

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 13, 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 9:02 a.m. in Room 2, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
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
Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman
Representative Walt Leger, III, ex officio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jimmy Harris

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. 621 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 621, which provides relative to the legislative auditor's access to information held by entities that provide services to public retirement systems.

Roy Mongrue, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-925-1830, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 621.

Maris LeBlanc, LASERS, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-922-2644, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 621.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 621 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 621 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, 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 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1093 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 1093, which provides with respect to reporting requirements of the legislative auditor regarding public retirement systems.

Maris LeBlanc, LASERS, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-922-2644, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 621.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1093 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1093 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, 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 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 921 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 921, which provides relative to applicability of laws governing public entities to nonprofit corporations that support public postsecondary education.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 921. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 921 was voluntarily deferred 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: 5 in opposition and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 108 by Representative Jay Morris

Representative Jay Morris presented House Bill No. 108, which provides relative to the membership of the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 108 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 108 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 684 by Representative Stokes

House Bill No. 684 provides relative to nonprofit entities and the nondisclosure of identifying information of a certain funding source.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 684. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 684 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, 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: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 82 by Representative Richard

Representative Richard presented House Bill No. 82, a constitutional amendment which provides relative to the authority for redistricting the legislature.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 82. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 82 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 84 by Representative Richard

Representative Richard presented House Bill No. 84, a constitutional amendment which removes the ability for the legislature to opt out of a veto session.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 84. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 84 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 155 by Representative Richard

Representative Richard presented House Bill No. 155, a constitutional amendment which removes the governor's authority to veto line items in an appropriation bill.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 155. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 155 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 156 by Representative Richard

Representative Richard presented House Bill No. 156, a constitutional amendment which reduces the number of certain matters that may be filed in regular sessions in odd-numbered years.

Jim Patterson, LABI, 3113 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, LA., 225-928-5388, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 156.

Representative Schroder offered a motion to report House Bill No. 156 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 156 was reported by substitute by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 198 by Representative Pylant

Representative Pylant presented House Bill No. 198, which adds two ex officio members affiliated with the La. District Attorneys Association to the council of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

Representative Gregory Miller offered amendments to remove the proposed addition of two district attorneys appointed by the president of the La. District Attorneys Assoc. as ex officio members of the law institute and add authorization for the president of the La. District Attorneys Assoc. to designate a district attorney to serve in his stead.

Mark Levy, Louisiana State Law Institute, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Room W127, University Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-1016, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 198.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 198 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 198 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 103 by Representative Richard

Representative Richard presented House Bill No. 103, which eliminates nomination by legislators of students for free tuition to Tulane University and granting of such free tuition.

Stacy Head, New Orleans City Council, 1300 Perdido St., New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 658-1060, spoke in support of House Bill No. 103.

Stephen Wright, executive director of state affairs, Tulane University (no witness card on file), spoke in support of House Bill No. 103.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 103. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 103 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, 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: 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 733 by Representative Abramson

Representative Abramson, Representative Foil, and Representative Havard presented House Bill No. 733, which provides for calling a limited constitutional convention for fiscal purposes and preparations therefor.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Bill No. 733 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 733 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Lance Harris, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 379 by Representative Foil

Representative Foil presented House Bill No. 379, which provides for calling a limited constitutional convention for fiscal purposes and preparations therefor.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 379. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 379 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Lance Harris, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 382 by Representative Havard

Representative Havard presented House Bill No. 382, which provides for calling a limited constitutional convention for fiscal purposes.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 382. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 382 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Lance Harris, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 113 by Representative Broadwater

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 113, a constitutional amendment which requires legislative approval of a proposed constitutional amendment in two sessions before being submitted to the electors for ratification.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 113. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 113 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion of report on proposed adoption of Civil Service rule to temporarily suspend performance adjustments for classified employees for FY 2016/2017

Byron Decotau, Jr., Department of State Civil Service, 1201 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-342-8272, spoke for information only on a report on the proposed adoption of a Civil Service rule to temporarily suspend performance adjustments for classified employees for FY 2016/2017.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: