

## **House Committee on Ways and Means**

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 First Extraordinary Session  
June 25, 2020

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman  
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV  
Representative Ryan Joseph Bourriaque  
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant  
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler  
Representative Les Farnum  
Representative Jason Hughes  
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe  
Representative Wayne McMahan  
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.  
Representative Neil Riser  
Representative John M. Stefanski, vice chairman  
Representative Malinda B. White  
Representative Matthew Willard  
Representative Mark Wright

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Barry Ivey  
Representative Tammy T. Phelps

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brittany Lea, committee administrative assistant  
Mark Mahaffey, deputy director  
Alison Pryor, senior attorney  
Catherine Zeringue, attorney

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms  
Alvin Judson, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Bill No. 27 by Senator White**

On behalf of Senator White, Senator McMath presented Senate Bill No. 27, which creates and provides for the Streamlining Government Commission.

Representative LaCombe offered amendments to add a member to the commission from a list of nominations by the La. AFL-CIO, appointed by the Senate president subject to Senate confirmation. Representative LaCombe offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Riser, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 27 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 27 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Riser, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19 by Senator Cathey**

Senator Cathey presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19, which creates the Louisiana Sales Tax Simplification Task Force to develop a comprehensive plan to simplify Louisiana's sales tax administration and collection system.

Representative Stefanski offered in-concept amendments which: (1) change a member on the task force from one appointed by the Uniform Local Sales Tax Board to one appointed jointly by the La. Chemical Association, the La. Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, and the La. Pulp and Paper Association; and (2) add a member to the task force appointed by Society of La. Certified Public Accountants.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Riser, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Riser offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Riser, Stefanski, White, and Willard 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. 24 by Senator Harris**

On behalf of Senator Harris, Representative Hughes presented Senate Bill No. 24, which provides for eligibility for the Angel Investor Tax Credit for investments made in federal opportunity zones.

Mr. Chance McNeely, Louisiana Economic Recovery Task Force, no address provided, (318) 518-5367, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 24.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 24 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 24 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Riser, Stefanski, White, Willard, 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.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 7 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **To review and approve the third-party convenience fee schedules for certain online service transactions pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1 for the Louisiana Department of Health, specifically related to payments made for Sanitarian Services Label Registrations and UV Tanning Program Permitting Services.**

Mr. Justin Gremillion, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and Office of Public Health (OPH), 628 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7545, spoke for information only regarding the review and approval of the third-party convenience fee schedules and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Ms. Kellie Benoit Kerstetter, Louisiana Interactive, LLC, 232 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (615) 424-7839, spoke for information only regarding the review and approval of the third-party convenience fee schedules and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to approve. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Riser, Stefanski, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

COMMITTEE ROOM 3 TO BE USED FOR OVERFLOW

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee:

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning a specific instrument or matter under consideration by the committee or concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

NOTE: Only statements mailed to [leab@legis.la.gov](mailto:leab@legis.la.gov) and received prior to 8:00 a.m., Thursday, June 25, will be included in the record for this committee meeting. All persons desiring to participate in the meeting shall utilize appropriate protective health measures and observe the recommended and appropriate social distancing.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Mincey offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Riser, Stefanski, White, Willard, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop  
House Committee on Ways and Means