

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
March 29, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairman
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Royce Duplessis
Representative Adrian Fisher
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I
Representative Stephanie Hilferty, vice chairman
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Scott McKnight
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charlotte Cravins, attorney
Halie Guidry, attorney
Felicie Jackson, executive assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Victoria Grant, committee clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 289 by Representative Bagley**

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 289, which provides relative to safety equipment sold in La.

Representative Davis offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Fisher, Goudeau, Hollis, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Mark Dennington, 3728 Roy Rd., Shreveport, LA 71107, (318) 617-3456, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 289.

James Gibson, 284 Hillside Cir., Stonewall, LA 71078, (318) 564-0807, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 289.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 289 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 289 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hollis, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 714 by Representative Freiberg

Representative Freiberg presented House Bill No. 714, which provides relative to cosmetics.

Representative Davis offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hollis, Jordan, McKnight, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Davis offered amendments to lower the fine for an initial violation from \$5,000 to \$1,000 and to lower the fine for each additional violation from \$1,000 to \$500. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments

were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, McKnight, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Julia Breaux, The Human Society of the United States, 6642 General Haig St., New Orleans, LA 70124, (504) 615-1152, spoke in support of House Bill No. 714.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 714 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 714 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, McKnight, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 670 by Representative Butler

Representative Butler presented House Bill No. 670, which provides relative to examination and licensing fees.

Representative Davis offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, McKnight, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Sheri Morris, Louisiana Board of Cosmetology, 8900 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 229-0803, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 670.

Steve Young, Louisiana Board of Cosmetology, 11622 Sunbelt Ct., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 756-3404, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 670.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 670 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 670 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, McKnight, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas 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.

Representative Hilferty in the chair.

House Bill No. 864 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 864, which provides relative to the Board of Louisiana River Pilot Review and Oversight.

Representative Hilferty offered amendments to remove the ability of the judge member to receive reasonable expenses. Representative Hilferty offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 864 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 864 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 12 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 830 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 830, which provides for the fees for certain actions by legal entities.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 830 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 830 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 81 by Representative Emerson

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 81, which provides relative to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 81 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 81 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas 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. 240 by Representative Emerson

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 240, which provides relative to the licensed profession of massage therapy.

Representative Hilferty offered amendments to:

- (1) Limit the provisional license to one three-month term.
- (2) Require a facility to notify a client that a massage therapist is operating under a provisional license prior to receiving services.
- (3) Add a sunset date of December 31, 2025.
- (4) Make technical changes.

Amber Sukhbaatar, The Sunray Companies/Massage Envy, 1012 Madison Ave., Ste. A, Madison, MS 39110, (601) 707-9437, spoke in support of House Bill No. 240.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Kathie Love, Louisiana State Board of Massage Therapy, 3248 Shadow Hill Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 241-2019, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 240.

Representative Fisher offered a motion to report House Bill No. 240 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 240 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas 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.

Representative Davis in the chair.

House Bill No. 788 by Representative Romero

Representative Romero presented House Bill No. 788, which provides for an out-of-state contractor database.

Representative Davis offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Davis offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 788. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 788 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas 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. 426 by Representative McKnight

Representative McKnight presented House Bill No. 426, which provides relative to horse racing.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 426 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 426 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted 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 Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Paula P. Davis
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: