislature.

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

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Bill No. 896 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 896 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

House Bill No. 270 by Representative Pope

Representative Pope presented House Bill No. 270, which provides relative to the filling of vacancies in elective positions on the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to remove a reference to the specific Louisiana Election Code provision regarding the filling of vacancies in elective positions on state boards and commissions and to provide instead that the notification of such a vacancy and, if the remainder of the term is more than one year, the special election shall be ordered and held in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, First Assistant Secretary of State, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2880, spoke for information on House Bill No. 270.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 270 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 270 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support.

House Bill No. 728 by Representative Stokes

On behalf of the author, Mr. Alfred W. Speer, clerk of the House of Representatives, presented House Bill No. 728, which provides with respect to the procedures and requirements for obtaining consent of the legislature for certain acts of the interim emergency board.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to provide that a member is not required to sign the ballot when the member actually votes using an electronic system instead of when the clerk or secretary uses such a system to send ballots. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Lance Harris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 728 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 728 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Michael E. Danahay
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Date adopted: