

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2020 First Extraordinary Session
June 22, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 Edmond Jordan
Representative Markham Scott McKnight
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Debbie Villio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Charles Alexander Henry
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christie L. Russell, committee assistant
Kimona Hogan, attorney
Halie Guidry, legislative analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 by Representative Deshotel**

Representative Deshotel presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 22, which urges and requests the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to study the effects that the railroads have on broadband deployment.

Mr. Carmack M. Blackman, Louisiana Railroads, P.O. Box 44035, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 389-9878, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 22.

Representative Davis offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 22. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, 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.

Senate Bill No. 10 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 10, which provides relative to rural broadband high-speed internet access.

Representative Davis offered amendments to codify a provision of federal law, which allows a cooperative to deny a broadband affiliate or service provider access to its equipment in certain circumstances, in proposed law.

Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 10 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 10 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support and 2 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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairwoman Paula P. Davis
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: