

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 22, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative John A. Berthelot, chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John A. Berthelot, chairman
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Stephen C. Dwight
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Mike Huval, vice chairman
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Malinda B. White

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, attorney
Valarie Banks, secretary
David Gauthier, legislative analyst
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Tyler Broussard, clerk
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 67 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 67, which creates the Mid City Economic Development District in Orleans Parish.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 67 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 67 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Davis, DuBuisson, Dwight, Edmonds, Huval, Jenkins, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Smith, 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 Resolution No. 173 by Representative Jimmy Harris

Representative Jimmy Harris presented House Resolution No. 173, which requests the New Orleans City Council to expand the authority of the city's code enforcement department and its employees.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 173 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 173 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Davis, DuBuisson, Dwight, Edmonds, Huval, Jenkins, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Smith, 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.

Senate Bill No. 161 by Senator LaFleur

On behalf of Senator LaFleur, Senator Cortez presented Senate Bill No. 161, which provides relative to the Lafayette Economic Development Authority.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 161 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 161 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, DuBuisson, Dwight, Edmonds, Huval, Jenkins, Marcelle, Norton, Smith, Stagni, 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.

Senate Bill No. 129 by Senator Colomb

On behalf of Senator Colomb, Representative Smith presented Senate Bill No. 129, which requires a local municipal or parish authority to allow certain pedestrians to stand in a roadway to solicit charitable contributions under certain circumstances.

Chad Major, Professional Fire Fighters Association, 921 Aurora Lane, Shreveport, LA 71115, (225) 572-8483, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 129.

Rivers Lacrouts, Muscular Dystrophy Association/IAFF, 1032 Elmeer, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 418-1220, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 129 and presented "Fill the Boot," a handout from the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee meeting records.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 129 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 129 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Smith, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 168 by Senator LaFleur

On behalf of Senator LaFleur, Representative DeVillier presented Senate Bill No. 168, which provides for the appointment of the chief of police for the town of Basile.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 168. Representative Pugh withdrew his motion.

Johnny Koch, Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, no address given, (225) 445-4805, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 168.

Representative Smith offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 168. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 168 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Davis, DuBuisson, Dwight, Edmonds, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 229 by Senator Claitor

Senator Claitor presented Senate Bill No. 229, which provides for continued collection of certain sales taxes within corporate limits of any municipality incorporated after a certain date.

Sheri M. Morris, St. George chairman 8480 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Suite F, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 761-0803, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 229.

Sharon Weston Broome, mayor-president of East Baton Rouge Parish, 222 St. Louis Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (22) 389-5100, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 229.

Mary Olive Pierson, P.O. Box 14647, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, (225) 927-6765, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 229.

Adam Parker, Butler Snow LLP / East Baton Rouge Parish Board, 445 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 325-8704, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 229.

Belinda Davis, 4540 Hyacinth Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 202-2698, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 229.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to suspend the 24-hour rule of advanced notice for amendments, to which Representative Stagni objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Billiot, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, and Smith voted yea. Representatives Berthelot, Davis, DuBuisson, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Stagni, and Wright voted nay.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 229, to which Representative Edmonds objected. No vote was taken.

Representative Edmonds offered a substitute motion to report Senate Bill No. 229 favorably, to which Representative Norton objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 229 was

reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Davis, DuBuisson, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Pugh, Stagni, and Wright voted yea. Representatives Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, and Smith voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 11 in opposition. 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 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Davis, DuBuisson, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman John A. Berthelot
House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Date adopted: