

House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
May 4, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan, chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan, chairman
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Mack Marcel Cormier
Representative Adrian Fisher
Representative Brett F. Geymann
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Scott McKnight
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Neil Riser
Representative Troy D. Romero
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, vice chairman
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyler Bosworth, legislative analyst
Robin Stalder, attorney
Brandy Phillips, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Representative Coussan welcomed Representative McKnight to his first meeting as member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

Senate Bill No. 448 by Senator Luneau

On behalf of Senator Luneau, Mr. Cole Garrett, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, no phone number provided, presented Senate Bill No. 448, which provides relative to civil penalties for restitution of value of wildlife and aquatic life.

Representative Carrier offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 448 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 448 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Coussan, Carrier, Cormier, Fisher, Geymann, Kerner, Landry, McKnight, Mincey, Orgeron, Romero, Schamerhorn, and Wheat 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 78 by Representative Kerner

Representative Kerner presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 78, which memorializes Congress to support the Illegal Fishing and Forced Labor Prevention Act and to compel the United States Food and Drug Administration to fulfill its duties regarding inspection and testing of imported seafood.

Representative Wheat offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 78 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 78 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Coussan, Carrier, Cormier, Fisher, Geymann, Kerner, McKnight, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Romero, Schamerhorn, and Wheat voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 447 by Senator Hensgens

Senator Hensgens presented Senate Bill No. 447, which provides for commercial menhaden harvest reporting.

Representative Mincey offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 447 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 447 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives

Coussan, Carrier, Cormier, Fisher, Geymann, Kerner, Landry, McKnight, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Romero, Schamerhorn, and Wheat voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 55 by Representative Robert Owen

Representative Coussan announced that action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 55, which provides relative to charter fishing guides and commercial fishing, was voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration and approval of Site Code 1-52-021 - LDAF site, Lacombe, St. Tammany Parish: Vacant lot (with old fire tower), 5 acres, \$55,000 as of 4.4.2022

Mr. Cheston Hill, State Land Office, division of administration, no address provided, (225) 219-9454, spoke for information only on Site Code 1-52-021 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Coussan offered a motion to approve the Site Code 1-52-021. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Coussan, Carrier, Cormier, Fisher, Geymann, Kerner, Landry, McKnight, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Romero, Schamerhorn, and Wheat voted yea.

Consideration and approval of Site Code 2-23-034 - LDWF site, Maurepas, Livingston Parish: Vacant lot with bulkhead, boat slip and small metal shed, 0.63 acres, \$181,000 as of 12.1.2020

Mr. Cheston Hill, State Land Office, division of administration, no address provided, (225) 219-9454, spoke for information only on Site Code 2-23-034 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records..

Representative Coussan offered a motion to approve the Site Code 2-23-034. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Coussan, Carrier, Cormier, Fisher, Geymann, Kerner, Landry, McKnight, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Romero, Schamerhorn, and Wheat voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative McKnight offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Coussan, Carrier, Cormier, Fisher, Geymann, Kerner, Landry, McKnight, Mincey, Orgeron, Riser, Romero, Schamerhorn, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jean-Paul P. Coussan
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Date adopted: