

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Regular Session
May 4, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman
Representative Stephanie Hilferty, vice chairwoman
Representative Royce Duplessis
Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Charles Alexander Henry
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Markham Scott McKnight
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Debbie Villio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Candace N. Newell

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kimona Hogan, attorney
Halie Guidry, legislative analyst
Allie King, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 862 by Representative Garofalo**

Chairwoman Davis announced that action on House Bill No. 862, which provides for the COVID-19 Business Recovery and Growth Program, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 763 by Representative McFarland

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 763, which provides relative to a gubernatorial declaration of an abnormal economic disruption.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 763 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 763 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

House Bill No. 722 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 722, which provides for the enforcement of electronic signatures by financial institutions.

Mr. David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4836, spoke in support of House Bill No. 722.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 722 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 722 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio 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. 220 by Representative Mike Johnson

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 220, which provides relative to the judicial enforcement of fines and penalties assessed by the state licensing board for contractors.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 220 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 220 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

House Bill No. 284 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 284, which provides relative to financial institutions.

Mr. Joe Gendron, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4837, spoke in support of House Bill No. 284.

Representative Jordan offered amendments to House Bill No. 284 which would: (1) narrow the definition of "branch" or "branch office" in present law to clarify that it does not include a loan production office, deposit production office, or a combined office; (2) add the requirement that a loan production office, deposit production office, or a combined office be physically-manned; (3) allow a financial institution which is opening a combined loan production office and deposit production office to satisfy the notice required by proposed law by submitting one combined written notice to the commissioner; and (4) make technical changes.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 284 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 284 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio 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.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 for information only. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 634 by Representative Huval

On behalf of Representative Huval, Mr. David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4836, presented House Bill No. 634, which provides relative to security for deposits required by certain entities.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 634 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 634 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio 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 Bill No. 422 by Representative Emerson

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 422, which provides relative to apprenticeships.

Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 422. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 422 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 2 for information only. 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: 2 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 498 by Representative Emerson

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 498, which provides relative to occupational license and examination fee waivers and payment plans for qualified individuals.

Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 498. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 498 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 2 for information only. 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: 1 in opposition and 1 for information only. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 613 by Representative Charles Owen

Representative Charles Owen presented House Bill No. 613, which provides relative to the occupational licenses of military families.

Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 613. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 613 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 2 for information only. 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: 1 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

Representative Tarver offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairwoman Paula P. Davis
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: