

House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
April 20, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jack G. McFarland, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Jack G. McFarland, chairman
Representative Ryan Bourriaque
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Adrian Fisher
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Representative Troy D. Romero
Representative Larry Selders
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Francis C. Thompson
Representative Christopher Turner
Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Dustin Miller, vice chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandy Phillips, committee administrative assistant
Nicholas Cole, attorney

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Representative White in the chair.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 57 by Representative McFarland

Representative McFarland presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 57, which urges and requests the Legislature of Louisiana to support the "Greaux the Good" farmers market match program.

Cordelia Heaney, Greaux the Good Market Umbrella, 8328 Willow Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 307-9992, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 57 and presented a PowerPoint entitled "Greaux the Good" and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Allison Flynn, BREADA, Greaux the Good, 77173 Highway 1082, Covington, LA 70435, (985) 285-2496, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 57.

Michael Beauchamp, Know Dat Grow Dat, Greaux the Good, 8240 Forshey, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 488-6255, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 57.

Allison Guidroz, Fullness Farm - Organic Mixed Vegetables, Greaux the Good, 12401 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 772-1655, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 57.

Lester L'Hoste, Certified Organic Citrus, Persimmons, Figs, Greaux the Good, 6393 Highway 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040, (504) 231-9625, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 57.

Representative Bryant offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 57 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 57 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives McFarland, Bourriaque, Brass, Bryant, Fisher, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Mincey, St. Blanc, Thompson, Turner, Wheat, and White voted yea.

Witness cards presented by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 553 by Representative McKnight

Representative White announced that action on House Bill No 553, which provides relative to suitability requirements for persons associated with medical marijuana production, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 330 by Representative Travis Johnson

Representative Travis Johnson presented House Bill No. 330, which creates the Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Program.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 522-1233, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 330.

Representative White offered a motion to report House Bill No. 330 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 330 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives McFarland, Bourriaque, Brass, Bryant, Fisher, Travis Johnson, McMahan, St. Blanc, Thompson, Turner, Wheat, and White voted yea.

Witness cards presented by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 26 by Senator Hensgens

On behalf of Senator Hensgens, Representative McFarland presented Senate Bill No. 26, which provides for the terms of the members of the Louisiana Equine Promotion and Research Advisory Board.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 522-1233, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 26.

Representative White offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 26 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 26 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives McFarland, Bourriaque, Brass, Bryant, Fisher, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Mincey, St. Blanc, Thompson, Turner, Wheat, and White voted yea.

Witness cards presented by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 55 by Senator Cathey

On behalf of Senator Cathey, Commissioner Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, no witness card provided, presented Senate Bill No. 55, which re-creates the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Thompson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 55 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 55 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives McFarland, Bourriague, Brass, Bryant, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Mincey, St. Blanc, Thompson, Turner, Wheat, and White voted yea.

Witness cards presented by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 113 by Senator Cathey

On behalf of Senator Cathey, Commissioner Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 522-1233, presented Senate Bill No. 113, which provides relative to structural pest control operator's licenses.

Representative Bourriague offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 113 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 113 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives McFarland, Bourriague, Brass, Bryant, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Mincey, St. Blanc, Thompson, Wheat, and White voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 205 by Senator Jackson

On behalf of Senator Jackson, Commissioner Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 522-1233, presented Senate Bill No. 205, which provides relative to the "Soil Conservation Districts Law".

Representative White offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 205 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 205 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives McFarland, Bourriague, Brass, Bryant, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Mincey, St. Blanc, Thompson, Turner, Wheat, and White voted yea.

Witness cards presented by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 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 White offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives McFarland, Bourriaque, Brass, Bryant, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Mincey, Selders, St. Blanc, Thompson, Turner, Wheat, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jack G. McFarland
House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Date adopted: