

## House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Regular Session  
March 29, 2016

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. in Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman  
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders  
Representative Chad Brown  
Representative Patrick Connick  
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Paul Hollis, vice chairman  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson  
Representative Christopher J. Leopold  
Representative Joseph P. Lopinto III  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative Helena N. Moreno  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative Stephen E. Pugh  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Reid Falconer  
Representative J. Kevin Pearson  
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandy Painting, secretary  
Rashida Keith, attorney  
Thomas Devillier, attorney

#### ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms  
Jefferson Honeywell, clerk

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **House Bill No. 242 by Representative Pugh**

Representative Pugh presented House Bill No. 242, which provides relative to the Consumer Choice for Television Act.

Witness cards submitted on House Bill No. 242 by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 2 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 242. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 242 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Leopold, Lyons, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 431 by Representative Carmody**

Representative Carmody presented House Bill No. 431, which increases and provides for inspection and supervision fees for common and contract motor carriers and public utilities.

Ms. Eve Gonzalez, (225) 505-6161, Mr. Johnny Snellgrove, (225) 342-4410, and Mr. Colby Cook, (225) 342-4427, Louisiana Public Service Commission, Galvez Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 431.

Witness cards submitted on House Bill No. 431 by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report House Bill No. 431 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 431 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lopinto, Lyons, Moreno, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 637 by Representative Stokes**

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 637, which authorizes the imposition of certain fees for the rental of automobiles.

Mr. Alexis Hocesvar, Enterprise Holdings and RAC Industry, 3545 N. I-10 Service Rd., Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 416-3775, spoke in support of House Bill No. 637.

Witness cards submitted on House Bill No. 637 by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Carmody offered amendments to House Bill No. 637, which would revise and reorganize definitions of the terms "motor vehicle" and "motor vehicle lessor" and replace all references to "motor vehicle rental companies" with references to "motor vehicle lessors". Representative Carmody offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lopinto, Lyons, Moreno, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Mr. Burgess McCranie, Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, 909 Poydras St., Ste. 1000, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 821-0946, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 637.

Representative Moreno offered a motion to report House Bill No. 637 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 637 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lopinto, Lyons, Moreno, Price, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 714 by Representative Foil**

Representative Foil presented House Bill No. 714, which provides relative to the Business Corporation Act.

Representative Carmody offered amendments to House Bill No. 714, which would specify for certain corporations seeking reinstatement to file with the secretary of state the corporation's current annual report with the articles of charter-revocation reinstatement. Representative Carmody offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lopinto, Lyons, Moreno, Price, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Professor Glenn Morris, Louisiana State Law Institute, Paul M. Hebert Center, Rm. W127, University Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, (no phone number provided), spoke on House Bill No. 714 for information only.

Witness cards submitted on House Bill No. 714 by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 714 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 714 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lopinto, Lyons, Moreno, Price, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 804 by Representative Pugh**

Representative Pugh presented House Bill No. 804, which regulates real estate appraisers and appraisal management companies.

Representative Pugh offered amendments to House Bill No. 804, which would retain a sunset provision but extend the applicable sunset date from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2017; would correct references to certain provisions of federal law; and would revise provisions of the bill restricting the ability of appraisal management companies to impose certain fees and costs.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to House Bill No. 804. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lopinto, Lyons, Moreno, Price, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Mr. Bruce Unangst, Louisiana State Appraisers Board, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 925-1923, spoke on House Bill No. 804 for information only.

Witness cards submitted on House Bill No. 242 by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 804 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 804 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lopinto, Lyons, Moreno, Price, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business discussed.

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.  
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