

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 30, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 1:20 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 Jean-Paul P. Coussan
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Christopher J. Leopold
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Helena N. Moreno
Representative J. Kevin Pearson
Representative Edward J. Price
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative John F. "Andy" Anders
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Patrick Connick
Representative Paul Hollis, vice chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms
Jefferson Honeywell, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 114 by Senator Appel**

Senator Appel presented Senate Bill No. 114, which provides for free broadband Internet at public airports.

Representative Moreno offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 114 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 114 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hilferty, Jefferson, Leopold, Moreno, Price, Pugh, 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.

Mr. Jon Luther, Home Builders Association, City of New Orleans, 2824 N. Arnoult Rd., Metairie, LA, (504) 837-2700, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 162.

Mr. Chris Kane, Home Builders Association, City of New Orleans, 701 Poydras St., Ste. 4500, New Orleans, LA 70131, (504) 585-0155, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 162.

Mr. J. Mark Madderra, Apartment Association of Louisiana, 104 Stella St., Metairie, LA, (504) 835-6900, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 162.

Ms. Monika Gerhart-Hambrick, City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, (no address provided), (225) 397-7007, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 162.

Mr. Paul Harrang, City of New Orleans, 1300 Perdido St., New Orleans, LA, (504) 250-6837, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 162.

Representative Coussan offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 162 favorably, to which Representative Cox objected. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of

7 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Carmody, Coussan, Falconer, Hilferty, Leopold, Pearson, and Pugh voted yea. Representatives Cox, Glover, Jefferson, Lyons, Moreno, Price, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted nay.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 162. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 162 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hilferty, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Moreno, Pearson, Price, Pugh, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 26 in support and 20 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 257 by Senator Morrell

On behalf of Senator Morrell, Mr. Albert Nicoud, Home Inspector Board, 300 18th St., Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 837-1304, presented Senate Bill No. 257, which provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors.

Mr. Marc LeBlanc, Sherlock Home Inspection Service, 114 Reaux St., Broussard, LA 70518, (337) 984-8882, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 257.

Representative Price offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 257 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 257 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hilferty, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Moreno, Pearson, Price, Pugh, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.
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Date adopted: