

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 25, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. in Room 4, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman
Representative Gregory Cromer
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Randal L. Gaines, vice chairman
Representative Mike Johnson
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Clay Schexnayder
Representative Alan Seabaugh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter
Representative Sam L. Jenkins Jr.
Representative Gregory A. Miller

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert A. Singletary, attorney
Steve Kogos, attorney
Alicia Spivey, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Victoria Langston, clerk
J'Nai Bayone, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 79 by Representative Edmonds

Representative Edmonds presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 79, which directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations to the legislature regarding abuse of incentives in the adoption process.

Craig Mills, 18444 Shadow Creek Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 326-9027, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 79.

Representative Garofalo offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 79 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 79 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Cromer, Emerson, Mike Johnson, Magee, Schexnayder, and Seabaugh voted yea. Representative Garofalo abstained.

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. 501 by Representative Smith

Representative Smith presented House Bill No. 501, which provides relative to discrimination.

Representative Garofalo offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 501. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 501 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Emerson, Gaines, Mike Johnson, Magee, Schexnayder, and Seabaugh voted yea. Representative Garofalo abstained.

House Bill No. 925 by Representative Bouie

On behalf of the author, Representative Garofalo offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 925 which provides with respect to discrimination regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 925 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Emerson, Gaines, Mike Johnson, Magee, Schexnayder, and Seabaugh voted yea. Representative Garofalo abstained.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr.
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