

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

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 22, 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 9:30 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 Terry R. Brown
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Frank A. Howard
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative John M. Stefanski
Representative Christopher Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative Dustin Miller

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

Senate Bill No. 40 by Senator Thompson

On behalf of Senator Thompson, Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, no address provided, (225) 342-7270, presented Senate Bill No. 40, which repeals the Boll Weevil Eradication Fund and assessments on cotton producers and provides for the disposition of funds.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 40 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 40 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Bourriaque, Terry Brown, Chaney, Emerson, Guinn, Hill, Howard, McMahan, Pylant, Stefanski, and Turner voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 170 by Senator Thompson

On behalf of Senator Thompson, Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, no address provided, (225) 342-7270, presented Senate Bill No. 170, which creates the Rural Water Infrastructure Committee within the governor's office.

Representative Chaney offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 170 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 170 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Bourriaque, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Guinn, Hill, Howard, LeBas, McMahan, Pylant, Stefanski, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate Bill No. 61 by Senator Boudreaux

Representative Schexnayder stated that action on Senate Bill No. 61, which creates the Louisiana Commission on Medicinal Plants, was voluntarily deferred.

Senate Bill No. 152 by Senator Thompson

Representative Schexnayder stated that action on Senate Bill No. 152, which provides for truth in labeling requirements of agricultural products, was voluntarily deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Clay Schexnayder
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Date adopted: