

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Regular Session
March 11, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gregory A. Miller, chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gregory A. Miller, chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Lawrence "Larry" Frieman
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson, vice chairman
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Richard James Nelson
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Representative Alan Seabaugh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annie Smith, attorney
Amy Pirtle, attorney
Margaret "Maggie" O'Roark, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrel, sergeant at arms
Colton Hutton, clerk
Danny Lemming, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 98 by Representative Magee**

Representative Magee presented House Bill No. 98, which provides relative to the signing of civil pleadings.

There was no further discussion on House Bill No. 98.

Representative Seabaugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 98 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 98 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Wilford Carter, DeVillier, Echols, Frieman, Hodges, Jefferson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Landry, Nelson, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 227 by Representative Coussan

Representative Coussan presented House Bill No. 227, which provides relative to the nature of production payments.

Professor Patrick S. Ottinger, Louisiana State Law Institute, no address provided, (337) 232-2606, spoke in support of House Bill No. 227.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to report House Bill No. 227 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 227 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Wilford Carter, DeVillier, Echols, Frieman, Hodges, Jefferson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Landry, Nelson, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 499 by Representative Seabaugh

Representative Seabaugh presented House Bill No. 499, which provides relative to the procedure for independent administration of successions.

Katie Belanger, Louisiana Land Title Association, 433 Metairie Road, Suite 525, Metairie, LA 70003, (504) 582-2170, spoke in support of House Bill No. 499.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 499 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 499 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Wilford Carter, DeVillier, Echols, Frieman, Glover, Hodges, Jefferson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Landry, Nelson, Pressly, and Seabaugh 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.

Vice Chair Mike Johnson in the chair.

House Bill No. 124 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 124, which provides for continuous revisions to the Trust Code.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 124 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 124 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Amedee, Wilford Carter, DeVillier, Echols, Frieman, Glover, Hodges, Jefferson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Landry, Nelson, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee record.

House Bill No. 126 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 126, which provides for ownership in bond for deed contracts for purposes of homestead exemptions.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 126 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 126 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Amedee, Wilford Carter, DeVillier, Echols, Frieman, Glover, Hodges, Jefferson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Landry, Nelson, Pressly, and Seabaugh 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

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Amedee, Wilford Carter, DeVillier, Echols, Frieman, Glover, Hodges, Jefferson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Landry, Nelson, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Gregory A. Miller
House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure