

House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Regular Session
May 20, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Lance Harris, chairman of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Lance Harris, chairman
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beullieu, IV, vice chairman
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Richard James Nelson
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Barry Ivey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyler Bosworth, legislative analyst
Valarie Banks, executive assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 5, which authorizes the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) board to deduct certain monthly insurance premiums from benefits payable to members or other beneficiaries.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 5 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 5 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Jefferson, and Tarver 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.

Senate Bill No. 6 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 6, which clarifies terminology.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 6 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 6 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Jefferson, and Tarver voted yea.

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Senate Bill No. 3 by Senator Allain

On behalf of Senator Allain, Representative Beaulieu presented Senate Bill No. 3, which adds Morgan City and Berwick housing authorities to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) membership.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 3 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 3 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Jefferson, and Tarver voted yea.

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The committee stood at ease at 1:06 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 1:09 p.m.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34 by Senator Mizell

On behalf of Senator Mizell, Representative Bacala presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34, which memorializes Congress to consider eliminating the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) Social Security benefit reductions.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Jefferson, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, and 2 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 Beaulieu offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Jefferson, and Tarver voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lance Harris
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: