

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
May 9, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, vice-chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, vice chairman
Representative Ryan Bourriaque
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
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 Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Neil Riser
Representative Laurie Schlegel
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler
Representative Malinda B. White

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brittany Lea, committee administrative assistant
Mark Mahaffey, division director

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 87 by Senator Cathey**

Senator Cathey presented Senate Bill No. 87, which provides relative to the capital outlay process.

Representative Mincey offered amendments to which: (1) change the deadline for JLCCO to meet to review an emergency project from within 30 days of receipt to within 45 days of receipt; and (2) provide that an emergency project is approved if JLCCO does not meet within the 45-day review period, instead of within the 30-day review period.

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

Representative Mincey offered conceptual amendments to add provisions requiring the commissioner of administration to notify all members of JLCCO within seven days that an emergency project has been submitted for approval. Representative Mincey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Farnum, Magee, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 87 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 87 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Farnum, Magee, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, 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.

Senate Bill No. 488 by Senator Hewitt

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 488, which authorizes millage rate increases in certain parishes.

Representative Riser offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 488 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 488 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives

Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Farnum, LaCombe, Magee, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

The committee stood at ease at 10:16 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

Senate Bill No. 95 by Senator Allain

Senator Allain presented Senate Bill No. 95, which creates the multi-parish audit program for local sales tax.

Representative Mincey offered conceptual amendments which provide that provisions of this Subsection terminates on July 1, 2027. Representative Mincey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. After further discussion, Representative Mincey withdrew the conceptual amendments. No vote was taken.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to remove provisions that beginning July 1, 2023, the local collector inform a taxpayer in the notice of intent to audit that the taxpayer may request a multi-parish audit. Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 95 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 95 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 12 by Senator Reese

Senator Reese presented Senate Bill No. 12, which provides for an extension of the Competitive Projects Payroll Incentive Program.

Representative Farnum offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 12 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 12 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 41 by Senator Reese

Senator Reese presented Senate Bill No. 41, which provides for the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program Act.

Mr. Luke Morris, deputy secretary, Louisiana Department of Revenue (DOR), 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (985) 662-8411, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 41.

Representative Farnum offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 41 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 41 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 172 by Senator Reese

Senator Reese presented Senate Bill No. 172, which provides relative to costs of issuance and the reporting requirements for bonds approved by the State Bond Commission.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 172 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 172 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 364 by Senator Reese

Senator Reese presented Senate Bill No. 364, which provides for the rulemaking authority of the Louisiana Tax Commission.

Representative Farnum offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 364 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 364 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

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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 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Schlegel, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop
House Committee on Ways and Means