

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
April 5, 2022

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 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, vice chairman
Representative Ryan Bourriaque
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Neil Riser
Representative Laurie Schlegel
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Tammy T. Phelps

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brittany Lea, committee administrative assistant
Alison Pryor, senior attorney

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms
Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 167 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 167, which reduces the severance tax rate for oil over a certain period of time and specifies the severance tax rate for oil produced from certain wells.

Mr. Mike Moncla, Louisiana Oil and Gas Industry (LOGA), 1331 Lakeridge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 388-9525, spoke in support of House Bill No. 167.

Mr. Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association of Louisiana (PJAL), 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (337) 207-8591, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 167.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 167. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 167 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Magee, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, and Schlegel voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 716 by Representative McCormick

Representative McCormick presented House Bill No. 716, which reduces the rate of the severance tax levied on oil, certain distillate, and natural gas over a specified period of time.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 716. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 716 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Butler, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, Magee, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 by Representative McCormick

Representative McCormick presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, which removes wind and solar farms from ITEP.

Representative Bishop offered amendments which define the terms "solar farm" and "wind farm". Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Butler, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, Magee, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, and White voted yea.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 with amendments, to which Representative Magee objected. Representative Magee offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 6. After a lengthy discussion, Representative Beaulieu withdrew his motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 with amendments. No vote was taken. Representative Magee also withdrew his substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 6. No vote was taken.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 6. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, Magee, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, White, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 15 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 429 by Representative Hilferty

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 429, which establishes a state sales and use tax rebate for the purchase of construction materials by certain charitable organizations.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 429. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 429 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, White, and Willard voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop
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