

House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 15, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Patrick Connick
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Franklin J. Foil
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Christopher J. Leopold, vice chairman
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris
Representative John M. Stefanski
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative James K. Armes, III

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Su King, legislative analyst
Tyler S. McCloud, attorney
Karen Stephens, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

David Koke, clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 100 by Senator Allain

Senator Allain presented Senate Bill No. 100, which provides relative to times and methods of taking outlaw quadrupeds.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 100 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 100 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, 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.

House Resolution No. 155 by Representative Bishop

On behalf of Representative Bishop, Mr. Chip Kline, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, 1051 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4367, presented House Resolution No. 155, which approves the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2020, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board. The annual plan, Exhibit A, is included in the committee records.

Mr. Bren Haase, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2179, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 155.

Mr David Peterson, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-6505, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 155.

Representative Leopold in the chair.

Representative Bishop presented his closing remarks on House Resolution No. 155.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 155 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 155 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Connick, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Magee, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, and Zeringue 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.

Representative Bishop in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 65 by Senator Lambert

Senator Lambert presented Senate Bill No. 65, which provides for the size and location of escape rings on crab traps.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 65 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 65 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Connick, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, McFarland, Jim Morris, and White voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 231 by Senator Lambert

Senator Lambert presented Senate Bill No. 231, which adds Ascension Parish to the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 231 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 231 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Connick, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, McFarland, Jim Morris, White, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Resolution No. 145 by Representative Abramson

On behalf of Representative Abramson, Representative Jim Morris presented House Resolution No. 145, which requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study the effects of evolving 5G technology.

Representative Jim Morris offered amendments to:

1. Add the study is in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Health and includes a study of the environmental and health effects of evolving 5G technology.
2. Add the report is also submitted to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Connick, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, McFarland, Jim Morris, White, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 145 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 145 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Connick, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, McFarland, Jim Morris, White, and Zeringue voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 190 by Senator Chabert

Senator Chabert presented Senate Bill No. 190, which provides with respect to the membership of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

Representative Stefanski offered amendments to:

1. Remove the requirement that the designees to be employees of the respective state agency, department, or commission, or be members of the respective legislative entity.
2. Make technical changes.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Miguez objected. The secretary called the roll, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Bishop, Terry Brown, Connick, Coussan, DeVillier, Guinn, Magee, McFarland, Stefanski, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Billiot, Gisclair, Lyons, Miguez, and White voted nay.

Representative Connick offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 190 with amendments, to which Representative DeVillier objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 190 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Connick, Gisclair, Lyons, Magee, McFarland, White, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Coussan, DeVillier, Guinn, Miguez, and Stefanski voted nay.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Representative Leopold in the chair.

LNG Day at the Capitol: Status report on the industry

Mr. Maury Hudson, Louisiana Energy Export Association, 1001 McKinney Street, Houston, TX 77002, (832) 474-8825, spoke for information only on the status of the LNG industry.

Mr. Eric Cormier, Louisiana Energy Export Association / Southwest Louisiana Chapter, 4310 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA 70605, (337) 433-3632, spoke for information only on the status of the LNG industry.

Representative Bishop in the chair.

The committee recessed at 11:00 a.m. The committee reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

Senate Bill No. 149 by Senator Luneau

Representative Bishop announced that action on Senate Bill No. 149, which authorizes the state of Louisiana to sell or transfer certain state property, was voluntarily deferred until the next meeting.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop
House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Date adopted: