

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 28, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative John A. Berthelot, chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John A. Berthelot, chairman
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Joseph Bouie Jr.
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Stephen C. Dwight
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Mike Huval, vice chairman
Representative Sam L. Jenkins Jr.
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, attorney
Katie LeLeux, attorney
Valarie Banks, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

William Belleu, clerk
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 by Representative Steve Carter

Representative Steve Carter presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 80, which establishes the Virtual Library Study Commission to conduct a study and make recommendations regarding the development of a statewide virtual library.

Rebecca Hamilton, representing State Library of Louisiana, Capitol Park (no address given), (225) 342-4923, spoke to provide information on House Concurrent Resolution No. 80.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Norton, Pugh, Richard, and White voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 384 by Senator Cortez

Senator Cortez presented Senate Bill No. 384, which provides relative to promotions in the Lafayette Police Department.

Lieutenant Guy LeBreton, Lafayette Police Department, 900 East University Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70503, (337) 291-5670, spoke to provide information on Senate Bill No. 384.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 384 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 384 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives

Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Norton, Pugh, Richard, Smith, and White 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. 1042 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 1042, which authorizes certain local and private entities to accept electronic payments for local charges.

Cloyce Clark, representing DeSoto District Attorney's Office, P.O. Box 432, Mansfield, LA 71052, (318) 344-4211, spoke to provide information on House Bill No. 1042.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1042 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1042 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Norton, Pugh, Richard, Smith, and White 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.

Senate Bill No. 396 by Senator Johns

Senator Johns presented Senate Bill No. 396, which provides relative to promotional seniority in the Lake Charles Police Department for officers who have been deployed.

Representative Dwight offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 396 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 396 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Jenkins, Lyons, Pugh, Richard, Smith, and White voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 111 by Senator Barrow

At the request of Senator Barrow, Representative Carpenter presented Senate Bill No. 111, which creates the Parkwood Terrace Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Representative Billiot offered amendments which, relative to the district's board, require the member of the Louisiana House of Representatives District 63 rather than House District 29 to appoint one member. Representative Billiot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot,

Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Norton, Pugh, Richard, Smith, and White voted yea.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 111 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 111 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Richard, Smith, and White 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. 1089 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 1089, which provides relative to tax increment financing in certain parishes.

Travester Scott, representing R.W. Day, 4005 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 931-0641, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1089.

Randy Roussel, representing R.W. Day (no address given), (225) 376-0234, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1089.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1089 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1089 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Richard, Smith, and White 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. 1080 by Representative Garofalo

Representative Garofalo presented House Bill No. 1080, which authorizes certain parish governing authorities to enact ordinances relative to the removal of deleterious growths, trash, debris, and other noxious matter.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1080 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1080 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Richard, Smith, and White voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 457 by Senator LaFleur

Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 457, which authorizes the Avoyelles Parish School Board to levy and collect an additional sales tax, subject to voter approval.

Representative Billiot offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 457 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 457 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Edmonds, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Smith, White, and Willmott voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 48 by Senator Allain

Senator Allain presented Senate Bill No. 48, which authorizes the St. Mary Parish Council, the town of Berwick and Recreation District No. 3 to enter into a contract assigning to the town the obligation to provide service in the area of the district annexed by the town.

Representative Huval offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 48 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 48 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Edmonds, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Lyons, Pugh, Smith, White, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 139 by Representative Hall

Representative Berthelot announced that House Bill No. 139 by Representative Hall, which provides relative to the governing board of the Alexandria Central Economic Development District, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1066 by Representative Magee

Representative Berthelot announced that House Bill No. 1066 by Representative Magee, which authorizes political subdivisions, governmental entities, or state agencies to purchase items through an existing public contract of another political subdivision, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

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. 1073 by Representative Robert Johnson

Representative Berthelot announced that House Bill No. 1073 by Representative Robert Johnson, which authorizes Avoyelles Parish to appoint game and fish commissions, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Pugh offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Edmonds, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Lyons, Pugh, Smith, White, and Willmott voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman John A. Berthelot
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Date adopted: May 24, 2017