

House Committee on Judiciary

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 30, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Katrina R. Jackson, chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 12:46 p.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Katrina R. Jackson, chairman
Representative John H. Bagneris
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Joseph A. Marino, III
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III, vice chairman
Representative Stuart Alan Moss
Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Robby Carter
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Randal L. Gaines
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Christopher J. Leopold

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Danielle Barringer, attorney
Diane Merritt, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Sadie Becnel, attorney
Madison Ramsey, clerk
Kennedy LeJeune, clerk
Angela McNight, sergeant at arms
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91 by Senator Donahue**

Senator Donahue presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91, which creates a task force to study the advisability of creating a statewide business court.

Ileana Ledet, representing Greater New Orleans, Inc., 1100 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70113, (504) 527-6951, testified in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91.

Representative Morris in chair.

Kim Goodell, representing professor Oliver Houck, Tulane University Law School, 6329 Freret St., New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 865-5939, testified in opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91.

Jonathan Henderson, representing LEAN and Sierra Club, 938 Pleasant St., New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 453-1375, testified in opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91. Without objection, action on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Bagneris, Chad Brown, Coussan, Jimmy Harris, Mike Johnson, Magee, Marino, Jay Morris, Moss, Muscarello, and Zeringue 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.

Senate Bill No. 130 by Senator Peacock

On behalf of Senator Peacock, Representative Jackson presented Senate Bill No. 130, which provides for an exception to certification for court reporters in the Juvenile Court for Caddo Parish.

On behalf of Senator Peacock, Representative Jackson offered amendments as follows:

- (1) Removes general authority of court reporters for Caddo Parish Juvenile Court to use electronic or audio recording.
- (2) Adds authority for Orleans Parish Civil District Court to use electronic or audio recording in hearings pertaining to protection from abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Bagneris, Chad Brown, Coussan, Jimmy Harris, Mike Johnson, Magee, Marino, Jay Morris, Moss, Muscarello, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 130 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 130 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Bagneris, Chad Brown, Coussan, Jimmy Harris, Mike Johnson, Magee, Marino, Jay Morris, Moss, Muscarello, and Zeringue voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Katrina R. Jackson
House Committee on Judiciary

Date adopted: