

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
May 20, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Mike Huval, chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Mike Huval, chairman
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Markham Scott McKnight
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Joseph A. Stagni, vice chairman
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Cedric B. Glover

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, attorney
Valarie Banks, committee administrative assistant
David Gauthier, analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Kylan Melancon, clerk
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 183 by Senator Abraham

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 183, which provides for the acquisition of blighted property in Lake Charles.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 183 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 183 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Lyons, Marcelle, McKnight, Schamerhorn, and Stagni voted yea.

House Bill No. 414 by Representative St. Blanc

Representative St. Blanc presented House Bill No. 414, which provides relative to the powers granted to parish and municipal governing authorities to regulate the storing or abandoning of junk or junked vehicles.

Representative Huval offered amendments to:

1. Change the definition of "junked vehicle"; this change includes the exclusion of aircraft and watercraft.
2. Require a parish or municipality to notify the owner of a junked vehicle, and all lienholders, of its intent to remove the vehicle from private property and to notify them that a junked vehicle has been removed from public property.
3. Remove proposed law that requires a parish or municipality to dispose of a junked vehicle in a manner designated by it and instead requires disposal of a junked vehicle in accordance with present law (R.S. 32:1728.2) procedures.
4. Prohibit a parish or municipality from charging more than \$500 for costs incurred for the removal or disposition of junk or a junked vehicle.

Representative Huval offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Lyons, Marcelle, McKnight, Schamerhorn, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Huval offered amendments to remove other machinery from the definition of "junk". Representative Huval offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Stagni voted yea.

Eugene Foulcard, mayor of the city of Franklin, 300 Iberia Street, Franklin, LA, (337) 828-6305, spoke in support of House Bill No. 414.

Edward Verdin, city of Franklin, 1313 Cayce Street, Franklin, LA 50738, (337) 828-6350, spoke in support of House Bill No. 414.

Karen White, Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 344-5001, spoke in support of House Bill No. 414.

Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 414.

David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 214-4836, spoke in support of House Bill No. 414.

Representative McKnight offered a motion to report House Bill No. 414 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 414 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Stagni 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.

Senate Bill No. 227 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 227, which creates the Plank Road Economic Development District in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Representative Freiberg offered amendments to change the boundaries of the district. Representative Freiberg offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Edmonds,

Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McKnight, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

David Zoller, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, 456 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 227 and presented a map of the proposed district, labeled as Exhibit A in the records of this meeting.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 227 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 227 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

The committee recessed at 9:42 a.m.

The committee reconvened at 9:43 a.m.

Upon reconvening, the committee received a report which is recorded in these minutes on Page 5 under the heading "IV. OTHER BUSINESS".

Senate Bill No. 205 by Senator White

Senator White presented Senate Bill No. 205, which creates certain parks and recreation districts in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 205. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 205 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Edmonds, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 60 in opposition, and 5 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: 26 in support, and 18 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 634 by Representative Glover

House Bill No. 634 provides relative to the secretary for the municipal fire and police civil service board in certain municipalities.

Representative Huval offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 634. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 634 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Edmonds, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Stagni voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS**To receive a report from the Louisiana Workforce Commission regarding the Community Services Block Grant state plan**

Ava Dejoie Cates, secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3001, spoke to provide information on the Community Services Block Grant state plan and presented documents entitled "Louisiana Workforce Commission: Federal Fiscal Year 2022 & 2023 CSBG State Plan" labeled Exhibit B and "Title II Community Services Block Grant Program" labeled Exhibit C in the records of this meeting.

Rhea Woods, Louisiana Workforce Commission, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-7686, narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Office of Workforce Development: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Presentation" labeled Exhibit D in the records of this meeting.

Tavares Walker, assistant secretary, Louisiana Workforce Commission, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-2679, spoke to provide information on the Community Services Block Grant state plan.

Representative Huval offered a motion to receive the report. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Stagni voted yea.

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

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative McKnight offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Edmonds, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Stagni voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Mike Huval
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Date adopted: