

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
May 11, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Royce Duplessis
Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Brett F. Geymann
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Paul Hollis
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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Stephanie Hilferty, vice chairwoman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Halie Guidry, legislative analyst
Charlotte Cravins, attorney
Allie King, committee administrative assistant
Nevonda S. Reed, division director
Felicie Jackson, executive assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant-at-arms
Mia Ditta, committee clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 100 by Senator Reese**

Senator Reese presented Senate Bill No. 100, which provides liability protection for federally insured depository institutions and mutual associations that transfer money or property by relying on small succession affidavits.

Representative Davis offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 100. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Goudeau, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Davis offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 100 to:

- (1) Add "legatee" to the types of relationships that can be proven through affidavit.
- (2) Add affidavits for small estate successions as a type of affidavit to recognize a person who claims to be a successor or a deceased person.

Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 100 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 100 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas 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. 67 by Senator Ward

Senator Ward presented Senate Bill No. 67, which increases the documentation fee allowed to be charged between an automobile dealer and customer.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 67 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 67 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 101 by Senator Abraham

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 101, which provides relative to self-service storage facilities.

Representative Davis offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 101. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Ms. Lana Griffin, Louisiana Self Storage Association, 13434 Plank Rd., Baker, LA 70714, (225) 279-0816, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 101.

Mr. Kevin Hayes, Louisiana Press Association, 412 North 4th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 268-2225, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 101.

Mr. Scott Sternberg, Louisiana Press Association, 935 Gravier St., Ste. 720, New Orleans, LA 70123, (504) 331-0886, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 101.

Mr. Jerry Raehal, Louisiana Press Association, 404 Europe St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, no phone number provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 101.

Representative St. Blanc offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 101 with amendments. Representative Hollis offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 101. Representative Hollis withdrew his substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 101 and offered a substitute motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 101, to which Representative Cox objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the substitute motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Duplessis, Green, Hollis, Jordan, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Davis, Cox, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted nay.

The original motion to report Senate Bill No. 101 with amendments was considered, to which Representative Hollis objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 101

was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yeas. Representatives Duplessis, Green, Hollis, Jordan, and Thomas voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 5 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 209 by Senator Gary Smith

Chairwoman Davis announced that action on Senate Bill No. 209, which provides relative to horse racing including historical horse racing, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 518 by Representative Deshotel

Chairwoman Davis announced that action on House Bill No. 518, which provides relative to digital application distribution platforms, was voluntarily deferred.

Senate Bill No. 223 by Senator Johns

Senator Johns presented Senate Bill No. 223, which provides relative to financing utility storm repairs and strengthening and stabilizing utilities.

Representative Jordan in the chair.

Representative Jordan offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 223. Representative Jordan offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Cox, Duplessis, Geymann, Goudeau, Hollis, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yeas.

Mr. Jody Montelaro, Entergy, 446 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-5865, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 223.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 223 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 223 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Geymann, Goudeau, Hollis, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 13 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Chairwoman Davis in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 169 by Senator Allain

Senator Allain presented Senate Bill No. 169, which provides relative to the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law.

Representative Davis offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 169. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Geymann, Goudeau, Hollis, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 169 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 169 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Geymann, Goudeau, Hollis, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas 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.

Senate Bill No. 210 by Senator Foil

On behalf of Senator Foil, Mr. Steve Duke, Recreational Vehicle Association, P.O. Box 80029, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, (225) 324-6960, presented Senate Bill No. 210, which provides relative to recreational vehicle warranties.

Representative Davis offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 210. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hollis, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 210 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 210 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hollis, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

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

Representative Thomas in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 182 by Senator White

On behalf of Senator White, Representative Paula Davis, presented Senate Bill No. 182, which provides relative to public bid forms and specifications.

Representative McKnight offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 182 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 182 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hollis, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Newell offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hollis, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairwoman Paula P. Davis
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: