

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2020 First Extraordinary Session
June 10, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stephen C. Dwight, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Stephen C. Dwight, chairman
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Charles Alexander Henry
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Valarie Hodges

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Lorrienne Lucas, attorney
Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Daniel Leming, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Resolution No. 10 by Representative Duplessis**

Representative Duplessis presented House Resolution No. 10, which directs the Department of State to provide statistical information regarding correspondence sent by the secretary of state to certain voters and to direct the secretary and others to appear before the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

R. Kyle Ardoin, secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on House Resolution No.10.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Resolution No. 10. Without objection, action on House Resolution No. 10 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Magee, Newell, Schamerhorn, and White voted yea. Representative Dwight abstained.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8 by Representative James

Representative James presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, which requires all fiscal notes to be requested via email and requires the name of the person who requested the fiscal note to appear on the face of the fiscal note.

Representative Magee offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 8 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 8 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Newell, Schamerhorn, and White voted yea. Representative Dwight abstained.

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. 13 by Representative James

Representative James presented House Resolution No. 13, which establishes a study group to study law enforcement systems and policing.

Representative Newell offered amendments to:

- (1) Add the chairman and a member of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the study group.
- (2) Add to the study group representatives from the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, and the office of state police.

Representative Newell offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beullieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Newell, Schamerhorn, and White voted yea. Representative Dwight abstained.

Representative Horton offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Horton offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beullieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Newell, Schamerhorn, and White voted yea. Representative Dwight abstained.

Edgar Cage, Together Louisiana, no address provided, (225) 274-5808, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 13.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 13 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 13 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beullieu, Duplessis, Gadberry, Henry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Newell, Schamerhorn, and White voted yea. Representative Dwight abstained.

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

House Resolution No. 8 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Resolution No. 8, which changes provisions of the Rules relative to the vouchered allotment for members of the House of Representatives set by the House Executive Committee.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 8 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 8 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Schamerhorn, and White voted yea. Representative Dwight abstained.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 by Representative Wright

Representative Wright presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, which calls for a convention to amend the United States Constitution to establish a limitation on terms for members of congress.

Representative Farnum offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, and Schamerhorn voted yea. Representative Dwight abstained.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 by Representative Freeman

Representative Freeman presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, which requests a study of the continuity of government provisions by the house and senate governmental affairs committees, meeting jointly.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, and Schamerhorn voted yea. Representative Dwight abstained.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, and Schamerhorn voted yea. Representative Dwight abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vice Chairman Royce Duplessis
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: October 7, 2020