

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 1, 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 9:42 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gregory A. Miller, chairman
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Ryan Joseph Bourriaque
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Lance 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:

None

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. 46 by Representative Bouie

Representative Bouie presented House Bill No. 46, which provides relative to the allocation of incarcerated persons for the purposes of all redistricting by the legislature.

Bruce Reilly, VOTE, 2022 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116, 504-758-9420, spoke in support on House Bill No. 46.

Brenda Williams, 3821 Aspen Drive, Harvey, LA 70058, spoke in support of House Bill No. 46.

Angelique Freel, Louisiana attorney general, P.O. Box 95005, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-326-6000, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 46.

Norris Henderson, VOTE, 2022 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116, 504-453-4819, spoke in support of House Bill No. 46.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 46 favorably, to which Representative Horton objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Ivey, and Larvadain voted yea. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted nay.

Representative Horton offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 46. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 46 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 72 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 389 by Representative Stokes

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 389, which provides for naming the supreme court building after Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.

Representative Gregory Miller offered amendments to change a term in the new name of the building from "Building" to "Courthouse". 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, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Kim Sport, 21 Muirfield Place, New Orleans, no state given, no zipcode given, 504-453-3313, spoke in support of House Bill No. 389.

Sandra Vujnovich, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, 504-310-2605, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 389.

Michael G. Calogero, 209 Penfold Place, Harahan, LA 70123, 504-456-8683, spoke in support on House Bill No. 389.

Christine Calogero, 4904 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70115, 504-452-9731, spoke in support on House Bill No. 389.

David J. Calogero, 103 Shannon Drive, Lafayette, la 70543, 337-298-0240, spoke in support on House Bill No. 389.

Kohlle Frantzen, 300 Oakwood Drive, Lafayette, LA 70503, 337-356-4794, spoke in support on House Bill No. 389.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 389 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 389 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Jay Morris, and Pugh 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.

House Bill No. 146 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 146, which provides relative to public geographic data.

Representative Gregory Miller offered amendments to limit proposed law to data made available by the Department of Transportation and Development; specify that proposed law is subject to present law; change the effective date of proposed law from August 1, 2020, to July 1, 2020; and provide that proposed law applies only to files created or updated on or after July 1, 2020. Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to report House Bill No. 146 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 146 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Lance Harris offered amendment to specify that proposed law is subject to R.S. 44:1(B) and 3.2. Representative Lance Harris 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, Adams, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Larvadain, Pugh, and Wright 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.

House Bill No. 388 by Representative Miguez

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

Angelique Freel, Office of the attorney general, P.O. Box 94005, Baton Rouge, LA, no zip code given, 225-326-6000, spoke for information only.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 388 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 388 was reported by substitute by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 146 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 146, which provides relative to public geographic data.

Representative Lance Harris offered amendment to change effective date from August 1, 2020 to July 1, 2020, and provide that the provision of the act shall only apply to GIS data created or changed on or after July 1, 2020. Representative Lance Harris 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, Adams, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Larvadain, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 346 by Representative Horton

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 346, which (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the political activity restrictions applicable to classified employees of a fire and police civil service system.

Representative Gregory Miller offered amendments to change the term "discharge" to the phrase "dismiss from service". Representative Gregory Miller 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, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Chad Major, Professional Firefighters of Louisiana, 8011 Mearle Gustafson, Baton Rouge, LA 70818, 225-572-8483, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 346.

Daniel Sullivan, Louisiana Civil Service League, 810 Union Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, 504-522-3825, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 346.

Adrienne Bordelon, Office of State Examiner, 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 901, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-925-4416, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 346.

John Gallagher, Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA, no zipcode given, 225-344-5001, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 346.

Courtney Baker, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 451 Florida Street, Floor 11, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, 225-928-5388, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 346.

Representative Ivey offered amendment to prohibit classified fire and police civil service employees from making contributions for political purpose. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Wright objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 2 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Ivey and Jay Morris voted yea. Representatives Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Larvadain, and Wright voted nay.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 346 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 346 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Lance 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: 17 in support, 1 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 435 by Representative Terry Landry

Representative Terry Landry presented House Bill No. 435, which (Constitutional Amendment) Provides that the legislature shall provide by law for an independent compensation commission to examine, evaluate, and establish the compensation, benefits, and expense allowances for members of the legislature.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 435 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 435 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Jimmy Harris, Lance 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. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 402 by Representative Smith

Representative Smith presented House Bill No. 402, which provides relative to registration and voting by a person convicted of a felony.

Vice Chairman in chair

Bruce Reilly, VOTE, 2022 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116, 504-758-9420, spoke in support of House Bill No. 402.

Chairman in chair

Judge Miriam G. Waltzer, League of Women Voters, 1215 Prytania, Suite 224, New Orleans, LA 70130, 504-289-0196, spoke in support of House Bill No. 402.

Carling Dindler, 2437 Fern Street, New Orleans, LA 70125, 504-250-9876, spoke in support of House Bill No. 402.

Kyle Ardoin, secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 402.

Jeffrey Wale, Office of the attorney general, P.O. Box 94005, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-326-6000, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 402.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to without action House Bill No. 402, to which Representative Lance Harris objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 0 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representative Gregory Miller abstained.

Representative Lance Harris offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 402, to which Representative Jenkins objected. The secretary called the roll, and action on House Bill No. 402 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas, 4 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Adams, Bourriaque, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, and Larvadain voted nay. Representative Gregory Miller abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 73 in support, 1 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 447 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 447, which provides relative to legislative obligations, expenditures, or disbursements of funds or contracts.

Representative Ivey offered an amendment to remove the requirement that a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature approve certain obligations, expenditures, disbursements of funds, or contracts. Representative Ivey 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, Adams, Bourriaque, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 447 with amendments, to which Representative Jay Morris objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 2 yeas, 7 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Horton and Ivey voted yea.

Representatives Adams, Bourriaque, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted nay. Representative Gregory Miller abstained.

Representative Lance Harris offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 447. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 447 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 by Representative Edmonds

Representative Edmonds presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 22, which creates and provides for the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee.

Representative Lance Harris offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 527 by Representative Coussan

Representative Coussan presented House Bill No. 527, which prohibits persons convicted of certain crimes from registering or voting while under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony.

Checo Yancy, VOTE, 251 Florida Blvd., Suite 201, no city given, no state given, no zipcode given, 225-270-5245, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 527.

Patricia Smith, 5515 Riverbend Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70820, 225-978-3405, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 527.

Norris Henderson, VOTE, 2022 St. Bernard Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70116, 504-453-4819, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 527.

Vanessa Spinazola, Justice and Accountability Center, 4035 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125, 504-322-4050, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 527.

Kyle Ardoin, secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 527.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 527. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 527 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 69 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 504 by Representative Franklin

Representative Franklin presented House Bill No. 504, which creates and provides for the Reapportionment Transparency Act.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 504. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 504 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, and Pugh 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.

House Bill No. 563 by Representative Gregory Miller

Vice Chairman in chair

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 563, which makes revisions to the Louisiana Election Code.

Representative Jay Morris offered amendments to remove provisions of proposed law relative to reopening qualifying and election of candidates in a primary election because of the death of a candidate; add provisions relative to rulemaking by the secretary of state relative to voting systems; add provisions relative to the examination, testing, evaluation, certification, approval, procurement, and requirements for voting systems and system components; add provisions relative to the preparation of voting machines for an election; add provisions relative to a revote caused by the malfunction of the results tape and results cartridge; and add provisions removing present law provisions that provide requirements for the construction and equipment of voting machines. Representative Jay Morris 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, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

Merietta Norton, secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-922-0547, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 563.

Kyle Ardoin, secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-922-0547, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 563.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 563 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 563 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS


V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Wright offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date adopted: