

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2023 Regular Session  
April 12, 2023

### **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 Tammy T. Phelps  
Representative Neil Riser  
Representative Malinda B. White  
Representative Matthew Willard

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Laurie Schlegel

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

Brittany Lea, committee administrative assistant  
Drew Murray, legislative analyst  
Alison Pryor, senior attorney  
Claire Vermaelen, capital outlay specialist

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 279 by Representative Adams**

On behalf of Representative Adams, Representative Bryant presented House Bill No. 279, which provides relative to conveying by the La. Tax Commission of ad valorem tax assessment information it receives from local assessors.

Mr. Ryan Patmintra, Zillow Group, 1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101, (813) 534-4827, spoke in support of House Bill No. 279.

Representative Beaulieu offered a conceptual amendment to revise proposed law to prohibit the La. Tax Commission from selling, leasing, renting, or otherwise conveying or transferring to any individual or other entity for use in a business any current-year information concerning public service properties, as defined in present law, received by it pursuant to present law. Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, White, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 279 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 279 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, 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.

**House Bill No. 46 by Representative Hughes**

Representative Hughes presented House Bill No. 46, a constitutional amendment which restricts eligibility of nonprofit organizations for property tax exemptions for residential property found to endanger public health or safety.

Representative Hughes provided a handout entitled *Rubio: Global Ministries Foundation is Stealing Taxpayer Money in More States Than Just Florida*, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Ms. Helena Moreno, president, New Orleans City Council, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112, spoke in support of House Bill No. 46 and provided handouts of photographs of the Willow Apartments, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative DeVillier offered an amendment to revise a reference in proposed constitutional amendment to property for residential use to refer instead to property leased as housing. Representative DeVillier offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, Magee, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, White, and Willard voted yea.

Ms. Andreanecia M. Morris, executive director, Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA), 4640 South Carrollton Avenue, Suite 160, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119, (504) 224-8301, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 46.

Mr. Maxwell Ciardullo, policy analyst, Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LaFHAC), 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 710, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112, (504) 596-2100, spoke in support of House Bill No. 46.

Representative White offered a motion to report House Bill No. 46 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 46 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, White, 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.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 111 by Representative Hughes**

Representative Hughes presented House Bill No. 111, which repeals the termination of the tax exemption for cigars and pipe tobacco products sampled at the International Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association convention.

Ms. Suchitra J. Satpathi, New Orleans & Co., 584 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, (225) 229-8494, spoke in support of House Bill No. 111.

Representative Bishop offered an amendment to change the name of the association referred to in present law and proposed law from the International Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association

to the Premium Cigar Association. Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, White, and Willard voted yea.

Representative DeVillier offered conceptual amendments which: (1) restore present law establishing a termination date for the exemption provided in present law; and (2) change the termination date for the exemption provided in present law from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2035. Representative DeVillier offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, White, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 111 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 111 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, White, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 3 in opposition. 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: 1 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 155 by Representative Butler**

Representative Butler presented House Bill No. 155, which establishes the Louisiana Rural Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program to provide financial assistance to local governments and political subdivisions for certain capital infrastructure projects.

Representative Bishop offered technical amendments. 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, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, and White voted yea.

Representative Bryant offered a motion to report House Bill No. 155 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 155 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, and White 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.

### **House Bill No. 392 by Representative Frieman**

Representative Frieman presented House Bill No. 392, which provides relative to line of credit recommendations for certain capital outlay projects funded through the Capital Outlay Act.

Mr. Mark Moses, assistant commissioner, Division of Administration, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804, (225) 342-9654, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 392.

Representative DeVillier offered a conceptual amendment to change the applicability and effective date for the provisions of proposed law from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2024. Representative DeVillier 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, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, and Willard voted yea.

Ms. Karen White, executive counsel, Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA), 6767 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, (225) 344-5001, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 392.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to report House Bill No. 392 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 392 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, Bryant, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, and Riser voted yea.

*Representative Bourriaque in the chair.*

### **House Bill No. 336 by Representative Bishop**

Representative Bishop presented House Bill No. 336, which provides relative to the capital outlay process and reporting requirements.

Representative Bourriaque offered a conceptual amendment to change the applicability and effective date for the provisions of proposed law from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2024. Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Bourriaque, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, and Riser voted yea.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 336 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 336 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, Landry, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, and Riser voted yea.

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

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bishop announced that House Committee on Ways and Means will meet at 10:00 a.m. on April 13, 2023.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Riser offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beullieu, Bourriaque, DeVillier, Farnum, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Orgeron, and Riser voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop  
House Committee on Ways and Means