

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

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 24, 2017

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 9:00 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Clay Schexnayder, chairman
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders, vice chairman
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Frank A. Howard
Representative John M. Stefanski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Addison Nick, clerk
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Resolution No. 113 by Representative Connick

Representative Connick presented House Resolution No. 113, which urges and requests the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, in collaboration with the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, to study the feasibility of promoting the growth, production, and use of organic produce in this state.

Mr. Hampton Grunewald, LSU AgCenter, no address provided, (225) 978-6167, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 113.

Representative Schexnayder offered an amendment to make a technical change. Representative Schexnayder 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, Anders, Terry Brown, Chaney, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, and Stefanski voted yea.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 113 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 113 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, and Stefanski voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative DeVillier introduced several leaders of Louisiana's rice industry to the committee. Each committee member in turn expressed their appreciation for the industry's contribution to the state economy.

Mr. Michael Fruge, Louisiana Rice Growers, 1697 Woodstone Road, Eunice, LA 70535, (832) 260-6193, spoke for information only.

Mr. Steve Linscombe, LSU AgCenter, 1373 Caffey Road, Rayne, LA, (337) 788-7531, spoke for information only.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date approved: