

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
May 9, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 10:08 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 J. Kevin Pearson
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robert E. Shadoin
Representative Polly Thomas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms
Michaela Wells, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 204 by Senator Gary Smith**

Senator Gary Smith presented Senate Bill No. 204, which provides relative to caller ID spoofing.

Representative Carmody offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 204. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Coussan, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, and Pearson voted yea.

Representative Coussan offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 204 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 204 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Coussan, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, and Pearson voted yea.

There were no witness cards submitted to Senate Bill No. 204.

Senate Bill No. 365 by Senator Ward

Senator Ward presented Senate Bill No. 365, which creates the Louisiana Credit Access Loan Act.

Representative Carmody offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 365, which would add definitions; would require the disclosure language to be printed in a different font and make other printing changes; and would make changes regarding the data base provider. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Coussan, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Lyons, and Pearson voted yea.

Mr. Larry Murray, Advance America, P.O. Box 44153, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 381-0127, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 365.

Mr. Darin Domingue, Office of Financial Institutions, 8660 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-2596, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 365.

Mr. Ronaldo Hardy, Southwest Louisiana Credit Union, 4056 Ryan St., Lake Charles, LA, (225) 245-1258, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 365.

Mr. Richard Williams, Essential Federal Credit Union, 2370 Tower Center Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 379-5150, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 365.

Mr. Rob Tasman, Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2431 S. Acadian Thruway, Ste. 250, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 344-7120, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 365.

Ms. Carmen Green, Louisiana Budget Project, 619 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA, (336) 813-6776, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 365.

Mr. Danny Ford, Louisiana Payday Loan Association, 732 N. 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 247-4105, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 365.

Mr. Edgar Cage, Together Louisiana, 4302 Melban St., Baker, LA 70714, (225) 274-5808, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 365.

Representative Chad Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 365 with amendments, to which Representative Coussan objected. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 7 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Hollis, Lyons, Pearson, and Reynolds voted yea. Representatives Carmody, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hilferty, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, and Pugh voted nay.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 365. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 365 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Jordan, Leopold, Lyons, Pearson, Pugh, and Reynolds voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support and 8 in opposition.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.
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