

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 7, 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 10:00 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 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 Barry Ivey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 169 by Representative Hoffmann

Representative Hoffmann presented House Bill No. 169, which authorizes a data system for collection of information on health effects and outcomes associated with medical marijuana.

V.A. Culotta Jr, M.D., LSBME, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70122, 504-568-6816, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 169.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 169 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 169 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Hill, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 279 by Representative Marino

Representative Marino presented House Bill No. 279, which provides relative to the transfer of firearms of persons who are prohibited from possessing a firearm in domestic abuse cases.

Scott Sternberg, Louisiana Press Association, 935 Gravier Street, Suite 2020, New Orleans, LA 70112, 504-331-0888, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 279.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 279 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 279 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 44 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 44, which provides relative to the printing of certain constitutional provisions regarding disqualification from holding public office that were held to be unconstitutionally adopted.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 44 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 44 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Hill, Horton, 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. 243 by Representative Dustin Miller

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Bill No. 243, which provides relative to opioid data reporting.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 243 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 243 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

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House Bill No. 504 by Representative Franklin

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

Representative Jay Morris offered amendments to require the study commission to be created in years ending in nine; to require the commission to have at least three meetings; and to draw proposed maps. Representative Jay Morris 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, Adams, Bourriaque, Hill, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Stephen Kearny, Fair District Louisiana, 820 Duphine #106, New Orleans, LA 70116, 225-235-7955, spoke in support of House Bill No. 504.

Peter Robins-Brown, Power Coalition for Equality and Justice, 2022 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119, 504-256-8196, spoke in support of House Bill No. 504.

Melissa Flournoy, LA Progress Action, 650 North Sixth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, 225-936-7200, spoke in support of House Bill No. 504 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, "The Fight for Fair Districts," which is included in the committee records.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 504.

Representative Jenkins offered a substitute motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 504. No vote was taken.

Representative Pugh withdrew his motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 504. No vote was taken.

Representative Jenkins withdrew his motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 504.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 504 with amendments, to which Representative Jay Morris objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas, 8 nays and 1 abstentions. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Jenkins, and Larvadain voted yea. Representatives Adams, Bourriaque, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted nay.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 504. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 504 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 258 by Representative Muscarello

Representative Muscarello presented House Bill No. 258, which provides for the confidentiality of identifying information of certain persons or entities involved in the execution of a death sentence.

Professor Michelle Ghetti, attorney general, 18531 Lake Tulip Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, 225-933-9029, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 258.

Sister Alison McCrary, 4477 Baccich Street, New Orleans, LA 70122, 504-484-9710, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 258.

Rob Tasman, Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2431 S. Acadian Thruway, Suite 250, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, 225-344-7120, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 258.

Scott Sternberg, Louisiana Press Association, 935 Gravier Street, Suite 2020, New Orleans, LA 70112, 504-371-5888, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 258.

Mercedes Montagnes, Promise of Justice Initiative, 1024 Elysian Fields, New Orleans, LA 70115, 504-529-5955, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 258.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 258 favorably, to which Representative Jenkins objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 258 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas, 2 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Adams, Bourriague, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea. Representatives Jenkins and Larvadain voted nay. Representative Gregory Miller abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 12 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

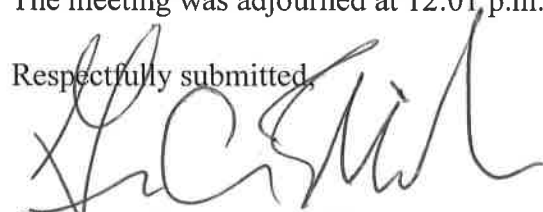
There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Pugh offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriague, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date adopted: