

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 3, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Patrick Connick
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Paul Hollis, vice chairman
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Christopher J. Leopold
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Helena N. Moreno
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds
Representative Robert E. Shadoin
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative J. Kevin Pearson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rashida Keith, attorney
Halie Guidry, legislative analyst
Sandy Painting, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

Patricia Harris, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 679 by Representative Jordan**

Representative Carmody offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 679, which creates the Internet Privacy and Protection Act.. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 679 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Hollis, Jordan, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 372 by Representative Connick

Representative Connick presented House Bill No. 372, which establishes the Occupational Board Compliance Act.

Representative Carmody offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 372, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Hollis, Jordan, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 372 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 372 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 1 in opposition.

House Bill No. 191 by Representative Bishop

Representative Bishop presented House Bill No. 191, which provides relative to the availability of certain seating in restaurant establishments.

Mr. Ray Green, Project Armchair, 808 Dafney Dr., Lafayette, LA 70503, (337) 981-4265, spoke in support of House Bill No. 191.

Mr. Larry Glover, Project Armchair, P. O. Box 5152-OCS, Lafayette, LA 70505, (337) 280-9981, spoke in support of House Bill No. 191.

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

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 191 favorably, to which Representative Carmody objected.

Representative Carmody offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 191, to which Representative Cox objected. A roll call vote was taken and action on House Bill No. 191 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Hilferty, Hollis, Leopold, Pugh, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Coussan, Cox, Jefferson, Jordan, Lyons, and Reynolds voted nay.

House Bill No. 491 by Representative Johnson

Representative Johnson presented House Bill No. 491, which provides relative to examination and licensing fees assessed by the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology.

Representative Carmody offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 491, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Mr. Stephen Young, Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology, 11622 Sunbelt Court, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 756-3404, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 491.

Mr. Michael Grayson, Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology, 11622 Sunbelt Court, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (318) 563-2377, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 491.

Ms. Sheri Morris, Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology, 8480 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 421-1800, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 491.

Representative Chad Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 491 with amendments, to which Representative Connick objected. A roll call vote was taken and House Bill No. 491 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Cox, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea. Representatives Connick, Coussan, and Thomas voted nay.

Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 386 by Representative Jackson

Representative Jackson presented House Bill No. 386, which provides relative to security deposits for residential leases.

Representative Carmody offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 386. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Lyons, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Carmody offered amendments to House Bill No. 386 which would clarify that if the landlord was owed rent, a portion of the security deposit could be retained. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, Moreno, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Connick offered an amendment to House Bill No. 386, which would change the prescription period regarding the return of the security deposit from three years to one year. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Connick, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, Moreno, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Jordan offered an amendment to House Bill No. 386 and then decided to withdraw said amendment. Without objection, the amendment was withdrawn by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Connick, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, Moreno, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Professor Melissa Lonegrass, 1 East Campus Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 578-8704, spoke in support of House Bill No. 386.

Ms. Jourdan Curet, 1 East Campus Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (985) 634-1983, spoke in support of House Bill No. 386.

Ms. Jennifer Ansardi, Apartment Association of Louisiana, P.O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 386.

Mr. Jim Rather, Apartment Association of Louisiana, 4080 Lonesome Rd., Ste. A, Mandeville, LA 70448, (985) 727-7501, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 386.

Ms. Stacey Shane Schott, 3925 N. I-10 Service Rd., #105, (504) 885-4885, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 386.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 386, to which Representative Jefferson objected.

Representative Jefferson offered a substitute motion to report House Bill No. 386 with amendments. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Anders, Cox, Jefferson, Lyons, Moreno, and Reynolds voted yea. Representatives Carmody, Connick, Hilferty, Hollis, Pugh, Shadoin, and Thomas voted nay.

Action on House Bill No. 386 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support, 1 for information only, and 19 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 653 by Representative Simon

Representative Simon presented House Bill No. 653, which provides relative to conveyance devices.

Representative Carmody offered amendments to House Bill No. 653, which would provide that a qualified representative is an authorized person to be onsite for a conveyance device inspector's final acceptance inspection and make technical changes. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Connick, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Mr. Dylan Isenberg, National Elevator Industry, Inc., 250 K St. NE, Washington, D.C. (609) 502-3610, spoke in support of House Bill No. 653.

Mr. Randy Haynie, National Elevator Industry, Inc., 1465 Ted Dunham Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 336-4143 spoke in support of House Bill No. 653.

Ms. Renee Amar, LABI, 451 Florida St., 11th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 928-5388, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 653.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 653 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 653 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 662 by Representative Lance Harris

Representative Lance Harris presented House Bill No. 662, which provides for the fair pricing of gasoline.

Representative Carmody offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 662. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representative Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 662 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 662 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 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 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.
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