

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
April 24, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gregory A. Miller, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gregory A. Miller, chairman
Representative Ryan Joseph Bourriaque
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Ed Larvadain III
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Lance Harris

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Mark Mahaffey, attorney
Andrea Simmons, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 404 by Representative Schexnayder

Representative Schexnayder presented House Bill No. 404, which abolishes certain boards, commissions, authorities, like entities, and related funds.

Representative Gregory Miller offered technical amendments. Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 404 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 404 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright 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 DeVillier

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 82, which requires disclosure and publication of costs for bond, debt, and tax elections.

Joe Salter, Office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 82 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 82 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright 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. 75 by Representative Zeringue

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 75, which provides for the applicability of the Public Records Law to records of the judiciary commission.

Representative Jay Morris offered amendments to remove provisions that made public record any document produced by the commission summarizing a preliminary inquiry or an investigation of judicial misconduct and any notice to a judge that a preliminary inquiry or investigation did not disclose sufficient cause to warrant further proceedings. Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Chairman Miller provided a handout to the committee, Exhibit A, "Louisiana House Bill 75, 2019 Legislative Session Proposed Amendment to La. R.S. §44:10", which is included in the committee records.

Judge Bob Morrison, Louisiana District Judges Association, P.O. Box 788, Amite, L 70422, 985-748-9445, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 75.

Kelly McNeil Legier, Judiciary Commission of Louisiana, 400 Royal Street, Suite 1213, New Orleans, LA 70130, 504-310-2597, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 75.

Judge Lisa White, Louisiana District Judges Association, 300 North Blvd., Suite 4101, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, 225-389-7651, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 75.

Philip Sherman, Judiciary Commission of Louisiana, 118 Country Club Drive, New Orleans, LA 70124, 504-585-7000, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 75.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 75 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 75 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

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

The committee stood at ease at 11:37 a.m. The committee reconvened at 11:41 a.m.

House Bill No. 30 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 30, which provides that a U.S. military identification card may be used at the polls for voting purposes.

Representative Gregory Miller offered amendment to provide that proposed law is effective January 1, 2020. 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 Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report House Bill No. 30 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 30 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representative Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Hill, Ivey, Jay Morris, Pugh and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 210 by Representative Jimmy Harris

Representative Jimmy Harris presented House Bill No. 210, which provides for filing records of decisions of the Department of Environmental Quality.

Representative Gregory Miller offered amendments to restore provisions authorizing the court to tax additional court costs on a party that unreasonably refuses to stipulate to limit the record; provide that costs of filing the record shall be "paid by" rather than "assessed to" the person filing the petition for review; and make technical changes. Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 210 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 210 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 123 by Representative Hill

Representative Hill presented House Bill No. 123, which exempts from the Public Records Law information relative to certain activities associated with stocking and breeding of alligators.

Representative Hill offered amendments to make technical correction to a reference to the Public Records Law. Representative Hill offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Cole Garret, Louisiana wildlife and fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, no phone number given, spoke for information only on Hose Bill No. 123.

Jack Montoucet, Louisiana wildlife and fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, 225-454-3317, spoke for information only on Hose Bill No. 123.

Representative Hill offered a motion to report House Bill No. 123 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 123 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Hill, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright 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. 113 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 113, which (Constitutional Amendment) Provides that the governor and lieutenant are elected jointly.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report House Bill No. 113 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 113 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 388 by Representative Miguez

Representative Miguez presented House Bill No. 388, which prohibits disclosure of certain personal information in public records.

Representative Gregory Miller offered an amendment in the form of a substitute. 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 Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright 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. 325 by Representative Bishop

Representative Bishop presented House Bill No. 325, which prohibits the registrar of voters, clerk of court, and Dept. of State from disclosing specified computer system information.

Joe Salter, Office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 325 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 325 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 328 by Representative Jay Morris

Representative Jay Morris presented House Bill No. 328, which provides for restitution as part of the penalties for a person convicted of bribery of voters.

Representative Gregory Miller offered to specify that attorney fees must be reasonable to be included as part of restitution. Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Heather Cloud, P.O. Box 259, Turkey Creek, LA 70585, 337-224-6604, spoke in support of House Bill No. 328.

Joe Salter, Office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 328.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 328 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 328 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 202 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 202, which provides that a polling place for a precinct is not required to be opened under certain circumstances.

Sherri Hadskey, commission of election, Office of the Louisiana secretary of state, 8585 Archives, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-603-8583, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 202.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 202 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 202 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Adoption of minutes of the meetings of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs from: the 2018 1st Extraordinary Session held on February 21, 2018; the 2018 2nd Extraordinary Session held on May 15, 2018; the 2018 3rd Extraordinary Session held on June 20, 2018; and the 2018 Regular Session held on March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, April 5, April 11, April 12, April 17, April 25, April 26, May 1, May 2, and May 8, 2018.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Consideration of the notification received by the committee pursuant to Act No. 572 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature regarding reports produced by the Department of State.

Chairman Miller provided a handout to the committee, Exhibit B, "Act 572", which is included in the committee records.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to extend reports. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Hill, Ivey, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

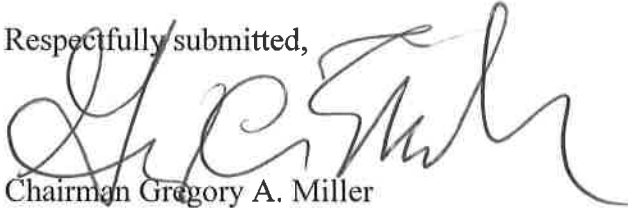
There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Pugh offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Bourriaque, Hill, Ivey, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman Gregory A. Miller
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: