

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 9, 2017

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 9:14 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman
Representative Robby Carter
Representative Gregory Cromer
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Randal L. Gaines, vice chairman
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Gregory A. Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert A. Singletary, attorney
Steve Kogos, attorney
Diane Merritt, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Madeleine Murphy, clerk
Jordan Zeringue, clerk
Clementine Johnson, sergeant at arms
Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 280 by Representative Marino

Representative Marino presented House Bill No. 280, which provides relative to birth certificates in certain cases of adoption.

Kurt Evans, 4061 Turtle Bayou Drive, Kenner, LA 70065, (504) 467-7363, spoke in support of House Bill No. 280.

Representative Julie Stokes spoke in support of House Bill No. 280.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 280 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 280 was reported favorably by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Robby Carter, Emerson, Gaines, Jenkins, and Gregory Miller voted yea. Representative Garofalo abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not wish to speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 426 by Representative Marino

Representative Marino presented House Bill No. 426, in the form of a substitute bill, which suspends child support while a parent is incarcerated.

Gary Franklin, Department of Children and Family Services, 627 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4785, testified for information only on the substitute to House Bill No. 426.

Lydia Scales, Department of Children and Family Services, 627 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4789, testified for information only on the substitute to House Bill No. 426.

Representative Gaines offered a motion to report House Bill No. 426 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 426 was reported by substitute by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Robby Carter, Cromer, Gaines, Jenkins, Magee, and Gregory Miller voted yea. Representative Garofalo abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not wish to speak are as follows: 15 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 270 by Representative Hodges

Representative Hodges presented House Bill No. 270, which provides relative to marriage license applications.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 270 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 270 was reported favorably by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Robby Carter, Cromer, Gaines, Jenkins, and Magee voted yea. Representative Garofalo abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not wish to speak are as follows: 1 for information only, 3 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 661 by Representative Jackson

On behalf of Representative Jackson, Larry Murray, representing the Louisiana State Bar Association, P.O. Box 44183, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 381-0127, presented House Bill No. 661, which provides relative to the annual notary public filing fee.

Gregory L. Landry, representing Information on Legal Services, 106 Touraine Circle, Lafayette, LA 70501, (337) 237-1323, testified for information only on House Bill No. 661.

Dona Reneger, representing the Louisiana State Bar Association, 2 Flagg Place, Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 234-5350, testified in support of House Bill No. 661.

Representative Jackson appeared before the committee to request that action on House Bill No. 661 be voluntarily deferred in order to work on specifics of the bill.

Representative Garofalo offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 661. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 661 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Robby Carter, Cromer, Emerson, Gaines, Jenkins, Magee, and Gregory Miller voted yea. Representative Garofalo abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not wish to speak are as follows: 12 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 399 by Representative Garofalo

Representative Garofalo presented House Bill No. 399, in the form of a substitute bill, which provides relative to suspension or extension of prescription, peremption, and certain legal deadlines.

Robert L. Rieger, Jr., representing the Louisiana Land Title Association, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200, spoke in support of the substitute to House Bill No. 399.

Kathryn Belanger, representing the Louisiana Land Title Association, 433 Metairie Road, Suite 525, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 582-2170, testified in support of the substitute to House Bill No. 399.

Steve Landry, representing the Louisiana Land Title Association, 869 Heather Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815, (225) 295-3600, testified in support of the substitute to House Bill No. 399.

Representative Garofalo offered a motion to report House Bill No. 399 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 399 was reported by substitute by a vote of 7 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Robby Carter, Cromer, Emerson, Gaines, Jenkins, Magee, and Gregory Miller voted yea. Representative Garofalo abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not wish to speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr.
House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Date adopted: