

House Committee on Judiciary

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
May 5, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Randal L. Gaines, chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Randal L. Gaines, chairman
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Sherman Q. Mack, vice chairman
Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Representative Alan Seabaugh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert A. Singletary, division director
Gabrielle Lewis, attorney
Zachary Gonzalez, attorney
Diane Merritt, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michael McCain, clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 660 by Representative Cormier

Representative Cormier presented House Bill No. 660, which requires district attorneys to retire at age 70.

Andrew W. Mull, advocacy director, AARP Louisiana, 301 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 276-7941, testified in opposition to House Bill No. 660.

Loren M. Lampert, executive director, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 2525 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 343-0171, testified in opposition to House Bill No. 660.

Bridget A. Dinvaute, district attorney, 40th Judicial District, 136 Riverlands Dr., LaPlace, LA 70068, (985) 652-9757, testified in opposition to House Bill No. 660.

Representative Mack offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 660. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 660 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, and Pressly voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 745 by Representative Green

This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 745 from a meeting held on April 28, 2022. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 346.

Representative Green presented House Bill No. 745, which provides relative to the officer bill of rights.

On behalf of the author, Representative Gaines offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Add a requirement that all sustained complaints regarding unauthorized use of force or unauthorized use of a service weapon by the officer, sexual assault or harassment, and dishonesty relative to the reporting, investigation, or prosecution of a crime or misconduct by another peace officer shall remain in the officer's personnel file permanently.

Representative Gaines offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, and Pressly voted yea.

Stephanie L. Willis, policy strategist, ACLU of Louisiana, P.O. Box 58157, New Orleans, LA 70156, (504) 522-0167, testified in support of House Bill No. 745.

Jeremiah Ardoin, 1340 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112, (225) 678-0388, testified in support of House Bill No. 745.

Darrell Basco, president, Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police, Pineville Police Department, 910 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360, testified in support of House Bill No. 745.

Representative Hughes suggested that the committee temporarily pass on the proposed bill to work on an amendment.

Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 745 at a later point in the meeting. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 745.

House Bill No. 366 by Representative Frieman

Representative Frieman presented House Bill No. 366, which provides relative to the mandatory retirement age for judges.

Judge Glen Ansardi, Ret., representing Louisiana District Judges Association, 400 Royal St., New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 812-1337, testified for information only on House Bill No. 366.

After a lengthy discussion, Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 366 favorably, to which Representative Mack objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 366 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Orgeron, and Charles Owen voted yea. Representatives Mack, Muscarello, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 745 by Representative Green

This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 745 from earlier in the meeting. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 745.

Representative Green presented House Bill No. 745, which provides relative to the officer bill of rights.

On behalf of the author, Representative Gaines offered an amendment to remove the repeal of present law (R.S. 40:2531(C)). Representative Gaines offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 745 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 745 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh 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.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 7 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Representative Mack in chair.

House Bill No. 744 by Representative Gaines

Representative Gaines presented House Bill No. 744 as a substitute bill, which provides relative to convictions rendered by a verdict from a non-unanimous jury.

Representative Mack offered an amendment to require a unanimous vote of the special committee where a petitioner is serving a life sentence. Representative Mack offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment, to which Representative Gaines objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Mike Johnson, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Jordan, and Landry voted nay.

Representative Mack offered an amendment to add that, once an application is granted resulting in parole release, the term of supervised release shall be the remaining term of the original sentence of conviction or as commuted by the governor. Upon the completion of a minimum of the term of parole supervision or 25 years, whichever is lesser, the offender may subsequently petition the Committee on Parole for consideration of early termination of parole supervision. All qualified victims shall be afforded the opportunity and access to all victims' services available through the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections Victims' Services. Representative Mack

offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Owen, co-author, also provided information on the substitute bill.

Loren M. Lampert, executive director, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 2525 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, testified in support, as amended, to the substitute bill.

Will Harrell, senior policy counsel, VOTE, 4930 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 510-1007, testified in opposition to the substitute bill.

Katie Hunter-Lowrey, Louisiana Survivors for Reform, 1024 Elysian Fields Ave., New Orleans, LA 70117, (504) 535-4912, testified in opposition to the substitute bill.

Checo Yancy, VOTE, 251 Florida Blvd., Suite 201, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 270-5245, testified in opposition to the substitute bill.

Bruce Reilly, deputy director, Voters Organized to Educate, 4930 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 758-9420, testified in opposition to the substitute bill.

Norris Henderson, executive director, VOTE, 4930 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 453-4819, testified in opposition to the substitute bill.

Darlene Jones, VOTE, 4930 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 606-4614, testified in opposition to the substitute bill.

Representative Gaines stated that the substitute bill is a remedy if the Louisiana Supreme Court does not rule in favor of retroactivity.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 744 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 744 was reported by substitute by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 27 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 135 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 135, which provides relative to Military Family Assistance Fund applications.

Col. Joey Strickland, secretary, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, 602 North 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-5000, testified for information only on Senate Bill No. 135.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 135 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 135 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 392 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 392, which designates St. Landry Parish as the Equine Capital of Louisiana and St. Tammany Parish as the Thoroughbred Breeding Capital of Louisiana.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 392 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 392 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Orgeron, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 171 by Senator Foil

On behalf of the author, Col. Joey Strickland, secretary, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, 602 North 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-5000, presented Senate Bill No. 171, which re-creates the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 171 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 171 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Orgeron, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 966 by Representative Carrier

Representative Carrier presented House Bill No. 966, which authorizes a renewable tax for the operation of the coroner's office for certain parishes.

Representative Pressly offered an amendment to add Bossier Parish. Representative Pressly offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Orgeron, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Pressly offered an amendment to add Natchitoches Parish. Representative Pressly offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Orgeron, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 966 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 966 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Orgeron, Pressly, and Seabaugh 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. 922 by Representative Marcelle

Representative Marcelle presented House Bill No. 922, which provides for the collection and reporting of data.

Chandra-Shae Foster, Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund, 201 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70170, (504) 313-8399, testified in support of House Bill No. 922.

Rodney Braxton, Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund, 543 Spanish Town Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166, testified in support of House Bill No. 922.

Shannon Dirmann, legal counsel, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 343-8402, testified in opposition to House Bill No. 922.

Capt. Robert Burns, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4239, testified for information only on House Bill No. 922.

Mike Ranatza, executive director, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 343-8402, testified in opposition to House Bill No. 922.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 922 favorably, to which Representative Muscarello objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Hughes, Jordan, and Landry voted yea.

Representatives Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support, 9 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 370 by Representative Magee

Representative Magee presented House Bill No. 370, which provides relative to the self-distribution of certain alcoholic beverages by certain brewers.

On behalf of the author, Representative Mack offered amendments to:

- (1) Delete present law provisions relative to limitations on sales of products brewed at a facility and to requirements to submit sales and excise taxes and comply with local zoning laws and regulations.
- (2) Redefine "brewing facility".
- (3) Remove proposed law requirement of the office of alcohol and tobacco to produce monthly reports.
- (4) Increase the self-distribution permit fee from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Representative Mack offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonston, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, and Charles Owen voted yea.

Karlos Knott, president, Bayou Teche Brewing, 1106 Bushville Hwy., Arnaudville, LA 70512, (337) 303-8000, testified in opposition to House Bill No. 370.

Cary Koch, representing Louisiana Craft Brewers Guild, 504 Lakeland Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-8900, testified in opposition to House Bill No. 370.

Representative Charles Owen offered a motion to report House Bill No. 370 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 370 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonston, Hughes, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, and Pressly voted yea.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 87 by Representative Magee

Representative Magee presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 87, which requests the courts to develop and implement a unified court cost system.

Alexis Yeboah-Kodie, Justice Accountability Center of Louisiana, 4035 Washington Ave., Suite 203, New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 576-1434, testified for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 87.

Representative Mack offered an amendment to make technical changes. Representative Mack offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, and Pressly voted yea.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 87 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 87 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, and Pressly voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 915 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 915, which provides for duties of coroners in cases in which a death occurs within a certain time period of the decedent's last vaccination.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 915 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 915 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, and Pressly voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 430 by Representative Jordan

This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 430 from a meeting held on April 28, 2022. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 430.

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 430, which provides relative to the regulation of cannabis.

Representative Jordan offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Change the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to the Louisiana Department of Health.
- (3) Change reference to the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.
- (4) Define "caregiver".

Representative Jordan offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Rev. Jim VanderWeele, 1485 Steeplechase Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (405) 219-0858, testified in support of House Bill No. 430.

Peter Robins-Brown, Louisiana Progress Action, 650 North 6th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (504) 256-8196, testified in support of House Bill No. 430.

Kevin Caldwell, Marijuana Policy Project, 2370 Champlain St., N.W., Suite 12, Washington, D.C. 20009, (504) 914-1406, testified in support of House Bill No. 430.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 430 with amendments, to which Representative Mike Johnson objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Gaines, Jordan, Landry, Muscarello, and Orgeron voted yea. Representatives Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Mack, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1009 by Representative Tarver

Representative Tarver presented House Bill No. 1009, which provides relative to the training requirements for part-time and reserve peace officers.

Representative Mack offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1009 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1009 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 10 by Representative Bryant

On behalf of the author, Representative Jordan presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 10, which requests the state to expedite the resolution of pending civil litigation with the estate of Ronald Greene.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 10 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 10 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh 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.

House Bill No. 1057 by Representative Deshotel

Representative Deshotel presented House Bill No. 1057, which provides for an emergency fuel reserve.

On behalf of the author, Representative Mack offered amendments to change the Port of Alexandria to the Central Louisiana Regional Port. Representative Mack offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1057 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1057 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 132 by Senator Milligan

On behalf of the author, Representative Seabaugh presented Senate Bill No. 132, which re-creates the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Representative Mack offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 132 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 132 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 216 by Senator Jackson

On behalf of the author, Representative Mack presented Senate Bill No. 216, which provides for the transfer and deposit of monies from the witness fee fund to the operating fund of the Bastrop City Court for operating expenses of the court.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 216 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 216 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 219 by Senator Jackson

On behalf of the author, Representative Mack presented Senate Bill No. 219, which authorizes judicial district indigent defender funds to be used for the purposes of retaining expert witnesses.

Representative Mack offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 219 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 219 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 by Senator Luneau

On behalf of the author, Representative M. Johnson presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20, which requests the continued operation of the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Pressly, and Seabaugh voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Randal L. Gaines
House Committee on Judiciary