

House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
March 24, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Clay Schexnayder, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. in Room 3, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Clay Schexnayder, chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Frank A. Howard
Representative Dustin Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative John F. "Andy" Anders, vice chairman
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zaren James, division director
Glenn Fleming, legislative analyst
Karen Stephens, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Larry Warino, clerk
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 251 by Representative Chaney

Representative Chaney presented House Bill No. 251, which provides relative to the state soil and water conservation commission.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 251.

Representative Guinn offered amendments to:

- (1) Increase the membership of the state soil and water commission from eight to nine members.
- (2) Allow the successor of the position of LSU Vice-President of Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture to automatically become a member of the state soil and water commission.
- (3) Make a technical change.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Chaney, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, and Dustin Miller voted yea.

Representative Dustin Miller offered an amendment to add the vice chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Center to the state soil and water commission. Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Chaney, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, and Dustin Miller voted yea.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 251 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 251 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Chaney, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, and Dustin Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 867 by Representative Leopold

Representative Leopold presented House Bill No. 867, which provides relative to the placement of advertisement signs on state-owned property.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 867.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Bill No. 867 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 867 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, and Dustin Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 524 by Representative Robby Carter

Representative Robby Carter presented House Bill No. 524, which provides relative to penalties for failure to provide records of petroleum products sold.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 524.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Bill No. 524 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 524 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, and Dustin Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 523 by Representative Robby Carter

Representative Robby Carter presented House Bill No. 523, which provides relative to the Dairy Industry Promotion Law.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 523.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report House Bill No. 523 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 523 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, and Dustin Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 515 by Representative Anders

On behalf of Representative Anders, Commissioner Mike Strain, representing the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, presented House Bill No. 515, which provides relative to the inspection of meat.

Representative Hensgens offered a motion to report House Bill No. 515 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 515 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, and Dustin Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 516 by Representative Anders

On behalf of Representative Anders, Commissioner Mike Strain, representing the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, presented House Bill No. 516, which provides relative to the Louisiana Aquatic Chelonian Research and Promotion Board.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 516 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 516 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, and Dustin Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 592 by Representative Anders

On behalf of Representative Anders, David Boneno, representing the Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4836, presented House Bill No. 592, which provides with respect to the Agricultural Commodities Dealer and Warehouse Law.

Representative Schexnayder offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove provisions, relative to security and provisional stock insurance, the self-insurance fund, and the grain and cotton indemnity fund, that designate a producer's claim and any payments under the Agricultural Commodities Dealer and Warehouse law as proceeds of the crops, farm products, agricultural commodities, in which a secured party holds an interest of lien.
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, and Dustin Miller voted yea.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 592 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 592 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, and Dustin Miller voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Clay Schexnayder
House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Date adopted: