

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
April 18, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 9:38 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 Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Neil Riser
Representative Laurie Schlegel
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler
Representative Tanner D. Magee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brittany Lea, committee administrative assistant
Alison Pryor, senior attorney

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 236 by Representative Adams**

Representative Adams presented House Bill No. 236, which requires the East Feliciana Parish assessor to pay the cost of certain insurance premiums for certain retirees of the assessor's office.

Representative Riser offered a motion to report House Bill No. 236 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 236 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, DeVillier, Farnum, Landry, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, and Willard voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 140 by Representative Echols

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 140, which provides for a waiver of certain income tax penalties and interest.

Mr. Kevin Richard, secretary, Louisiana Department of Revenue (DOR), 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-4059, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 140.

Mr. Luke Morris, deputy secretary, Louisiana Department of Revenue (DOR), 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-4059, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 140.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 140. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 140 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, DeVillier, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, Schlegel, White, and Willard 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.

House Bill No. 372 by Representative Romero

On behalf of Representative Romero, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 372, which provides for the assessment of green house gas emissions reduction facilities for purposes of ad valorem property taxes. Without objection, action on House

Bill No. 372 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, DeVillier, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, Schlegel, White, and Willard 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.

House Bill No. 429 by Representative Hilferty

On behalf of Representative Hilferty, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 429, which establishes a state sales and use tax rebate for the purchase of construction materials by certain charitable organizations. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 429 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, DeVillier, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, Schlegel, White, and Willard voted yea.

House Bill No. 288 by Representative Landry

Representative Landry presented House Bill No. 288, a constitutional amendment which provides for term limits for tax assessors.

Mr. Brian Eddington, attorney, Louisiana Assessor's Association, 3060 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 924-4066, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 288.

Mr. Lucien Gauff, III, assessor, Louisiana Assessor's Association, 1811 West Airline Highway, LaPlace, LA 70068, (504) 610-8487, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 288.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 288 favorably, to which Representative McMahan objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 288 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Landry, Orgeron, Phelps, Schlegel, White, and Willard voted yea. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, DeVillier, Farnum, McMahan, and Riser voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 917 by Representative Beaulieu

Representative Beaulieu presented House Bill No. 917, which reduces certain rates for purposes of calculating individual income tax liability and the tax liability for estates and trusts.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 917. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 917 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, Schlegel, and White voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 847 by Representative LaCombe

Representative Beaulieu in the chair.

Representative LaCombe presented House Bill No. 847, which exempts certain non-state entity projects from local match requirements.

Representative LaCombe offered amendments which increase the customer number limitation for purposes of qualifying for the exemption from local match requirements for a water or sewer project or a natural gas utility service project from 7,500 or fewer customers to 10,000 or fewer customers. 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, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, DeVillier, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, Schlegel, and White voted yea.

Mr. Mark Moses, assistant commissioner, Department of Administration (DOA), P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-9654, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 847.

Representative Riser offered a motion to report House Bill No. 847 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 847 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, Schlegel, White, and Willard 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.

Chairman Bishop in the chair.

House Bill No. 436 by Representative Tarver

On behalf of Representative Tarver, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 436, which authorizes a one-time rebate of a portion of state tax revenue to certain taxpayers. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 436 was voluntarily deferred by

a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Farnum, LaCombe, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, Schlegel, White, and Willard 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.

House Bill No. 438 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 438, which reduces the rate of the state sales and use tax.

Mr. Jan Moller, director, Louisiana Budget Project (LBP), 619 Jefferson Highway, Suite 1-D, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 819-7715, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 438.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 438. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 438 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in opposition. 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 Willard offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop
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