

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
April 15, 2019

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 10:05 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 Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Stephen F. Carter, vice chairman
Representative A B Franklin
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Frank A. Howard
Representative Ed Larvadain III
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative C. Denise Marcelle

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney
Glenn Fleming, attorney
Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms
LaKisha Carmese, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Chairman Terry Landry advised the committee to take a moment of silence to acknowledge the death of Representative Carpenter's husband, Dr. Dana Carpenter.

Chairman Terry Landry welcomed Representatives Adams and Lavardain as new members of the committee.

House Bill No. 79 by Representative DuBuisson

Representative DuBuisson presented House Bill No. 79, which designates a portion of United States Highway 190, Gause Boulevard West, as the "Officer Jason Seals Memorial Highway".

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 79 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 79 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Mr. Randy Fandal, Slidell Police Department, 2112 Sgt. Alfred Drive, Slidell, LA, no zip code provided, (985) 960-2602, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 79.

House Bill No. 232 by Representative Turner

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 232, which creates the "Combat Veteran" military honor plate.

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to require the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles to create the special prestige license plate provided for in this instrument when the applicable statutory provisions are met and their system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Ms. Jill Jarreau, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-7917, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 232.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 232 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 232 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 309 by Representative Leopold

Representative Terry Landry announced that action on House Bill No. 309, which creates the "Spanish Heritage" specialty license plate, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 66 by Representative Terry Brown

Representative Terry Brown presented House Bill No. 66, which designates a portion of United States Highway 84 as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to specify that the portion of U.S. Hwy. to be designated as "Veterans Memorial Highway" is situated in LaSalle Parish. Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 66 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 66 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 115 by Representative Wright

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 115, which creates the "Purple Heart Disabled Veteran" special prestige license plate.

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to add that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, is hereby directed to create the special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and their system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 115 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 115 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Mr. Matt Cole, 73117 Veronica Boulevard, Covington, LA 70435, (985) 237-5555, spoke in support of House Bill No. 115.

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

House Bill No. 365 by Representative Dustin Miller

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Bill No. 365, which creates the "Disabled Peace Officer" specialty license plate.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report House Bill No. 365 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 365 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 317 by Representative Howard

Representative Howard presented House Bill No. 317, which creates the "Louisiana REALTORS" special prestige license plate.

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to require the Dept. of Public Safety, office of motor vehicles, to create the special prestige license plate provided for in this instrument when the applicable statutory provisions are met and their system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Ms. Kim Callaway, Louisiana REALTORS, 821 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA, no zip code provided, (225) 923-2210, spoke in support of House Bill No. 317.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 317 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 317 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 457 by Representative Howard

Representative Howard presented House Bill No. 457, which provides for the designation of a strict speed enforcement TRAP in the Village of Robeline, and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Howard offered amendments to:

- (1) Require the Dept. of Transportation and Development to erect and maintain appropriate signage reflecting this designation provided local or private monies are received by the department from the Village of Robeline equal to the department's actual costs for material, fabrication, mounting posts, and installation of each sign.
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Howard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Mr. Brad Raynes, Village of Robeline, 122 Depot Street, Robeline, LA 71469, (318) 472-6121, spoke in opposition to and provided information on House Bill No. 457.

Mr. Gordon O'Con, Village of Robeline, 122 Depot Street, Robeline, LA 71469, (318) 472-6121, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 457.

Mr. John Gallagher, Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 281-3573, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 457.

Mr. Bobby Behan, Village of Robeline, P.O. Box 217, Robeline, LA, no zip code provided, (318) 332-1252, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 457.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments to:

- (1) Change references in proposed law from speed enforcement trap to strict speed enforcement zones.
- (2) Designate the portion of La. Hwy. 6 situated in Robeline, LA as a strict speed enforcement zone instead of a speed enforcement trap.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report House Bill No. 457 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 457 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 68 by Representative Thomas

Representative Thomas presented House Bill No. 68, which creates the "War of 1812" specialty license plate.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments to:

- (1) Make a technical change.
- (2) Require the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to create the special prestige license plate provided for in this instrument when the applicable statutory provisions are met and their system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, LeBas, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 68 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 68 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, LeBas, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 481 by Representative Gary Carter

Representative Gary Carter presented House Bill No. 481, which provides relative to specialty prestige license plates.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report House Bill No. 481 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 481 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Terry Landry announced that the agenda for the Tuesday, April 16th meeting will be extensive and advised the members to be on time.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: