

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 2, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Jimmy 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:

Representative Lance Harris

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 157 by Representative Gaines

House Bill No. 157 authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty not to exceed \$100 per day for arbitrarily or capriciously withholding a record.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 157. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 157 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 383 by Representative Billiot

House Bill No. 383 allows a former member of the board of commissioners of a fire protection district to contract with, be employed by, or be appointed to a position by the board of commissioners after a period of six months after termination of his service.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 383. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 383 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 231 by Representative Thibaut

Representative Thibaut presented House Bill No. 231, which allows the immediate family member of a mayor or governing authority member of a municipality with a population of five thousand or less or a legal entity in which the family member has an interest to enter into a transaction with the municipality subject to certain conditions.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to clarify that after individual transactions of \$250 or less exceed \$2,500 in the aggregate within the calendar year, such a transaction would require at least three telephone quotations with written confirmation; and to make technical changes. Representative Danahay 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, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Kathleen Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, 225-219-5600, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 231.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 231 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 231 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 86 by Representative Thibaut

Representative Thibaut presented House Bill No. 86, which provides an exception to allow certain persons related to members of the Louisiana State Racing Commission to obtain licenses from and engage in activities regulated by the commission.

Representative Shadoin offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 86. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 86 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, 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. 279 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 279, which prohibits interference with the recording of public officials and employees acting in an official capacity, with certain exceptions.

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

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 279. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 279 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 4 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 272 by Representative Hollis

Representative Hollis presented House Bill No. 272, which provides relative to recall elections.

Robert Evans, III, Recall Yenni, Inc., 3445 North Causeway, Suite 707, Metairie, LA 70006, 504-250-2621, spoke in support of House Bill No. 272.

Rick Franzo, Concerned Citizens of St. Tammany, no address provided, Lacombe, LA, 985-788-3862, spoke in support of House Bill No. 272.

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. 300.

Michael Bowler, Recall Yenni, Inc. 79 Greenwood Avenue, Harahan, LA 70123, 504-444-5924, spoke in support of House Bill No. 272.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 272 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 272 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support, 1 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 456 by Representative Abramson

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 456, which provides for calling a limited constitutional convention and preparations therefor.

Representative Danahay offered technical amendments and offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to reduce the number of members of the Evaluation and Drafting Committee appointed by the Louisiana State Law Institute from two to one and to add to the membership of the Evaluation and Drafting Committee one representative of the Louisiana Tax Institute appointed by its board. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to add provisions authorizing the convention to propose substantive changes with respect to the manner in which retirement benefits are accrued by members of any state or statewide public retirement system hired after December 31, 2019; the management of investments held by the state retirement systems; and the enactment of retirement benefit provisions; and to add to the list of specific constitutional provisions with respect to which the convention may propose substantive changes. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Robert Travis Scott, PAR, 4664 Jamestown Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, 225-926-8414, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 456.

Jason DeCuir, 301 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-317-3345, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 456.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Bill No. 456 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 456 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Danahay recognized visiting students from Tioga Junior High School.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vice Chairman Royce Duplessis
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: October 7, 2020

The committee has acknowledged on October 7, 2020, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.