

## House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting  
2021 Regular Session  
May 17, 2021

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.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 Jonathan Goudeau, I  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty, vice chairwoman  
Representative Edmond Jordan  
Representative Scott McKnight  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver  
Representative Polly Thomas

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Bryan Fontenot  
Representative Brett F. Geymann  
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Candace N. Newell

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms  
Mia Ditta, clerk

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Concurrent Resolution No. 74 by Representative Marino**

*Vice Chairwoman Hilferty in the chair.*

Representative Marino presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 74, which urges and requests the Louisiana congressional delegation to support the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act of 2021.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 74 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 74 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Cox, Duplessis, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea. Representative Davis abstained.

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. 518 by Representative Deshotel**

*Chairwoman Davis in the chair.*

Representative Deshotel presented House Bill No. 518, which provides relative to digital application distribution platforms.

Representative Davis offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 518. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 518 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Goudeau, Jordan, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 8 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: 3 in support and 8 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

The minutes from the 2020 Regular Session dated March 10, March 16, May 4, May 11, May 18, May 21, and May 26 were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Goudeau, Jordan, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

The minutes from the 2020 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session dated June 8 were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Goudeau, Jordan, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

The minutes of 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary Session dated October 5 and October 19 were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Goudeau, Jordan, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Goudeau, Jordan, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairwoman Paula P. Davis  
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: