

## **House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works**

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
April 18, 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 9:37 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 Kathy Edmonston  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg  
Representative Dodie Horton  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Joseph A. Marino, III  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Mack Marcel Cormier  
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment  
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen  
Representative Larry Selders

#### **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 Concurrent Resolution No. 34 by Representative Bourriague**

Representative Bourriague presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 34, which approves the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2023, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

Mr. Chip Klein, CPRA, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (225) 342-4367, spoke for information only, presented a Power Point entitled "Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Plan: Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana", and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Bren Haase, CPRA, 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2179, spoke for information only.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 34 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 34 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 14 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 345 by Representative Orgeron**

On behalf of Representative Orgeron, Chairman Wright presented House Bill No. 345, which provides an exemption from tolls on La. Hwy. 1 bridge for certain school personnel.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 345 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 345 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

**House Bill No. 871 by Representative Marcelle**

Chairman Wright announced that action on House Bill No. 871, which provides relative to reinstatement fees for an arrested person's failure to honor a written promise to appear, was voluntarily deferred.

**House Bill No. 733 by Representative Horton**

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 733, which provides relative to penalties for violations of any driver or operator of a vehicle.

Mrs. Jacque Lindsey, ABATE of Louisiana, 1909 Ray Avenue, Bossier City, LA 71112, (318) 573-0873, spoke in support of House Bill No. 733.

Mr. Rick Lindsey, ABATE of Louisiana, 1909 Ray Avenue, Bossier City, LA 71112, (318) 469-7599, spoke in support of House Bill No. 733.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 733 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 733 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn 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. 857 by Representative Horton**

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 857, which creates the "Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation" specialty license plate.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 857 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 857 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn 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.

*Representative Brass in the chair.*

**House Bill No. 415 by Representative Marino**

Representative Marino presented House Bill No. 415, which provides relative to the administrative hearing applicable to the suspension of certain driving privileges.

Representative Brass offered amendments to:

1. Remove a provision that specified that a person's opportunity for a hearing was based upon the department's records or other evidence admitted at the hearing.
2. Add a provision that requires the requested hearing be based on the department's records except that the person whose operating privileges were suspended may subpoena a law enforcement officer who initiated the stop or who performed or participated in a breathalyzer test to appear or testify at such hearing. Further authorizes a law enforcement officer to appear or testify at such hearing by simultaneous transmission through audio-visual electronic equipment.

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 Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Lt. Bryan Lee, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4239, spoke for information only.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 415 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 415 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

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

*Chairman Wright in the chair.*

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 by Representative Hodges**

Representative Hodges presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 17, which continues the Comite River Diversion Canal Project Task Force.

Representative Wright offered amendments to:

1. Remove the task force member who is general counsel of The Water Institute of the Gulf, or his designee.
2. Make technical changes.

Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 19 by Representative Hodges**

Representative Hodges presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 19, which urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study the practicality and feasibility of designing and utilizing a traffic roundabout at a four-way stop intersection in Livingston Parish.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 19 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 19 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 17 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **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 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: