# **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT House Bill No. 1249 By Representative Montoucet**

May 30, 2014

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 1249 by Representative Montoucet, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of amendments proposed by Senator Johns and adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2014, be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,	
Representative Jack Montoucet	Senator Daniel "Danny" Martiny
Representative Erich E. Ponti	Senator Ronnie Johns
Representative Stuart Bishop	Senator Francis Thompson

#### **DIGEST**

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## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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## **Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

UTILITIES: Provides relative to inspection and supervision fees paid by certain motor carriers and public utilities doing business in this state

## **Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Provided that for purposes of Chapter 4 (Motor Carriers) of Title 45 (Public Utilities and Carriers) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the term "motor carriers" would not include transporters of non-hazardous oilfield waste.

## Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

<u>Present law</u> requires certain motor carriers and public utilities subject to the control of the Public Service Commission (commission) to pay fees for the inspection, control, and supervision of their business service and rates.

<u>Present law</u> provides that such fees shall be paid quarterly and be in a certain amount per \$1,000 of certain gross receipts, less or in excess of a certain amount or range of such carriers and utilities.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the fees paid to the commission shall be \$.59 per \$1,000 of such gross receipts in excess of \$100 million.

Proposed law increases the fee from \$.59 to \$.63 and one-half cents.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that such inspection and supervision fees shall not be applicable to any nonprofit water utility cooperative or corporation wholly owned by water user members.

Effective January 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 45:1177(A)(1), (2)(k), (4), and (5); Adds R.S. 45:1177(A)(6))