

## **House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Regular Session  
April 6, 2016

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman  
Representative Robert E. Billiot  
Representative Terry R. Brown  
Representative Charles R. Chaney  
Representative Patrick Connick  
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan  
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier  
Representative Franklin J. Foil  
Representative John E. Guinn  
Representative Christopher J. Leopold, vice chairman  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative Jack G. McFarland  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative Jack Montoucet  
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris  
Representative Malinda B. White  
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative James K. Armes III  
Representative Jerry Gisclair

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Su King, legislative analyst  
Tyler S. McCloud, attorney  
Karen Stephens, secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Larry Warino, clerk  
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

*Representative Leopold in the chair.*

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Representative Bishop**

Representative Bishop presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, which approves the Fiscal Year 2017 annual plan for integrated coastal protection and restoration.

Johnny Bradberry, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), P.O. Box 94004, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7669, gave an update of the annual plan in a PowerPoint presentation, Exhibit A, and provided two handouts, Exhibits B and C, which are included in the committee records.

Jason Lanclos, CPRA, 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7300, continued the update on the annual plan.

Janice Lansing, CPRA, 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4698, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Bren Haase, CPRA, 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2179, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Foil, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Representative Bishop in the chair.*

**House Bill No. 241 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 241, which provides relative to administrative and budgetary services for the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

Representative Bishop offered amendments to make technical changes throughout the statutes to correct references to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board, the chairman of the board, the executive director, and the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Foil, Guinn, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 241 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 241 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Foil, Guinn, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, and Zeringue voted yea.

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

**House Bill No. 589 by Representative Broadwater**

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 589, which exempts certain vendors who sell trolling motors from licensing requirements.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 589 without action with recommendation that it be recommitted to the House Committee on Commerce. Without objection, House Bill No. 589 was reported without action with recommendation that it be recommitted to the House Committee on Commerce by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Foil, Guinn, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, and Zeringue voted yea.

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

**House Bill No. 911 by Representative Terry Brown**

Representative Terry Brown presented House Bill No. 911, which authorizes the transfer of certain state property in Grant Parish.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 911 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 911 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Foil, Guinn, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, and Zeringue voted yea.

The committee recessed at 10:57 a.m. The committee reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

**House Bill No. 640 by Representative Leger**

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 640, which authorizes the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board to develop a natural resource damages restoration bank program and oil spill compensation schedule.

Representative Bishop offered amendments to:

- (1) Specify that the restoration bank is an alternate method to offset injuries to natural resources as a result of spills.
- (2) Require that the process and procedures adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority board be in compliance with the federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Jim Morris, White, and Zeringue voted yea.

David A. Peterson, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-6505, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 640.

Johnny Bradberry, CPRA, P.O. Box 94004, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7669, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 640.

Representative Leopold offered a motion to report House Bill No. 640 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 640 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Chaney, Connick, Coussan, DeVillier, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Montoucet, Jim Morris, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only. 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 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop  
House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Date adopted: