

## House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Regular Session  
May 22, 2017

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

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman  
Representative Chad Brown  
Representative Patrick Connick  
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Reid Falconer  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Paul Hollis, vice chairman  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative J. Kevin Pearson  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative Stephen E. Pugh  
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative John F. "Andy" Anders  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Christopher J. Leopold  
Representative Helena N. Moreno  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Resolution No. 132 by Representative Glover**

Representative Glover presented House Resolution No. 132, which provides for the examination of certain matters relative to the fiduciary duties of the RACER trust.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 132 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 132 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Lyons, Pearson, Price, and Reynolds voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 193 by Senator Cortez**

Senator Cortez presented Senate Bill No. 193, which provides relative to certificate renewals by the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

Representative Carmody offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 193. Representative Carmody offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Lyons, Pearson, Price, and Reynolds voted yea.

Representative Coussan offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 193 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 193 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Lyons, Pearson, Price, and Reynolds voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 69 by Senator Carter**

Senator Carter presented Senate Bill No. 69, which provides for the exclusive regulation of drones by the state.

Representative Reynolds offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 69, which would add an exemption to the definition of "unmanned aircraft system" in proposed law. Representative Reynolds offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by

a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Lyons, Pearson, Price, and Reynolds voted yea.

Mr. R. George Rey, Auvsi & Cots Technology, LLC, 3712 Lake Aspen Dr. West, Gretna, LA 70056, (504) 908-8789, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 69.

Mr. Carmach Blackmon, Louisiana Railroads Association, P. O. Box 44035, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 388-9871, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 69.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 69 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 69 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Lyons, Pearson, Price, and Reynolds 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.

#### **Senate Bill No. 162 by Senator Appel**

Senator Appel presented Senate Bill No. 162, which provides relative to the Louisiana Inclusionary Zoning and Workforce Affordable Housing Act.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 162. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 162 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Lyons, Pearson, Price, and Reynolds voted yea.

#### **House Resolution No. 133 by Representative Abramson**

Mr. Myron Katz, Building Science Innovators, LLC, 302 Walnut St., New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 343-1243, presented House Resolution No. 133 on behalf of Representative Abramson, which requests the Louisiana Public Service Commission to study the CLEP battery pilot and the feasibility of implementation.

Representative Connick offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 133 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 133 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Falconer, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Lyons, Pearson, Pugh, and Reynolds 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.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.  
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Date adopted: