

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 4, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kenneth E. Havard, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highway and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. in Room 3, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Kenneth E. Havard, chairman
Representative Bryan Adams
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative A B Franklin
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Frank A. Howard
Representative Terry C. Landry, Sr., vice chairman
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Jack Montoucet
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Stephen F. Carter

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kimberly Callaway, attorney
Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney

Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Representative Bishop

On behalf of Representative Bishop, Johnny Bradberry, no contact information provided, and Jason Lenior, no contact information provided, presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, which approves the Fiscal Year 2017 annual plan for integrated coastal protection and restoration. They narrated a powerpoint presentation and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Chip Kline, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70820, (225) 342-4317, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 favorably with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was reported favorably with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 641 by Representative Gisclair

Representative Gisclair presented House Bill No. 641, which exempts World War II veterans from payment of tolls at the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge.

Luke Cheramie, WWII, 2120 South Bayou Drive, Fourchon, Louisiana, 70357, no phone number provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 641.

Representative Havard offered an amendment to make technical changes. Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative Franklin offered a motion to report House Bill No. 641 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 641 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, and White 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. 886 by Representative Gaines

Representative Gaines presented House Bill No. 886, which increases the membership of the Port of South Louisiana Commission.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 886 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 886 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Carpenter, Franklin, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White 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. 356 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 356, which renews the Freight Railroad Intermodal Grant Program.

Josh Hollins, Department of Transportation and Development, 2102 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 356.

Chance McNeely, Department of Transportation and Development, 2102 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 356.

Representative Havard offered amendments to:

1. Prohibit the use of Transportation Trust Fund monies by the grant program for the operating costs of any railroad.
2. Make proposed law effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Carpenter,

Franklin, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 356 with amendments, to which Representative Pope objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 356 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions. Representatives Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, and White voted yea. Representative Pope voted nay. Representatives Havard and Terry Landry abstained.

House Bill No. 357 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 357, which provides relative to funds to be utilized for state rail freight service assistance.

Chance McNeely, Department of Transportation and Development, 2102 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 357.

Representative Havard offered an amendment to make proposed law effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action. Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 357 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 357 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White 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.

Representative Terry Landry in the chair.

House Bill No. 407 by Representative Havard

Representative Havard presented House Bill No. 407, which provides for conditions that may be placed on the transfer of roads from the state highway system to a parish or municipality.

Chance McNeely, Department of Transportation and Development, 2102 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 407.

Josh Hollins, Department of Transportation and Development, 2102 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 407.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill to House Bill No. 407. Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 407 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 407 was reported by substitute by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 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 meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kenneth E. Havard
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: