

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 31, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Edward J. Price, vice chairman
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst
Nancy Y. Jolly, legislative analyst
Jacqueline Snowden, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms
Carter Stone, clerk
Ken Travius Coleman, page

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 110 by Senator Morrish**

Senator Morrish presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 110, which creates a task force to study the TOPS program.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 110 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 110 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 106 by Senator Bishop

Senator Bishop presented Senate Bill No. 106, which requires public postsecondary institutions to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried college students as a part of freshmen orientation.

Representative Amedee offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 106 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 106 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

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

House Resolution No. 166 by Representative LeBas

Representative LeBas presented House Resolution No. 166, which establishes the Commission on Assessment Review and Use in Public Schools.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Resolution No. 166, to which Representative Bouie objected. No vote was taken.

Shane Riddle, no address given, Louisiana Association of Educators, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 166.

Erin Bendily, Louisiana Department of Education, no address given, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 166.

Representative Bouie offered a substitute motion to report House Resolution No. 166 favorably, to which Representative Thomas objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Resolution No. 166 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention. Representatives Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, and Simon voted yea. Representative Thomas voted nay. Representative Nancy Landry abstained.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 89 by Representative Stokes

Representative Stokes presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 89, which requests that the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System study jointly the possibility of revising the classification and admission standards of the University of New Orleans.

Committee members were presented information from the University of Louisiana Department of Academic Affairs. (See Exhibit A.)

Representative Bouie offered amendments to House Concurrent Resolution No. 89 to add a request that the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Southern University study the possibility of revising the classification and admission standards of Southern University at New Orleans. Representative Bouie offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Lenny Kopowski, University of New Orleans Foundation, 4847 Revere Ave., New Orleans, LA, (504) 606-8635, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 89.

Dr. Mahyar Amouzegar, University of New Orleans, 2000 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans, LA 70148, (310) 437-9335, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 89.

Martin Smith, University of New Orleans, 2000 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans, LA 70148, (504) 230-7014, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 89.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 89 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 89 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Falconer, Hall, Simon, and Thomas 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.

The committee recessed at 10:30 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

House Resolution No. 158 by Representative Hoffmann

On behalf of Representative Hoffmann, Donald Songy, office of the governor, 4th Floor, State Capitol, (225) 342-2107, presented House Resolution No. 158, which requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to report information relative to the reliability of value-added data.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to House Resolution No. 158 to request the state board to examine the validity of the value-added data instead of the reliability of such data. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Falconer, Hall, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 158 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 158 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Falconer, Hall, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 170 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 170, which provides relative to the use of student assessment data for school accountability purposes for the 2016-2017 school year for parishes in declared disaster areas.

Erin Bendily, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, no address given, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 170.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 170 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 170 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Falconer, Hall, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Thompson

Senator Thompson presented Senate Bill No. 1, which renames the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts (LSMSA) as the Jimmy D. Long, Sr. Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts.

Committee members were presented information from the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts' Alumni Association, Senator Gerald Long, and Senator Francis Thompson. (See Exhibit B.)

Representative Hall offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 1 that would (1) authorize replacement of printed materials through normal procurement processes as available supplies are exhausted, and (2) add a statement that proposed law shall not require changes to the school's logo, insignia, licensed or branded merchandise, promotional and fundraising items, or other related items or products, including class rings. Representative Hall offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Falconer, Hall, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the three-minute rule for discussion on Senate Bill No. 1. Without objection, the three-minute rule was adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Falconer, Hall, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Senator Gerald Long, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 1.

Renita Ward Williams, 1995 LSMSA alumnus, 1139 Patricia St., Baker, LA 70714, (225) 300-3196, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 1.

Jim Henderson, president, University of Louisiana System, no address given, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 1.

Jamie G. Smith, president, LSMSA Alumni Association, 13163 Cypress Swamp Drive, Geismar, LA 70734, (225) 673-4646, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Bill New, LSMSA Foundation, 414 Jacobs St., Berwick, LA, (985) 385-6789, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Jim Taylor, M.D., 14051 Peairs Rd., Zachary, LA 70791, (225) 243-6997, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Michelle Matta, 200 Henry Clay Dr., Houma, LA 70363, (985) 852-6019, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Maggie Conarro, 248 Richland Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (985) 634-7740, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Erin Schrepfer, M.S., DMCP, 1639 Kabel Dr., New Orleans, LA 70131, (337) 540-0147, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Dawne Landry, PharmD., LSMSA Class of 1991, 215 Republic Ave., Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 257-2757, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Emma Elsea, 30933 Creek Bend Ave., no city or state given, (225) 955-5375, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

John Wells, 1009 Eddins Dr., Opelousas, LA 70570, (225) 715-6705, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

James C. Lopez, Jr., LSMSA, Class of 1992, 4200 St. Peter St., New Orleans, LA 70119, (337) 296-7868, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Lindsey Elliott-Smith, 6006 Navaho Tr., Alexandria, LA 71301, (318) 542-6530, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Laura Richey Parnell, 1737 Chevelle Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 803-3355, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Jonas Truax, 8194 Fitzgerald Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70706, (225) 305-8859, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Dina Rhymes, 1014 Meta Rd., Breaux Bridge, LA 70517, (337) 442-1705, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Julie Sanders, LSMSA Class of 1992, 4200 St. Peter St., New Orleans, LA 70119, (337) 302-7326, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Camille Loy, 2717 Ridgefield Rd., Gretna, LA 70056, (504) 360-4546, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Connie Bernard, 930 High Lakes Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 229-1901, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Charlie Davis, 10371 Dunn Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 485-7395, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Logan Leger, 3084 S. Eugene St., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 328-7022, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

William Heitman, LSMSA student, 7062 Sevenoaks Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 952-9145, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Sherry King, attorney, LSMSA alumni association, 40043 Azalea Dr., Ponchatoula, LA 70454, (504) 994-3823, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Representative Hall offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 1 with amendments, to which Representative Amedee objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 1 was reported with amendments by a vote of 5 yeas, 2 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Broadwater, Steve Carter, Falconer, Hall, and Simon voted yea. Representatives Amedee and Thomas voted nay. Representative Nancy Landry abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 41 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 233 by Senator LaFleur

Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 233, which requires BESE to award additional points to the school performance score of a school that offers certain certified foreign language immersion programs.

Representative Nancy Landry offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 233 that would (1) remove "additional" as a description of the points awarded and (2) provide that the points awarded equal 5% of the points available instead of 5% of the points earned by the school. Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments

were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Falconer, Hall, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Erin Bendily, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, no address given, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 170.

Brigitte Nieland, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 3113 Valley Creek Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-5388, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 233.

Stephanie Desselle, Council for a Better Louisiana, P. O. Box 4308, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-2225, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 233.

Sarah Vandergriff, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 1555 Poydras, New Orleans, LA, 70112, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 233.

Dr. Keith Leger, Stand for Children, Louisiana, 2408 Brent Keith Dr., Lafayette, LA 70605, (337) 540-9441, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 233.

Representative Amedee offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 233 with amendments, to which Representative Thomas objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 233 was reported with amendments by a vote of 5 yeas, 2 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Amedee, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Falconer, and Hall voted yea. Representatives Simon and Thomas voted nay. Representative Nancy Landry abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

House Resolution No. 167 by Representative Pierre

Chairman Landry announced that House Resolution No. 167, which requests public school governing authorities to adopt policies and guidelines relative to student participation in state-mandated assessments, had been voluntarily deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: