

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 22, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kenneth E. Havard, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Kenneth E. Havard, chairman
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 Vincent J. Pierre
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative John M. Stefanski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Malinda B. White

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney
Craig Cassagne, attorney
Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Zachary Lester, committee clerk
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 by Senator Morrish**

Senator Morrish presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, which approves the comprehensive master plan for integrated coastal protection.

Mr. Johnny Bradberry, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7669, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 and provided handouts, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Brent Haase, CPRA, 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 276-3376, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 and narrated a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Michael Ellis, CPRA, no contact information provided, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Mr. R. J. Saucier, 6643 Bryce Canyon Drive, Central, LA 70739, (225) 262-6415, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 and provided handouts, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 favorably with recommendation that it be recommitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 was reported favorably with 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, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 14 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Resolution No. 1 by Representative Zeringue

Representative Zeringue presented House Resolution No. 1, which approves the annual integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2018, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

Mr. Michael Ellis, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4004, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 and narrated a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Brent Haase, CPRA, no contact information provided, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No 1.

Ms. Kimberly Reyher, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana CRCL/Restore the Mississippi River, 3801 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, (202) 271-2686, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 1 favorably with recommendation that it be recommitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Without objection, House Resolution No. 1 was reported favorably with 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, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 13 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 152 by Senator Carter

Senator Carter presented Senate Bill No. 152, which provides relative to a needs accommodation designation on a driver's license or special identification card and law enforcement training regarding mental health.

Representative Havard offered amendments to:

1. Delete the requirement that the statement from a qualified medical professional enabling an applicant to receive a needs accommodation designation be a sworn statement.
2. Clarify that the reason the applicant provides for accommodation approval must be a medical reason.

Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

Ms. Karen St. Germain, commissioner, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-6161, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 152.

Ms. Staci Hoyt, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 152.

Captain Greg Graphia, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4236, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 152.

Representative Terry Landry in the Chair.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 152 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 152 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 154 by Senator Carter

Senator Carter presented Senate Bill No. 154, which requires posting notification of speed camera location.

Representative Havard in the chair.

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to clarify that the speed cameras referenced in the bill are mobile speed cameras. Representative Terry Landry 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, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 154 with amendments, to which Representative Terry Brown objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 154 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea. Representatives Terry Brown, Hill, and Howard voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 605 by Representative Hodges

Representative Hodges presented House Bill No. 605, which provides relative to the Statewide Flood-Control Program.

Representative Pope offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Pope offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

Mr. Joshua Hollins, Department of Transportation and Development, no contact information provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 605.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 605 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 605 was reported by substitute by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski 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. 602 by Representative Glover

Representative Havard announced that action on House Bill No. 602 which provides relative to the Statewide Flood-Control Program, was voluntarily deferred.

Senate Bill No. 50 by Senator Morrish

Senator Morrish presented Senate Bill No. 50, which provides relative to motor carriers and common carrier certificates or contract carrier permits by the LPSC.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments to:

1. Remove the provisions relative to the determination of taxable capital.
2. Make technical changes.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

Mr. David Bruchhaus, Hine Environmental, 410 East College, Lake Charles, LA 70605, (337) 562-2327, spoke in support of House Bill No. 50.

Mr. Bubba NaQuin, Hine Environmental Services, 4327 Highway 275, Sulphur, LA 70665, (337) 558-5635, spoke in support of House Bill No. 50.

Mr. Brandon Frey, Louisiana Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 91154, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. (225) 342-5163, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 50.

Mr. Colby Cook, Louisiana Public Service Commission, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 342-4427, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 50.

Ms. Tammy Burl, Louisiana Public Service Commission/Transportation Division, no contact information provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 50.

Ms. Janet Boles, Boles Law Firm, 7914 Wrenwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 924-2686, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 50.

Mr. Emory A. Belton, Jr., 301 Main Street, Suite 2100, Baton Rouge, LA 70825, (225) 615-0212, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 50.

Mr. Tyler Gray, Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas, 730 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 387-3205, spoke in support of House Bill No. 50.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 50 with amendments, to which Representative Pope objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas, 1 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Pierre, and Stefanski voted yea. Representative Pope voted nay. Representative Havard abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 by Senator Cortez

On behalf of Senator Cortez, Ms. Cathy Gautreaux, representing Louisiana Motor Transport Association, P.O. Box 80278, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, (225) 928-5682, presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99, which creates the Louisiana Supply Chain and Transportation Council.

Representative Havard offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

Mr. Michael Olivier, Committee of 100, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1830, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 382-3750, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99.

Representative Terry Landry in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 23 by Senator Alario

On behalf of Senator Alario, Representative Havard presented Senate Bill No. 23, which designates the new bridge across Goose Bayou on LA 45 in Jefferson Parish as the "Jules Nunez Bridge".

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to require local or private monies to be received by the department equal to the department's actual cost for installation of the sign not to exceed \$550. Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Terry Landry, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

Mr. Timothy Kerner, Town of Jean LaFitte, 2654 Jean Lafitte Boulevard, Lafitte, LA 70067, (504) 689-2208, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 23 and provided handouts, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 23 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 23 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Terry Landry, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 60 by Senator Walsworth

On behalf of Senator Walsworth, Representative Terry Landry presented Senate Bill No. 60, which designates portions of certain state highways in memory of certain police officers.

Representative Havard offered amendments to:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Designate a portion of La. Hwy. 557 in West Monroe, La. as the "Justin Levi Beard Memorial Highway".

Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Terry Landry, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 60 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 60 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Terry Landry, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 148 by Senator Chabert

Senator Chabert presented Senate Bill No. 148, which creates the Waterway Dredging and Deepening Priority Program.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 148 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 148 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Terry Landry, Pierre, Pope, and Stefanski 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date approved: