

# House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Minutes of Meeting  
2019 Regular Session  
May 2, 2019

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Clay Schexnayder, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

## II. ROLL CALL

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Clay Schexnayder, chairman  
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders, vice chairman  
Representative Ryan Joseph Bourriaque  
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass  
Representative Terry R. Brown  
Representative Charles R. Chaney  
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier  
Representative Frank A. Howard  
Representative H. Bernard LeBas  
Representative Wayne McMahan  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Christopher Turner

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Julie Emerson  
Representative Jerry Gisclair  
Representative John E. Guinn  
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill  
Representative Steve E. Pylant  
Representative John M. Stefanski

### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amanda Trapp, legislative analyst  
Karen Stephens, secretary  
Zaren James, division director

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

David Koke, clerk  
Wylene Hurst, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**House Bill No. 92 by Representative Anders**

Representative Anders presented House Bill No. 92, which provides relative to the membership and voting requirements of the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, no address or phone number provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 92.

Representative Anders offered a motion to report House Bill No. 92 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 92 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Bourriaque, Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Turner 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. 94 by Representative Pugh**

Representative Pugh presented House Bill No. 94, which provides relative to the membership of the Louisiana Strawberry Marketing Board.

Representative Schexnayder offered amendments to allow the resident coordinator of the LSU Agriculture Experiment Station at Hammond to appoint a designee to the Louisiana Strawberry Marketing Board.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, no address or phone number provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 94.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Bourriaque, Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to report House Bill No. 94 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 94 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Bourriaque, Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Turner 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. 106 by Representative McFarland**

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 106, which provides relative to the Right to Farm Law.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, no address or phone number provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 106.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 106 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 106 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Bourriaque, Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only and 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 364 by Representative McFarland**

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 364, which provides relative to the harvest or sale of forest products.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, no address or phone number provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 364.

Representative Schexnayder offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Bourriaque, Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Turner voted yea.

Mr. Wade Dubea, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4500, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 364.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 364 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 364 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Bourriaque, Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Turner 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.

**House Bill No. 582 by Representative Bacala**

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 582, which provides for fees for impounded livestock found roaming at large.

Representative Schexnayder offered amendments to remove the \$3 daily rate for feeding and caring for impounded livestock required in Vermilion Parish and establish a \$10 daily boarding fee for each animal. Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Bourriaque, Brass, Chaney, DeVillier, Howard, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to report House Bill No. 582 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 582 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Bourriaque, Brass, Chaney, DeVillier, Howard, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Turner voted yea.

**House Bill No. 454 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 454, which provides relative to animal shelters.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, no address or phone number provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 92.

Representative Schexnayder offered amendments to:

1. Modify the definition of "research facility" to remove the reference to tests.
2. Modify the required notification statement to indicate that euthanized animals may be used for educational purposes.
3. Clarify that an animal shelter or other person can transfer a living animal for instructional purposes.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Bourriaque, Brass, Chaney, DeVillier, Howard, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Turner voted yea.

Ms. Julia Breaux, The Humane Society of the United States, 6642 Ben Haig Street, New Orleans, LA 70124, (504) 615-1152, spoke in support of House Bill No. 454.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 454 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 454 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Bourriaque, Brass, Chaney, DeVillier, Howard, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Turner 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.

**House Bill No. 384 by Representative Schexnayder**

Representative Schexnayder presented House Bill No. 384, which provides relative to the Horsemen's Bookkeeper.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to report House Bill No. 384 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 384 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Bourriaque, Brass, Chaney, DeVillier, Howard, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Turner voted yea.

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**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Clay Schexnayder  
House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Date adopted: