

## House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 Regular Session  
May 11, 2020

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:11 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 Candace N. Newell  
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

#### **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. 651 by Representative Deshotel**

Representative Davis announced that action on House Bill No. 651, which provides with respect to broadband service providers access to railroad right of way, was voluntarily deferred.

**House Bill No. 396 by Representative Stagni**

Representative Davis announced that action on House Bill No. 396, which provides relative to the disposition of human remains, was voluntarily deferred.

Representative Davis offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 396. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 396 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

**House Bill No. 458 by Representative Gregory Miller**

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 458, which provides relative to the execution of agreements between merchants and third-party delivery services.

Representative Davis offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 458. Representative Davis 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, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 458 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 458 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 827 by Representative Riser**

Representative Riser presented House Bill No. 827, which provides relative to funeral directors and embalmers.

Representative Davis offered amendments to House Bill No. 827 which would: (1) make technical changes; (2) add to the manner in which the signature of the authorizing agent can be verified; (3) provide that if visual identification by viewing the remains is not feasible, other positive identification of the decedent may be used including photographs or other visual images; (4) allow a copy of a signed cremation authorization form to be delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission and to also allow the signature of the authorizing agent to include an electronic signature; and (5) allow a funeral director, funeral establishment, or cremation authority to rely on a copy of a cremation authorization form without liability. Representative Davis 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, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 827 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 827 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards 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 Davis offered amendments to House Bill No. 613 which would: (1) change references to federal government civilian employees to United States Department of Defense civilian employees; (2) add permit pending normal license to the types of licensure that are covered by proposed law; (3) specify that proposed law applies to United States Department of Defense civilian employees who have been assigned to duty in Louisiana; (4) add the requirement that the applicant simultaneously apply for a permanent license; (5) exempt any person that obtains licensure or registration on a nationwide licensing or registry system from proposed law; and (6) make technical changes. Representative Davis 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, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 613 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 613 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 4 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 313 by Representative Pressly**

Representative Pressly presented House Bill No. 313, which provides for the recognition of separate legal personalities among affiliated corporations and other business entities.

Representative Davis offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 313. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Mr. Kyle McInnis, 455 Southfield Rd., Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 572-5796, spoke in support of House Bill No. 313.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 313 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 313 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio 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. 815 by Representative Mack**

Representative Mack presented House Bill No. 815, which provides relative to online auctions.

Ms. Anna Dow, LA Auctioneers Licensing Board, 1434 N. Burnside #14, Gonzales, LA 70737, (225) 272-0707, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 815.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 815 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 815 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 59 by Representative Amedee**

Representative Amedee presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 59, which memorializes congress to require that consumer-oriented information be included in vaccine package inserts.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 59, to which Representative Tarver objected. Representative McCormick offered a substitute motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 59 favorably, to which Representative Hilferty objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the substitute motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 59 favorably failed by a vote of 3 yeas and 12 Representatives McCormick, Newell, and Tarver voted yea. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McKnight, St. Blanc, Thomas, and Villio voted nay.

The original motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 59 was considered to which Representative Tarver objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Concurrent Resolution No. 59 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McKnight, St. Blanc, Thomas, and Villio voted yea. Representatives McCormick, Newell, and Tarver voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 738 by Representative Dustin Miller**

On behalf of Representative Dustin Miller, Mr. John Duvieilh, Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, 340 Chinawood Dr., Abita Springs, LA 70420, (504) 416-0656, presented House Bill No. 738, which provides relative to horse racing.

Representative Davis offered amendments to House Bill No. 738 which would: (1) remove the requirement that the race meet transferred be conducted and completed within one year of the commission's approval; (2) specify that references to "breed" means either quarter horse or thoroughbred; (3) change the allocation of monies earned from purse supplements from video draw poker devices located at an eligible racing facility not currently conducting live racing to follow guidelines in proposed law; (4) redesignate provisions of proposed law outlining allocation of certain monies; (5) add the requirement that monies earned for purse supplements in accordance with proposed law be in addition to all other monies currently provided for purses and purse supplements under other provisions of present law, be the net of sums payable to Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, 1993 Inc., from purses and purse supplements in accordance with the law, and be placed in the appropriate breed account, an interest bearing account, until distributed in

accordance with proposed law; (6) restore present law which requires distribution of funds pursuant to present law; (7) provide an effective date contingent on a class action settlement agreement being approved by the court and becoming final and non-appealable; and (8) make technical changes. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Mr. Lyle Guillory, Quarter Horse Racing Association, 807 Johnston St., Alexandria, LA 71301, (318) 449-9500, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 738.

Representative McKnight offered a motion to report House Bill No. 738 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 738 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 812 by Representative Dustin Miller**

On behalf of Representative Dustin Miller, Mr. John Duvieilh, Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, 340 Chinawood Dr., Abita Springs, LA 70420, (504) 416-0656, presented House Bill No. 812, which provides relative to the maximum number of racing days.

Representative Davis offered amendments to House Bill No. 812 which would: (1) remove proposed law which allows the Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association and the involved licensed eligible facility to approve a reduction in racing days for a specific thoroughbred meet, and allows that written agreement to satisfy the racing day requirements of present law; (2) add a contingent effective date which makes proposed law become effective upon a final and non-appealable class action settlement agreement being approved by a court; and (3) make technical changes. Representative Davis 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, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 812 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 812 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 51 by Representative Edmonston**

Representative Edmonston presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 51, which requests the study of the designation of a business as non-essential.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 51. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 51 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Ms. Angie Kirby, The Gym in Clinton LA, 9511 Plank Rd., Suite L, Clinton, LA 70722, (225) 235-7279, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 51.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 71 by Representative Schexnayder**

On behalf of Speaker Schexnayder, Mr. Joel Robideaux, no card provided, presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 71, which authorizes and directs suspension of licensing fees imposed on businesses by state agencies and licensing boards.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 71 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 71 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Goudeau, Henry, McKnight, Newell, 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: 4 for information only. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 77 by Representative Schexnayder**

On behalf of Speaker Schexnayder, Mr. Joel Robideaux, no card provided, presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 77, which urges and requests removal of public and private sector barriers to accelerate the expansion of broadband in the state.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 77 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 77 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 78 by Representative Schexnayder**

On behalf of Speaker Schexnayder, Mr. Joel Robideaux, no card provided, presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 78, which provides relative to Louisiana broadband maps to identify access and activation gaps.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 78 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 78 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 211 by Representative Jordan**

*Vice Chairwoman Hilferty in the chair.*

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 211, which provides relative to state banks and credit unions providing financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 211 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 211 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea. Representative Davis abstained.

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. 654 by Representative Jordan**

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 654, which provides relative to the protection of personally identifiable information.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 654. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 654 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea. Representative Davis abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 14 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: 6 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 662 by Representative Jordan**

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 662, which provides relative to facial recognition software.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 662. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 662 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in opposition and 1 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. 701 by Representative Wright**

*Chairwoman Davis is in the chair.*

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 701, which provides for the licensing and regulation of virtual currency businesses.

Mr. Stephen Wright, Pelicoin, 695 Kiskatom Ln., Mandeville, LA 70771, (318) 603-3810, spoke in support of House Bill No. 701.

Mr. William Haynie, Pelicoin, 3727 Annunciation St., New Orleans, LA 70115, (318) 564-1615, spoke in support of House Bill No. 701.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 701 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 701 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

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#### **House Bill No. 422 by Representative Emerson**

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

Representative Duplessis offered amendments to House Bill No. 422 which would: (1) remove mandates on the licensing authorities and make compliance with the proposed apprenticeship program optional; and (2) make technical changes. Representative Duplessis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Representative Davis offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 422. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Ms. Sonya Williams, Louisiana Workforce Commission, 1001 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-3111, spoke for information only.

Mr. Michael Knapps, Louisiana Workforce Commission, 1001 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 229-5929, spoke for information only.

Ms. Ashley Tullier, State Plumbing Board, 11304 Cloverland Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 756-3434, spoke for information only.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 422 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 422 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 7 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: 1 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 Thomas offered amendments to House Bill No. 498 which would: (1) add an exception for applicants who have been in an undergraduate or graduate school full time and are unable to work; (2) require the licensing board to place notification on their application, in order to make applicants aware that they may qualify for a fee waiver; (3) require applicants who are on a payment plan to pay off the account within 12 months of the initial scheduled payment or risk being denied a renewal of their license; (4) limit the applicability of the proposed law to licensing boards who directly administer their own examinations; (5) add an effective date of June 30, 2021; and (6) make technical changes. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 498 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 498 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 6 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 support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 622 by Representative Emerson**

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 622, which provides relative to universal occupational or professional licensing recognition.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to House Bill No. 622 which would: (1) allow a licensing entity who conducts a test, a portion of which is specific to a Louisiana law or code, to require only that specific portion be taken by the applicant for licensure; and (2) change the effective date. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 622. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Ms. Karen Lyon, Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 755-7576, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 622.

Mr. Ron Gitz, Society of Louisiana CPAs, 2400 Veterans Blvd., Kenner, LA 70062, (504) 464-1040, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 622.

Ms. Kim Callaway, Louisiana Realtors, 821 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 923-2210, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 622.

Mr. Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, 630 Camp St., New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 568-6816, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 622.

Representative Bill Wheat, Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association, 46316 Happy Woods Rd., Hammond, LA 70403, (985) 507-1710, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 622.

Mr. Terry Smith, Louisiana-Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors, 6342 Quinn Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 756-8480, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 622.

Representative McKnight offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 622. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 622 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, 5 in opposition, 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 for information only. 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 Polly Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairwoman Paula P. Davis  
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: