

## **House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works**

Minutes of Meeting  
2021 Regular Session  
April 26, 2021

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

Representative Vincent J. Pierre, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Vincent J. Pierre, chairman  
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass, vice chairman  
Representative Mack Marcel Cormier  
Representative Kathy Edmonston  
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg  
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Dodie Horton  
Representative C. Travis Johnson  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Larry Selders

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LeeAnne Sharlow, attorney  
Carlesia Bibbins, attorney  
Brandy Phillips, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

Claire Dill, clerk

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 105 by Representative Pressly**

Representative Pressly presented House Bill No. 105, which amends the rights and powers of the Caddo-Bossier Parish Port Commission.

Representative Horton offered amendments to:

1. Remove proposed language giving airports the authority to acquire and operate existing airports and to acquire adjacent property.
2. Specify that the selection of utility service providers must comport with applicable law and Public Service Commission orders for facilities constructed or acquired by the commission.

Representative Horton offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Glover, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, and Selders voted yea.

Ms. Ginger Adam Corley, Port of Caddo Bossier, 109 Woodlawn Drive, Crowley, LA 70526, (225) 767-5151, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Chance McNeely, City of Shreveport, 6252 Morgan Bend Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (318) 518-5367, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 105 with amendments, to which Representative Glover objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 105 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea. Representatives Brass, Glover, and Moore voted nay. Representative Pierre 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. 338 by Representative McCormick**

Representative McCormick presented House Bill No. 338, which provides relative to the applicability of certain lease terms to the Vivian Municipal Airport.

Mr. Ronnie Festavan, mayor, Vivian, LA, 112 West Alabama Avenue, Vivian, LA 71082, (318) 347-6442, spoke in support of House Bill No. 338.

Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie, commissioner, Office of Multimodal Commerce, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-3029, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 338.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 338 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 338 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Glover, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 337 by Representative Crews**

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 337, which provides relative to the applicability of certain lease terms to airport facilities managed by the Shreveport Airport Authority.

Representative Horton offered amendments to:

1. Remove the Shreveport Regional Airport from proposed law.
2. Make technical changes.

Representative Horton offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Glover, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

General James W. Graves, Shreveport Airport Hanger Owners Association, 3500 Rue De Lac Street, Shreveport, LA 71107, (318) 424-3500, spoke in support of House Bill No. 337 and presented a series of photographs for viewing by the committee.

Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie, commissioner, Office of Multimodal Commerce, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-3029, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 337.

Mr. Michael Burrows, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-3050, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 337.

Mr. Monty Walford, Shreveport Airport Hangar Owners Association, 960 McCormick Street, Shreveport, LA 71104, (318) 458-5226, spoke in support of House Bill No. 337.

Mr. Chance McNeely, City of Shreveport, 6252 Morgan Bend Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (318) 518-5367, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 337.

Mr. Wade Davis, Shreveport Airport, 5103 Hollywood Avenue Suite 300, Shreveport, LA 71104, (318) 673-5370, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 337.

Ms. Mary Jackson, Shreveport Regional & Downtown Airports, 5103 Hollywood Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71109, (318) 422-9299, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 337.

Senator Robert Mills, District 36, spoke in support of House Bill No. 337.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 337 with amendments, to which Representative Brass objected. Representative Brass offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 337, to which Representative Horton objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 11 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, C. Travis Johnson, and Selders voted yea. Representatives Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, and Schamerhorn voted nay.

The original motion to report House Bill No. 337 with amendments was considered. Without objection, House Bill No. 337 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 339 by Representative Romero**

Representative Romero presented House Bill No. 339, which authorizes the use of certain motorized vehicles in the city limits of the town of Lake Arthur.

Representative Pierre offered a technical amendment. Representative Pierre offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Glover, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 339. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 339 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 93 by Representative Miguez**

Representative Miguez presented House Bill No. 93, which exempts the Iberia Parish Airport Authority from the public lease law applicable to certain properties.

Mr. Patrick Norris, Iberia Parish Airport Authority, 3011 West Admiral Doyle Drive, New Iberia, LA 70560, (337) 380-8319, spoke in support of House Bill No. 93.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 93 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 93 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

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

### **House Bill No. 354 by Representative Schamerhorn**

Representative Schamerhorn presented House Bill No. 354, which modifies the definition of autocycle applicable to the operator's helmet exemption and driver's license endorsement requirement. Representative Schamerhorn presented a short advertising clip.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 354 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 354 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, and Schamerhorn 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.

### **House Bill No. 501 by Representative Schamerhorn**

Representative Schamerhorn presented House Bill No. 501, which authorizes the operation of certain utility terrain vehicles on highway shoulders.

Mr. Joshua McNemar, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, no phone number provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 501.

Representative Firment offered a motion to report House Bill No. 501 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 501 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 349 by Representative Edmonston**

Representative Edmonston presented House Bill No. 349, which prohibits requiring vaccination verification or immunity status for certain transactions or for inclusion on a driver's license or special identification card.

Representative Horton offered a technical amendment. Representative Horton offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Ms. Jill Hines, Health Freedom Louisiana, 1307 Mesa Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270, (904) 318-6018, spoke in support of House Bill No. 349.

Ms. Staci Hoyt, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 349.

Ms. Sandra Doney, HFL, 3807 Brookwood Drive, Slidell, LA 70458, (985) 649-0342, spoke in support of House Bill No. 349.

*Representative Brass in the chair.*

Mr. Guy Signorino, 15085 Ridgewood Avenue, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 287-0595, spoke in support of House Bill No. 349.

*Chairman Pierre in the Chair.*

Ms. Bambi Barnett, 10255 Barringer Foreman Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 757-6688, spoke in support of House Bill No. 349.

Ms. Abigail Licatino, HFL, 201 South Tallwood Drive, Covington, LA 70433, (713) 382-8212, spoke in support of House Bill No. 349.

Ms. Connie Sampognaro, 510 Goggs Road, Calhan, LA 71228, (318) 366-3717, spoke in support of House Bill No. 349.

Mr. Claston Bernard, 1028 South Sky Street, Gonzales, LA 70757, (225) 454-7184, spoke in support of House Bill No. 349.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 349 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 349 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Moore, Charles Owen, and Robert Owen voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 29 in support 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: 52 in support. 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 Gadberry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Moore, Charles Owen, and Robert Owen voted yea.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Vincent J. Pierre  
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted:

The committee has acknowledged on \_\_\_\_\_, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.