

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
March 16, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Mark Wright, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Mark Wright, 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 Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Joseph A. Marino, III
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Larry Selders

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

LeeAnne Sharlow, attorney
Carlesia Bibbins, attorney
Brandy Phillips, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Jacqueline Trask, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Representative Brass in the chair.

House Bill No. 70 by Representative McMahan

Representative McMahan presented House Bill No. 70, which designates Exit 44 on Interstate Highway 20 in Webster Parish as the "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Interchange".

Representative Brass offered amendments to:

1. Change the designation of the "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Interchange" to the "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway". Additionally, change the location of the signage from Exit 44 in Webster Parish on Interstate Highway 20 to mile markers 40 through 43, east and westbound, of Interstate Highway 20 in Webster Parish.
2. Increase the actual costs for material, fabrication, mounting posts, and installation of each sign from five hundred fifty dollars to one thousand six hundred eighty dollars.

Representative Brass offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 70 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 70 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Moore, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 71 by Representative McMahan

Representative McMahan presented House Bill No. 71, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 371 in Webster Parish as the "John David Crow Memorial Highway".

Representative Brass offered amendments to:

1. Change the location of the highway designation from on the left and right hand side of the highway to one sign posted in the southbound direction near the northern city

limits of Springhill and one sign posted in the northbound direction near the southern city limits of Cullen, with appropriate space among existing signage.

Representative Brass offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Moore, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Representative Firment offered a motion to report House Bill No. 71 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 71 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 748 by Representative McMahan

Representative McMahan presented House Bill No. 748, which provides for the addition and erection of memorial signage that reads "Drive Safely - In Memory of Kim Cannon" on Interstate Highway 20 east of Exit 44 in Webster Parish.

Representative Brass offered amendments to:

1. Change the signage from "Drive Safely - In Memory of Kim Cannon" to the "Kim Cannon Memorial Interchange". Additionally, change the location of the signage from Interstate Highway 20 east of Exit 44 in Webster Parish to Exit 44 on Interstate Highway 20 in Webster Parish.

Representative Brass offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Moore, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 748 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 748 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Moore, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 444 by Representative Riser

Representative Riser presented House Bill No. 444, which designates a portion of the U.S. Hwy. 165 in Caldwell Parish as the "SPC Torey Jontea Dantzler, Sr. Memorial Highway".

Representative Moore offered a motion to report House Bill No. 444 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 444 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass,

Cormier, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Moore, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 445 by Representative Riser

Representative Riser presented House Bill No. 445, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 133 in Caldwell Parish as the "Robert L. 'Doc' Owens Memorial Highway".

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 445 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 445 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Moore, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 534 by Representative Horton

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 534, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 527 in Bossier Parish as the "Jessie Henry Memorial Highway".

Representative Glover offered a motion to report House Bill No. 534 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 534 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Moore, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 776 by Representative Glover

Representative Brass announced that action on House Bill No. 776, which designates a portion of Interstate 49 in Shreveport, Louisiana, as "The Cooper Road Pioneers Memorial Overpass", was voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Moore, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Mark Wright
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: