

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2020 First Extraordinary Session
June 16, 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 10:03 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 Valarie Hodges
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Resolution No. 20 by Representative Mincey**

Representative Mincey presented House Resolution No. 20, which provides relative to conference committee reports.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 20 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 20 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Magee, Newell, Schamerhorn, and White voted yea. Representative Dwight abstained.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 14 by Representative Freeman

Representative Freeman presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 14, which provides for the Redistricting Transparency Website.

Evan Bergeron, Fair Districts Louisiana, no address provided, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 14.

Representative Duplessis in the chair.

Representative Horton offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 14, to which Representative Ivey objected. No vote was taken on the motion to involuntarily defer House Concurrent Resolution No. 14.

Representative Ivey offered a substitute motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 14 favorably, to which Representative Horton objected. The committee administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Ivey, Jenkins, and White voted yea. Representatives Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Hodges, Horton, Mike Johnson, Newell, and Schamerhorn voted nay.

Representative Horton withdrew her motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No.14.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 14. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 14 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Newell, Schamerhorn, and White 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 15 by Representative Freeman

Representative Freeman presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, which provides relative to a special advisory committee for redistricting.

Evan Bergeron, Fair Districts Louisiana, no address provided, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 15.

Representative Horton offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, to which Representative Ivey objected. No vote was taken on the motion to involuntarily defer House Concurrent Resolution No. 15.

Representative Horton withdrew her motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No.15.

Peter Robins-Brown, Power Coalition For Equity and Justice, no address provided, (504) 256-8196, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 15.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 15. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 15 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Newell, and Schamerhorn 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion of proposed amendments to Civil Service Rules 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 21.8, 21.9, and 27.5, regarding meetings of the commission and revising revisions regarding overtime and overtime compensation.

Bryan P. Decoteau, Jr., State Civil Service, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-8272, discussed the proposed amendments to Civil Service Rules 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 21.8, 21.9, and 27.5 and provided a report concerning the proposed amendments, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Kevin Hayes, Louisiana Press Association, 412 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 268-2725, spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments to Civil Service Rules 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 21.8, 21.9, and 27.5. Mr. Hayes expressed his concerns regarding the notice of meetings provisions and stated that these provisions need to be reworked.

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

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Mike Johnson, Newell, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vice Chairman Royce Duplessis
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Date adopted: October 7, 2020