

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 10, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 10:04 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 Cedric B. Glover
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Paul Hollis, vice chairman
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Christopher J. Leopold
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds
Representative Robert E. Shadoin
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 606 by Representative Stokes**

Representative Carmody offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 606 , which provides relative to the Louisiana Condominium Act. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 606 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Pugh, Reynolds, and Thomas voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 63 by Senator Martiny

Ms. Mandi Mitchell, Louisiana Department of Economic Development, Baton Rouge, LA, (no other information provided), presented Senate Bill No. 63 on behalf of Senator Martiny, which re-creates the Department of Economic Development.

Representative Jefferson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 63 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 63 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Pugh, Reynolds, and Thomas voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 412 by Senator White

Representative Carmody offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 412, which adds "employee" to those individuals authorized to keep a register of motor vehicle sales in salvage pools. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 412 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Pugh, Reynolds, and Thomas voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 126 by Senator Martiny

Mr. Will Green, Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association, 7526 Picardy Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (no phone number provided), presented Senate Bill No. 126 on behalf of Senator Martiny, which provides relative to recall repairs.

Representative Coussan offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 126, which would remove and reorganize language relative to 45 day reimbursement requirement to clarify the intent of proposed law with respect to a new motor vehicle dealer in possession of an affected used vehicle. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Reynolds, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Coussan offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 126 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 126 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hollis, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

There were no other witness cards submitted. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 754 by Representative Foil

Representative Foil presented House Bill No. 754, which provides relative to certain veteran-owned small entrepreneurship.

Representative Cox offered amendments to House Bill No. 754, which would add the Hudson Initiative to proposed law; would replace previously deleted language providing maximum amount limits relative to veteran owned entrepreneurship; and would require maximum amount limits, relative to veteran owned entrepreneurship, be adjusted annually based on Consumer Price Index. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Connick offered amendments to House Bill No. 754, which would require maximum amount limits, relative to small entrepreneurship, be adjusted annually based on Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the south. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

Mr. Harry Benoit, veteran, (337) 298-1885, (no address provided), spoke in support of House Bill No. 754.

Ms. Mandi Mitchell, Louisiana Department of Economic Development, Baton Rouge, LA, (no other information provided), spoke for information only on House Bill No. 754.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 754 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 754 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas voted yea.

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. 674 by Representative Norton

Representative Carmody offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 674 , which provides relative to the documents that an owner who sells a vehicle for scrap must present to the purchaser. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 674 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thomas 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 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.
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