

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
May 11, 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 9:37 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 Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Larry Selders

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen

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**Senate Bill No. 78 by Senator Bouie**

Senator Bouie presented Senate Bill No. 78, which provides for eligibility for military honor license plates for members of the Louisiana National Guard.

Representative Selders offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 78 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 78 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders 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.

Senate Bill No. 37 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 37, which provides for designation of certain state highways.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 37 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 37 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Cormier, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 26 by Senator Hensgens

Senator Hensgens presented Senate Bill No. 26, which designates the Forked Island Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway on Louisiana Highway 82 in Vermilion Parish as the "Rose Ashy Broussard Memorial Bridge".

Representative Horton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 26 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 26 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Cormier, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

House Bill No. 56 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 56, which provides relative to identifying a sex offender through driver's licenses and identification cards.

Lt. Robert Davidson, Desoto Parish Sheriff's Office, 191 Davidson Road, Mansfield, LA 71052, (318) 471-0165, spoke in support of House Bill No. 56.

Mr. James F. Clements, Desoto Parish Sheriff's Office, 205 Franklin Street, Mansfield, LA 71052, (318) 872-3956, spoke in support of House Bill No.56.

Lt. Robert Burns, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4239, spoke for information only.

Ms. Staci Hoyt, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only.

Ms. Rachel Gassert, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, 1100 B Milton Street, New Orleans, LA 70122, (504) 323-5712, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 56.

Mr. Nelson Taylor, Jr., 1431 White Cross Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 454-2032, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 56.

Mr. Checo Yancy, VOTE, 251 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 270-5245, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 56.

Mr. Frank Lacoste, VOTE, 810 7th Street, Lake Arthur, LA 70549, (337) 368-3054, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 56.

Ms. Judy Manton, 14534 James Core Road, Folsom, LA 70437, (985) 373-9213, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 56.

Ms. Sarah Whittington, Justice and Accountability Center of LA, 4035 Washington Avenue, Suite 203, New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 322-4050, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 56.

Ms. Katie Hunter-Lowery, Louisiana Survivors for Reform, 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70117, (504) 529-5955, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 56.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 56 favorably, to which Representative Selders objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Edmonston, Firment, Gadberry, Horton,

Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Freiberg, Glover, C. Travis Johnson, and Selders voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 23 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 opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 212 by Senator Connick

Senator Connick presented Senate Bill No. 212, which designates a portion of US 90 Business-Westbank Expressway in the city of Westwego in Jefferson Parish as the "Michael D. Louviere Memorial Highway".

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 212 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 212 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

House Bill No. 536 by Representative Phelps

Representative Phelps presented House Bill No. 536, which provides relative to sanctions for a lapse in required liability security.

Lt. Robert Burns, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4239, spoke for information only.

Ms. Staci Hoyt, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only.

Ms. Karen St. Germain, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-6161, spoke for information only.

Representative Selders offered a motion to report House Bill No. 536 favorably, to which Representative Firment objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 536 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, C. Travis Johnson, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea. Representatives Edmonston, Firment, and Charles Owen voted nay. Representative Pierre abstained.

House Bill No. 656 by Representative Glover

Representative Glover presented House Bill No. 656, which redesignates a portion of Interstate 220 in Shreveport, Louisiana, as the "Minnion Dewayne Jackson Memorial Highway".

Representative Pierre offered amendments to:

1. Change the redesignation of Interstate 220 from Interstate 220 in Shreveport, Louisiana, to a designation of Interstate 220 in Shreveport and Caddo Parish.
2. Change the memorial designation in proposed law from the "Minnion Dewayne Jackson Memorial Highway" to the "Minnion Dewayne Jackson Memorial Overpass".

Representative Pierre offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Firment, Gadberry, Glover, C. Travis Johnson, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Representative Selders offered a motion to report House Bill No. 656 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 656 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Gadberry, Glover, C. Travis Johnson, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Vice Chairman Brass in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 199 by Senator Cathey

On behalf of Senator Cathey, Representative Pierre presented Senate Bill No. 199, which designates portions of state highways for certain individuals.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 199 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 199 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, C. Travis Johnson, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Chairman Pierre in the chair.

House Bill No. 633 by Representative Wright

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 633, which provides relative to ignition interlock devices and maintenance services.

Mr. Michael Edgar, MADD, 119 Natchitoches Drive, Lafayette, LA, (337) 802-4135, spoke for information only.

Lt. Robert Burns, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4239, spoke for information only.

Ms. Patrice Thomas, LFO, Louisiana State Capitol, 18th Floor, (225) 342-7181, spoke for information only.

Ms. Delia Brady, MADD, 9534 Mesa Verde Avenue, (225) 284-7270, spoke in support of House Bill No. 633.

Ms. Joan Robinson, MADD, 5621 Cortez Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70811, (225) 288-6009, spoke in support of House Bill No. 633.

Ms. Stacy Duhon, MADD, 8956 Rue Blanc, Abbeville, LA 70510, (337) 316-8413, spoke in support of House Bill No. 633.

Mr. Gary Prince, MADD, P.O. Box 697, Loreauville, LA, (337) 352-1661, spoke in support of House Bill No. 633.

Ms. Julie Vezinot, MADD, 6061 Evans Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (337) 794-4189, spoke in support of House Bill No. 633.

Ms. Hallye Braud, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 9270 Siegen Lane #103, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 953-8330, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 633.

Ms. Sarah Whittington, Justice and Accountability Center of LA, 4035 Washington Avenue Suite 203, New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 322-4050, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 633.

Mr. Will Harrell, OOTE, 1221 Kestevée, New Orleans, LA 70116, (512) 695-7519, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 633.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 633 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 633 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea. Representative Pierre abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 25 in opposition and 2 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: 1 in opposition. 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 Schamerhorn offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 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.