

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 24, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Terry C. Landry, Sr., chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Terry C. Landry, Sr., chairman
Representative Stephen F. Carter, vice chairman
Representative Ken Brass
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative A B Franklin
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Frank A. Howard
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kenneth E. Havard
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Mark Wright

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney
Glenn Fleming, attorney

Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michaela Wells, sergeant at arms
Nyla Rivarda, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Representative Terry Landry announced that action on House Bill No. 568, which establishes requirements for temporary registration license plates, was voluntarily deferred.

Senate Bill No. 479 by Senator Luneau

On behalf of Senator Luneau, Representative Hall presented Senate Bill No. 479, which provides for blue lights on licensed ambulances.

Representative Carpenter offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 479 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 479 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, LeBas, and White voted yea.

Mr. Scott Guidry, Acadian Ambulance, 2916 N. University Ave., Lafayette, LA 70507, (337) 521-3405, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 479.

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

Senate Bill No. 372 by Senator Cortez

On behalf of Senator Cortez, Mr. Joshua Hollins, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200, presented Senate Bill No. 372, which provides for Rural Grant Opportunity Program in the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Mr. Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association, 707 N. 7th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, no phone number provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 372.

Representative White offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 372 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 372 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, and White voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 212 by Senator Gatti

Senator Gatti presented Senate Bill No. 212, which authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development to rent or lease equipment.

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to authorize the department to rent fixed and mobile equipment necessary to maintain and operate its facilities when the secretary determines that it is necessary or economically feasible to use specialized maintenance equipment which will not be needed on a permanent basis.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, and White voted yea.

Mr. Joshua Hollins, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 212.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 212 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 212 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Brass, Carpenter, Franklin, Guinn, Hall, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, and White voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 415 by Senator White

Senator White presented Senate Bill No. 415, which provides relative to the sale of excess immovable property by the Department of Transportation and Development.

Representative Steve Carter offered amendments to:

- (1) Change the requirement of the selling price of any property offered for sale pursuant to present law from whichever is less of the department's last available appraisal or the cost of advertisement to whichever is greater of the department's last available appraisal or the cost of advertisement.
- (2) Mandate the department to solicit all real estate brokers licensed in La. and establish a registry of qualified real estate brokers to list the property to be sold in the multiple listing service database in the region where the property is located.

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Brass, Carpenter, Franklin, Hall, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, and White voted yea.

Mr. Joshua Hollins, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only to Senate Bill No. 415.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 415 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 415 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Guinn, Hall, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, and White voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 331 by Senator Colomb

On behalf of Senator Colomb, Representative Marcelle presented Senate Bill No. 331, which provides for a ten-year renewable period for hang tags for persons with mobility impairments.

Ms. Ashleigh Bossom, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA (225) 925-4089, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 331.

Representative Carpenter offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 331 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 331 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Guinn, Hall, LeBas, Marcelle, and White voted yea.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12 by Senator Erdey

On behalf of Senator Erdey, Representative Steve Carter presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12, which requests study of options to reduce traffic congestion in the Baton Rouge area.

Representative Terry Landry welcomed the members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority to the committee meeting.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Guinn, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follow: 5 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

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Terry C. Landry, Sr.
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: _____