

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
May 15, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Steve Pugh, vice chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michaela Wells, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Adele Borne, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 391 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 391, which requires certain state agencies to install internet filters to block content which is sexually explicit, pornographic, or sexually harassing.

Richard Howze, office of technology services, Division of Administration, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-342-0807, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 391.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 391 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 391 was reported favorably by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hill, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 560 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 560, which creates and provides for the Dairy Stabilization Study Commission.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 3rd Floor, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-342-7770, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 560.

Representative Greg Miller offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 560 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 560 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hill, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

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House Resolution No. 203 by Representative Edmonds

Representative Edmonds presented House Resolution No. 203, which requests the House and Governmental Affairs Committee to meet to study moving all school board elections to the gubernatorial or presidential election.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 203 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 203 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hill, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 165 by Senator Peterson

On behalf of the author, Representative Shadoin presented Senate Bill No. 165, which re-creates the Department of State and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law.

Kyle Ardoin, office of the secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 165.

Representative Morris offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 165 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 165 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hill, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 376 by Senator Gary Smith

Senator Gary Smith presented Senate Bill No. 376, which provides relative to the definition of a "governmental function".

Representative Gregory Miller offered amendments to add language relative to providing professional services as defined in R. S. 38:2310.

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 Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Steven Loeb, ACEC Louisiana, P. O. Box 3197, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, 225-387-4000, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 376.

Dan Mobley, American Council of Engineering Companies, 9643 Brookline, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-927-7704, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 376.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics/Ethics Administration Program, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, 225-219-5600, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 376.

Representative Ivey proposed amendments relative to preventing certain activity.

Duane Cowart, American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana, no address provided, 225-405-4088, spoke in support of the bill but was opposed to Representative Ivey's amendments.

Wendell Lindsay, Louisiana Common Cause, 5874 Chandler Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, 225-769-0446, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 376.

Karen White, executive counsel, Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225-344-5001, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 376.

Robert Travis Scott, PAR, 451 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, 225-926-8414, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 376.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the amendment, to which Representative Shadoin objected. The secretary called the roll, and the amendment failed to pass by a vote of 2 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Ivey and Morris voted yea, and Representatives Carter, Harris, Hill, Miller, Pugh, and Shadoin voted nay.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 376. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 376 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 112 by Senator Luneau

On behalf of the author, Representative Lance Harris presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 112, which creates a task force to study workplace violence and employee injuries at Pinecrest Supports and Services Center.

Ed R. Parker, AFSCME, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 112.

Representative Hill offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 112 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 112 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 270 by Senator Carter

On behalf of the author, Representative Gary Carter presented Senate Bill No. 270, which provides relative to withdrawal of candidates.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 270 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 270 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45 by Senator Carter

Representative Gary Carter and Senator Carter presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45, which creates a commission to study the feasibility of a constitutional convention and make recommendations relative thereto.

Representative Foil spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to remove four members of the legislature appointed with the concurrence of the president and president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker and speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives and to add four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker and four members of the Senate appointed by the president.

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

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45 with amendments, to which Representative Jay Morris objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45 was reported with amendments by a vote of 5 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Ivey, Gregory Miller, and Pugh voted yea. Representatives Hill, Jay Morris, and Shadoin voted nay.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vice Chairman Steve Pugh
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date approved: _____

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