

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
April 25, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 Les Farnum
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Neil Riser
Representative Laurie Schlegel
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Malinda B. White

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. 631 by Representative Green**

On behalf of Representative Green, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 631, which provides for certain changes or corrections of assessment by the tax commission. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 631 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, and Schlegel voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 992 by Representative Beaulieu

On behalf of Representative Beaulieu, Representative Bishop offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 992, which authorizes the Louisiana Tax Commission to hear claims for the refund of ad valorem property taxes erroneously paid on public service properties. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 992 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, and Schlegel voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in opposition and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1007 by Representative Phelps

Representative Phelps presented House Bill No. 1007, which provides relative to tax sale property.

Representative Phelps offered amendments which: (1) prohibit a tax sale title from conferring to a tax sale purchaser the right to make improvements on property occupied by the owner of property subject to a tax sale; and (2) prohibit the person acquiring tax sale property from charging rental or lease payments to an occupant of property subject to a tax sale during the redemptive period.

Representative Phelps offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, and Schlegel voted yea.

Mr. Conrad T. Comeaux, Lafayette Parish Assessor, P.O. Box 3225, Lafayette, LA 70502, (337) 291-7080, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1007.

Representative Bryant offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1007 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1007 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, 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 support. 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 Mincey offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop
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