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Notice of Meetings

Friday, September 23, 2016 8:30 a.m. House Committee Room 6 Louisiana House of Representatives

AGENDA

- **I.** Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes
- III. Basic Goals for Tax Structure
 - A. Long-term stability
 - B. Fairness
 - C. Competitive environment
 - D. Administrative simplicity
- IV. Spending Estimates based on previous spending
- **V.** Tax Alternatives Continued discussion
 - **A.** Maintain in current for or with minor adjustments
 - **1.** Excise taxes tobacco and alcoholic beverages
 - **2.** Severance taxes
 - **3.** Gaming
 - **4.** Excess license tax
 - **5.** Other topics
 - **B.** Corporate Income and franchise
 - 1. Administration of recently passed changes
 - **2.** Constitutional Amendment to eliminate federal tax liability and reduce rate from 8% to 6.5%

Contributing to a better quality of life.

- **3.** Other topics
- **C.** Sales Tax
 - Evaluate tax base consistent with fairness among taxpayers, economic competitiveness for business environment, and stability for public services
 - **2.** Establish tax rate consistent with use of sales tax for state's budget
 - **3.** Tax base and tax rate will determine role of sales tax in overall budget
 - **4.** Work with local governments for administration of state and local sales tax to be consistent with national prerequisites for sales tax administration given changing nature of retail activities
- D. Individual Income tax
 - Evaluate tax base consistent with fairness among taxpayers, economic competitiveness for business environment and stability for revenue collections
 - a) Major tax exemptions
 - **b)** Major deductions
 - 2. Evaluate tax rates
 - a) single rate
 - **b)** multiple rates consistent with current structure
 - **3.** evaluate tax credits that reduce tax liability
- **E.** Exemptions, deductions, and credits
 - **1.** Federal tax liability
 - **2.** Excess itemized tax deduction
 - **3.** Retirement exemptions
 - **4.** Other exemptions
 - **5.** Inventory tax credit
 - **6.** Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit
 - **7.** Education Credits
 - **8.** LED Administered Programs
 - a. Enterprise Zone
 - b. Quality Jobs
 - c. Angel Investor Tax Credit
 - d. Digital Interactive Media and Software Development
 - e. Industrial Tax Exemption
 - f. Motion Picture
 - **9.** All Others
- **F.** State and Local
 - **1.** Property tax alternatives
 - **2.** Sales tax base
- **G.** Final Recommendations
- VI. PREPARATION OF REPORT