

House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Regular Session
May 27, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II, chairman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II, chairman
Representative Tony Bacala, vice chairman
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Joseph A. Marino, III
Representative Markham Scott McKnight
Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
Representative Richard James Nelson
Representative Alan Seabaugh
Representative Debbie Villio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Bryan Fontenot

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly C. Fogleman, attorney
Katie LeLeux, attorney
Stephanie Weinman, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Madeleine Murphy, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 300 by Senator Jackson

Senator Jackson presented Senate Bill No. 300, which provides relative to the Charitable Raffles, Bingo, and Keno Licensing Law.

Pursuant to House Rule 14.9, Representative Muscarello recused himself from all committee proceedings relating to Senate Bill No. 300 in which he believes he has a conflict of interest.

On behalf of the author, Representative James offered amendments to: (1) remove proposed law relative to the time, location, and duration of play of electronic video bingo machines at noncommercial locations and (2) make technical corrections. Representative James offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives James, Bacala, Bryant, Goudeau, Jones, Marcelle, Marino, McKnight, Nelson, and Villio voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Representative James offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 300 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 300 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives James, Bacala, Bryant, Goudeau, Jones, Marcelle, Marino, McKnight, Nelson, and Villio voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

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. 188 by Senator White

On behalf of the author, Michael Ranatza, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 343-8402, presented Senate Bill No. 188, which designates the crime of possession of a firearm by a felon as a "crime of violence".

Sheriff Steve Prator, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, 501 Texas St., Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 464-1400, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 188.

Meghan Garvey, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 3043 Old Forge Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (504) 343-7175, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 188.

Alan Boxberger, Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office, 900 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 188.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 188 favorably, to which Representative Marcelle objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed

to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Bacala, Goudeau, McKnight, Seabaugh, and Villio voted yea. Representatives James, Bryant, Jones, Marcelle, Marino, Muscarello, and Nelson voted nay.

Representative James offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 188. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 188 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives James, Bacala, Bryant, Goudeau, Jones, Marcelle, Marino, McKnight, Muscarello, Nelson, Seabaugh, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support and 9 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 8 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Edward C. "Ted" James, II
House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

Date adopted: