

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
April 11, 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 12:22 p.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 Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Larry Selders

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 97 by Representative Magee

Representative Magee presented House Bill No. 97, which removes the termination date applicable to levee restoration or rehabilitation work not publicly bid.

Mr. Windell Carole, South Lafourche Levee District, P.O. Box 158, Cut Off, LA 70345, (985) 852-7084, spoke in support of House Bill No. 97.

Mr. Reggie P. Dupre, Terrebonne Levee District, 220 Clendenning Road, Houma, LA 70363, (985) 868-8523, spoke in support of House Bill No. 97.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 97 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 97 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 18 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 855 by Representative Thomas

Representative Thomas presented House Bill No. 855, which provides relative to medical exemptions applicable to tinting of motor vehicle windows.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 855 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 855 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, and Selders 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. 319 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 319, which adds a member with aviation experience to the Shreveport Airport Authority.

Representative Phelps spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 319.

Mr. Chance McNeely, City of Shreveport, 6252 Morgan Bend Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (318) 518-5367, spoke for information only.

Mr. Oliver Jenkins, Shreveport Airport Authority, 1026 Erie Street, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 294-7277, spoke for information only.

Representative Glover offered a concept amendment to change the appointment and qualifications relative to the Shreveport Airport Authority commissioners to be applicable to each airport authority.

Representative Glover offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment, to which Representative Horton objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed by a vote of 4 yeas, 11 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Glover, Larvadain, Pierre, and Selders voted yea. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Marino, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, and Schamerhorn voted nay. Representative Wright abstained.

Representative Cormier offered a motion to report House Bill No. 319 favorably, to which Representative Glover objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 319 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas, 7 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Gadberry, Horton, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea. Representatives Brass, Freiberg, Glover, Larvadain, Marino, Pierre, and Selders voted nay. Representative Wright abstained.

House Bill No. 466 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 466, which provides relative to the applicability of certain lease terms to airport facilities operated and managed by the Shreveport Regional Airport.

Representative Wright offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 466. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 466 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

House Bill No. 630 by Representative Bryant

Representative Bryant presented House Bill No. 630, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 31 in Iberia Parish and St. Martin Parish as the "Judge Paul DeMahy Memorial Highway".

Representative Brass in the chair.

Representative Brass offered amendments to:

1. Change the highway name designation from "Judge Paul DeMahy Memorial Highway" to "Judge Paul deMahy Highway".
2. Add the following highway designations:
 - (a) A portion of La. Hwy. 675 from the western city limits of New Iberia to U.S. Hwy. 90 in Iberia Parish as the "Judge Charles L. Porter Highway".
 - (b) A portion of La. Hwy. 347 from La. Hwy. 96 in St. Martinville to La. Hwy. 350 in Parks located in St. Martin Parish shall be known and is hereby designated as the "Judge Carl J. Williams Memorial Parkway".
 - (c) A portion of La. Hwy. 96 in the city limits of St. Martinville in St. Martin Parish as the "Judge C. Thomas Bienvenu, Jr. Memorial Highway".
3. Make a technical change.

Representative Brass offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 630 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 630 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Chairman Wright in the chair.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: