

HOUSE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
1997 Regular Session
April 29, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative John Travis, Chairman of the House Commerce Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in Committee Room 1 of the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John Travis,
Chairman
Representative Pete Schneider,
Vice Chairman
Representative Robert Barton
Representative Dan Flavin
Representative Mickey Frith
Representative Herman Hill
Representative Michael Michot
Representative Edwin Murray
Representative Gil Pinac
Representative Tank Powell
Representative Sharon Weston
Representative Diane Winston

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Arthur Morrell

III. STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

T. Michael White, Attorney
Cindy Mancuso, Attorney
Sandy Painting, Secretary
Chris Eskew and Ed Cailleateau, Sergeants at Arms

IV. DISCUSSION

House Bill No. 715 by Representative Damico

Representative Damico appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 715, which increases certain fees charged by the racing commission.

Mr. Paul Burgess, executive director, Louisiana State Racing Commission, (504) 483-4800, appeared before the committee in support of House Bill No. 715 and stated that there was a decrease in the license fees in 1992 which decreased the commission's revenue. He stated that this increase would add approximately \$100,000 per year to its revenue.

Representative Travis asked if the commission had a deficit in 1996.

Mr. Burgess stated that the commission had no deficit in 1996 and returned approximately \$50,000 to the general fund.

Representative Murray offered an amendment to House Bill No. 715 which reduces the annual fee for an owner from \$40 to \$35 and the three year fee from \$120 to \$105, to which there was no objection and said amendment was adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Those members voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Hill, Michot, Murray, Pinac, and Powell.

Representative Pinac made a motion to report House Bill No. 715 with amendments. There was no objection to this motion and House Bill No. 715 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Hill, Michot, Murray, Pinac, and Powell.

House Bill No. 1070 by Representative Kenney

Representative Travis appeared before the committee on behalf of Representative Kenney and made a motion to defer action on House Bill No. 1070. There was no objection to this motion and action on House Bill No. 1070 was deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Michot, Murray, Pinac, and Powell.

House Bill No. 639 by Representative DeWitt

Representative DeWitt appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 639, which provides for the regulation and licensure of glass contractors.

Ms. Cindy Mancuso, attorney, House Commerce Committee, explained to the committee that a substitute bill was being presented in the form of an amendment to be offered in place of House Bill No. 639. She stated that the substitute bill provided for a special qualification under the State Licensing Board for Contractors to include the installation of glass and sets up a glass contractors advisory board within the Licensing Board for Contractors that includes five members appointed by the board.

Representative Travis made a motion to adopt the above described substitute bill to which there was no objection and it was adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Frith, Michot, Murray, Pinac, and Powell.

Representative Schneider verified that the substitute bill did not create another board.

Representative DeWitt stated that with the amendment no new boards would be created.

Mr. Keith Morris, Zachary Body and Glass, 20140 Plank, Zachary, Louisiana, (504) 654-8813, appeared before the committee in opposition to House Bill No. 639 and stated there was no need for this legislation. He stated that the Louisiana Glass Association had been attempting to pass this legislation for the last six years.

Mr. E. L. "Bubba" Henry, State Farm Insurance, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, appeared before the committee in opposition to House Bill No. 639 and reiterated the testimony of Mr. Morris.

Representative Powell made a motion to defer action on House Bill No. 639. There was no objection and action was deferred on House Bill No. 639 by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Frith, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 511 by Representative DeWitt

Representative DeWitt appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 511, which provides relative to fees and supplements paid to horse breeders on Louisiana Champions Day.

Mr. Harry Benoit, Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association, 492 Nona St., Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517, appeared before the committee in support of House Bill No. 511. He stated that Champions Day is funded from fees or taxes collected from bets made on Derby Day live racing. He stated that the funds for Champions Day have been declining for the last few years. He stated that this legislation would allow for the collection of the taxes from Preakness and the Bellemont Stakes to offset the decline in funds.

Representative Murray made a motion to report House Bill No. 511 favorably. There was no objection and House Bill No. 511 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Travis, Frith, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 512 by Representative DeWitt

Representative DeWitt appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 512, which provides relative to Louisiana bred races.

Mr. Harry Benoit, Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association, 492 Nona St., Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517, appeared before the committee in support of House Bill No. 512 and stated that this legislation provides that purse supplements offered from the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association (LTBA) funds shall not be awarded to non-Louisiana bred horses but shall be retained by the LTBA for reuse as purse supplements in other races scheduled for Louisiana bred horses.

There was no opposition to House Bill No. 512 and no further discussion.

Representative Pinac made a motion to report House Bill No. 512 favorably. There was no objection and House Bill No. 512 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Travis, Frith, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 1727 by Representative DeWitt

Representative DeWitt appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 1727, which provides that licensees operating betting facilities may establish individual accounts through which patrons may make parimutuel wagers electronically.

Representative Murray asked for clarification on how this process works.

Mr. Harry Benoit, Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association, 492 Nona St., Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517, appeared before the committee in support of House Bill No. 1727 and explained to Representative Murray that electronic parimutuel wagers were made by contacting the track, providing your name and account number, and placing your bet. He stated that an account is opened with the track and you make deposits in your account the same as a bank account.

Representative Pinac made a motion to report House Bill No. 1727 favorably. There was no objection and House Bill No. 1727 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Travis, Frith, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 2344 by Representative Travis

Representative Travis appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 2344, which provides relative to the Workforce Development and Training Program within the Department of Economic Development.

Ms. Nadia Goodman, director, Policy and Planning, Department of Economic Development, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, (504) 342-5390, appeared before the committee for informational purposes only. She stated that the intent of this legislation was to transfer the Workforce Development and Training Program from the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation to the department itself.

Representative Winston asked if the training program was removed from the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, what would be left for them to do.

Ms. Goodman stated that the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation would still have the loan programs.

There was no further discussion on House Bill No. 2344.

Representative Frith made a motion to report House Bill No. 2344 favorably. There was no objection and House Bill No. 2344 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Frith, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 2342 by Representative Diez

Representative Travis appeared before the committee on behalf of Representative Diez to present House Bill No. 2342, which increases the population threshold in certain provisions relative to enterprise and economic development zones.

Ms. Nadia Goodman, director, Policy and Planning, Department of Economic Development, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, (504) 342-5390, appeared before the committee for informational purposes only. She stated that this legislation would change the population cap for a rural parish from 50,000 to 75,000.

Ms. Martha Collins, economic developer, Ascension Parish, P.O. Box 1659, Gonzales, Louisiana 70707, (504) 621-5709, appeared before the committee in support of House Bill No. 2342. She stated that this legislation would allow for an additional enterprise zone in her area. She urged the committee to vote favorably for this legislation.

Representative Winston made a motion to report House Bill No. 2342 favorably. There was no objection and House Bill No. 2342 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Frith, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 1105 by Representative Travis

Representative Travis appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 1105, which provides for an internship program as an alternative for completion of required instructional hours for licensure under the Louisiana Cosmetology Act.

Ms. Toni Ibert, chairman, Louisiana Cosmetology Board, 619 Adams St., Franklin, Louisiana, (318) 828-4269, appeared for informational purposes only and was available to answer questions from the committee.

Mr. Edwin Neill, Neill Corporation, 1203 W. Thomas St., Hammond, Louisiana 70401, (504) 345-1085, appeared before the committee in support of House Bill No. 1105. He asked the committee to pass this legislation due to the demand for cosmetologists.

Ms. Stacey Stafford, Robert's Beauty College, 502 N. Columbia St., Covington, Louisiana 70433, (504) 845-2158, appeared before the committee in support of House Bill No. 1105. She stated that House Bill No. 1105 would allow proper hands-on practical experience under a master cosmetologist and asked for the committee's favorable consideration.

Mr. Richard Johnson, 5720 S. Lakeshore Dr., #1706, Shreveport, Louisiana 71119, (318) 631-8219, appeared before the committee in support of House Bill No. 1105 and stated that it was the first step in increasing professionalism in the cosmetology industry.

Ms. Becky Preston, state president, Louisiana Cosmetology Association, 2102 Benton Rd., Bossier City, Louisiana 71111, (318) 797-0740, appeared before the committee in opposition to House Bill No. 1105. She stated that it should be mandated for every cosmetologist to receive continuing education for relicensure. She stated that the industry needs more than an apprenticeship program.

There was no further discussion on House Bill No. 1105.

Representative Travis stated that House Bill No. 1105 had some problems and made a motion to defer action and requested that the committee study this issue during the interim. There was no objection and action was deferred on House Bill No. 1105 by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 652 by Representative Holden

Representative Holden appeared before the committee and asked that action be deferred on House Bill No. 652. House Bill No. 652 provides relative to hotel room rates in the greater New Orleans area during the Bayou Classic.

Representative Travis made a motion on behalf of Representative Holden to defer action on House Bill No. 652. There was no objection to this motion and action was deferred on House Bill No. 652 by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 1104 by Representative Travis

Representative Travis appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 1104, which revises the Louisiana Cosmetology Act.

Ms. Cindy Mancuso, attorney, House Commerce Committee, explained a set of amendments to be offered to House Bill No. 1104. She stated that the amendments would provide that all expenses reimbursed to persons shall be done with approval of the board and paid in accordance with state travel regulations. She stated the amendments would also delete the need for approval of the governor to employ a chief inspector and an executive director; provide that the salary of the executive director may be set by the board; increases the per diem of examination team members from \$75 to \$100; and allow inspections by the executive director or a board member at the request of the chairman.

Representative Travis offered the above described amendments to House Bill No. 1104. There was no objection and said amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

Ms. Cindy Mancuso, attorney, House Commerce Committee, explained another amendment to be offered to House Bill No. 1104. She stated that the amendment would allow the board to hire an assistant director whose compensation and duties are set by the board.

Representative Pinac offered the above described amendment to House Bill No. 1104. There was no objection and said amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and

Winston.

Ms. Toni Ibert, chairman, Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology, 619 Adams St., Franklin, Louisiana (318) 828-4269, appeared before the committee and stated that she hoped that House Bill No. 1104 would give some accountability and some continuity needed in this industry.

Mr. Ronald Navarro, vice chairman, Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology, 108 Camille, Lafayette, Louisiana (318) 984-2616, appeared before the committee for informational purposes only and stated that the reorganization would make the board a better board.

Ms. Becky Preston, state president, Louisiana Cosmetology Association, 2102 Benton Rd., Bossier City, Louisiana 71111, (318) 797-0740, appeared before the committee in opposition to House Bill No. 1104. She stated that the reduction of the board may lead to a sunset of the board.

Representative Travis stated that he didn't understand how Ms. Preston thought that reduction of the board would lead to a sunset of the board.

Ms. Preston explained that once you start trimming limbs from a tree, you soon end up with only a stump.

Representative Travis explained that House Bill No. 1104 would lower the number of board members, would put more inspectors in the field, and would create the new position of chief inspector. He assured Ms. Preston that the board would not be abolished.

Ms. Preston stated that the number of board members needed to be reduced but not from 13 members to 7 members. She stated that this would be too much of a reduction.

Representative Murray asked if the new position of assistant director would be civil service and what was the salary cap.

Representative Travis stated that this position would be unclassified and the salary would be at the discretion of the board.

Representative Winston agreed that a smaller board will be more effective and that board members should be policymakers and not inspectors in the field.

Representative Flavin made a motion to report House Bill No. 1104 with amendments. There was no objection and House Bill No. 1104 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Barton, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 2208 by Representative Heaton

Representative Heaton appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 2208, which provides relative to secondhand dealers.

Representative Travis offered an amendment to House Bill No. 2208 which would provide an exemption for dealers in the United States of foreign coins and currency. There was no objection to this amendment and it was adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Barton, Frith, Hill, Murray, Weston, and Winston.

Mr. Wayne Babovich, 111 Veterans Highway, New Orleans, Louisiana (504) 838-7747, appeared before the committee on behalf of secondhand dealers. He stated that this legislation removes exemptions such as flea markets who have previously been able to operate without following regulations of other secondhand dealers, which include reporting purchases to law enforcement and holding said purchase for thirty days before selling.

Representative Travis asked why coins were different and should be exempted.

Mr. Babovich stated that coins were more difficult to describe from a police standpoint.

Representative Travis stated that he had a problem with gun and knife shows being restricted.

Representative Murray stated that he had a problem with the restrictions on garage sales.

Mr. Buddy Hodgkins, Louisiana Sheriff's Association, 1175 Nicholson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, (504) 343-8402, appeared before the committee in support of House Bill No. 2208. He stated that the Sheriff's Association had no objection to exempting gun and knife shows from this legislation.

Representative Pinac offered an amendment to House Bill No. 2208 which would provide an exemption for gun and knife shows. There was no objection to this amendment and it was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Weston.

Representative Murray offered an amendment to House Bill No. 2208 which was explained by Mr. Mike White, attorney, House Commerce Committee. He stated the amendment would delete the provision that a garage sale cannot be held in an area zoned for business or commercial activity and that the address cannot be used for a sale more than three days in one month.

There was no objection to Representative Murray's amendment and it was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Travis, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Weston.

Mr. Quintin Hartt, Box 1244, Alexandria, Louisiana 71315, (318) 443-4405, appeared before the committee and stated that he was not opposed to House Bill No. 2208 as amended.

Representative Flavin made a motion to report House Bill No. 2208 with amendments. There was no objection and House Bill No. 2208 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Travis, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Michot, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Weston.

House Bill No. 973 by Representative Carter

Representative Carter appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 973, which provides relative to membership on the board of directors of electric cooperatives. He stated that the intent of this legislation was to require the electric cooperatives of Louisiana to allow anyone who is a member of that cooperative, as defined in their own terms as a member to run for the board of directors. He stated that the electric cooperatives were a monopoly in the rural areas.

Representative Travis stated that he had a problem with attempting to tell private industry how to conduct their business in a board room. He stated that under this legislation a convicted felon could move into the area, become a member of the co-op and be eligible to run for the board of directors.

Representative Hill asked Representative Carter for some of the qualifications to be a board member of a co-op.

Representative Carter stated that Dixie Electric required a person to live

in that area, be a paying member of the co-op, and not be employed in the appliance business.

Representative Flavin asked Representative Carter if the reason for this legislation was due to a personal problem of his own.

Representative Carter stated that one of his family members desired a board membership.

Representative Flavin stated that a private business should have the right to have in place whatever bylaws they so choose.

Mr. William Hodgkins, Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, 10636 Linkwood Ct., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810, (504) 767-1460, appeared before the committee in opposition to House Bill No. 973 and stated that the legislature should not establish the qualifications for directors but the qualifications should be established by the membership. He urged the committee to vote against this legislation.

Mr. Paul Wood, Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, 10725 Airline, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816, (504) 293-3450, appeared before the committee in opposition to House Bill No. 973. He reiterated the testimony of Mr. Hodgkins.

Mr. Michael J. Guidry, manager, South Louisiana Electric Co-op Association, P. O. Box 4037, Houma, Louisiana 70361, (504) 876-6880, appeared before the committee in opposition to House Bill No. 973. He reiterated the testimony of Mr. Hodgkins and Mr. Wood.

Representative Flavin made a motion to defer action on House Bill No. 973. There was no objection to this motion and action was deferred on House Bill No. 973 by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 1557 by Representative Daniel

Representative Daniel appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 1557, which provides relative to incorporation. He stated that this legislation was being introduced on behalf of the American Institute of Architects of Louisiana and its intent was to require that if any corporation seeks to use the word "architect" in its name, the Secretary of State shall obtain satisfactory evidence that the State Board of Architectural Examiners has approved the name.

There was no further discussion on House Bill No. 1557.

Representative Barton made a motion to report House Bill No. 1557 favorably. There was no objection and House Bill No. 1557 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Barton, Frith, Hill, Murray, Pinac, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 1558 by Representative Daniel

Representative Daniel appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 1558, which provides relative to fines for violations of laws regarding licensure of architects. He stated that this legislation was being introduced on behalf of the American Institute of Architects of Louisiana. He stated that this legislation would allow the architectural board to fine a person in violation of the licensing law a fine of \$1500, or \$5,000 for a corporation.

Representative Murray asked how the hearing process worked.

Mr. Paul Spaht, attorney, Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, 8017 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge, Louisiana (504) 383-4703, appeared before the committee in support of House Bill No. 1558. He stated that the hearing process is governed by the Administrative Procedures Act.

There was no further discussion on House Bill No. 1558.

Representative Barton made a motion to report House Bill No. 1558 favorably. There was no objection and House Bill No. 1558 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Barton, Frith, Hill, Murray, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 1559 by Representative Daniel

Representative Daniel appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 1559, which provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners. He stated that this legislation was being introduced on behalf of the American Institute of Architects of Louisiana. He stated that this legislation applies to who can be disqualified or held ineligible to practice a particular trade and that it would broaden the exemption in the current law to include an exemption for the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners.

There was no further discussion on House Bill No. 1559.

Representative Murray made a motion to report House Bill No. 1559 favorably. There was no objection and House Bill No. 1559 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Barton, Frith, Hill, Murray, Powell, and Winston.

House Bill No. 1082 by Representative Travis

Representative Travis appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 1082, which is relative to extended warranty policies.

Ms. Cindy Mancuso, attorney, House Commerce Committee, explained an amendment to be offered to House Bill No. 1082. She stated that the amendment would require the commissioner of insurance to adopt and promulgate rules regarding extended warranty policies.

Representative Travis offered the above described amendment to House Bill No. 1082 to which there was no objection. This amendment was adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Barton, Frith, Hill, Murray, Powell, and Winston.

Mr. Bob Israel, executive vice president, Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, appeared before the committee for informational purposes only. He stated that this legislation could be handled by a direct resolution as the commissioner of insurance currently has the authority to adopt and promulgate rules regarding extended warranty policies.

Mr. B. Lehman Williamson, Gulf States Mechanical Breakdown Insurance, 1938 Wooddale, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70806, (504) 925-9538, appeared before the committee for informational purposes only. He recommended that this legislation be studied during the interim.

Representative Travis made a motion to defer action on House Bill No. 1082 and requested that the committee study this legislation during the interim. There was no objection to this motion and action was deferred on House Bill No. 1082 by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Travis, Schneider, Barton, Frith, Hill, Michot, Murray, and Winston.

House Bill No. 1115 by Representative Thompson

Representative Thompson appeared before the committee to present House Bill No. 1115, which would require certain alterations or repairs of structures to conform to the requirements of the Code for New Construction as enforced by the state fire marshal.

Ms. Cindy Mancuso, attorney, House Commerce Committee, explained an amendment to be offered to House Bill No. 1115 which would allow the state fire marshal to take into consideration the impact of code requirements on the historic integrity of facilities in order to encourage

historic preservation and would allow the state fire marshal to consider alternatives to the specified requirements when it is determined that public safety is not jeopardized and a minimum acceptable level of safety is achieved.

Representative Travis offered the above described amendment to House Bill No. 1115 to which there was no objection. This amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Travis, Barton, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Michot, Murray, Powell, and Winston.

Ms. Cindy Mancuso, attorney, House Commerce Committee, explained another amendment to be offered to House Bill No. 1115 which would delete the proposed provision that increases the time period during which alterations or repairs may be made costing in excess of 50% of the value of the building.

Representative Travis offered the above described amendment to House Bill No. 1115 to which there was no objection. This amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Travis, Barton, Flavin, Frith, Hill, Michot, Murray, Powell, and Winston.

Representative Thompson stated that this legislation's intent was to encourage preservation of historical buildings.

Mr. Jerry Jones, State Fire Marshal's Office, 5150 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70817, (504) 925-4911, appeared before the committee for informational purposes only. He stated that the state fire marshal's office was in agreement with this legislation.

Representative Barton made a motion to report House Bill No. 1115 with amendments. There was no objection to this motion and House Bill No. 1115 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Travis, Barton, Frith, Hill, Michot, Murray, Powell, and Winston.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Travis, Chairman

Date Approved: _____