

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
April 25, 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 10:01 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 Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Larry Selders

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Mack Marcel Cormier
Representative Joseph A. Marino, III
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. 150 by Representative St. Blanc

Representative St. Blanc presented House Bill No. 150, which provides relative to the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District.

Representative Wright offered amendments to:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Change the domicile and regular meeting place for the Port of South Louisiana from Laplace, La. to Reserve, La.
3. Remove a provision in present law that made the change in the domicile and regular meeting schedule to Reserve, La. contingent upon a 2/3 vote of the members of the commission in favor of a resolution authorizing the change and amending the bylaws to provide for the change.
4. Remove a provision that required the vote changing the domicile and regular meeting place to Reserve, La. occur no sooner than 24 hours after a public meeting specifically held to debate these matters and to receive public comment.

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, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Mr. Michael Knobloch, Port of Morgan City, P.O. Box 1460, Morgan City, LA 70380, (985) 384-0850, spoke for information only.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 150 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 150 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Pierre, and Schamerhorn 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. 469 by Representative Travis Johnson

Representative Travis Johnson presented House Bill No. 469, which creates the Delta Bike Trail Commission.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 469 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 469 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Pierre, Schamerhorn, 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. 587 by Representative Hilferty

Representative Brass in the chair.

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 587, which modifies the composition of the Lakefront Management Authority Board.

Representative Selders offered a motion to report House Bill No. 587 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 587 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders 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.

House Bill No. 869 by Representative Romero

Representative Romero presented House Bill No. 869, which designates portions of certain highways as memorial highways.

Representative Brass offered amendments to:

1. Designate the portion of Louisiana Highway 21 in Washington Parish as the "Lt. Brian Anthony Nichols 'Lt. Nic' Memorial Highway'.
2. Make a technical change.

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, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 869 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 869 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

House Bill No. 776 by Representative Glover

Representative Glover presented House Bill No. 776, which designates a portion of Interstate 49 in Shreveport, Louisiana, as "The Cooper Road Pioneers Memorial Overpass".

Representative Brass offered amendments to:

1. Change the name of the designated portion of I-49 from "The Cooper Road Pioneers Memorial Overpass" to "The Cooper Road Pioneers Memorial Interchange".
2. Change the maximum cost of each sign from \$550 to \$1,680.

Representative Brass offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 776 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 776 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Chairman Wright in the chair.

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.

Mr. James Graves, Shreveport Airports Hanger Owners Association, 3500 Rue De Lac, Shreveport, LA 71107, (318) 424-3500, spoke in support of House Bill No. 466 and presented a Power Point.

Mr. Monty Walford, 960 McCormick Drive, Shreveport, LA 71104, (318) 458-5226, spoke in support of House Bill No. 466.

Mr. Max Sharp, DPLLC, 5320 Kennon Lane, Shreveport, LA 71104, (318) 455-6704, spoke in support of House Bill No. 466.

Mr. Jonathan Reynolds, SAA, 5103 Hollywood Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71109, (318) 208-6382, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 466.

Mr. Chance McNeely, City of Shreveport, 6252 Morgan Bend, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (318) 518-5367, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 466.

Ms. Stacy Kuba, Shreveport Airport Authority, 5103 Hollywood Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71109, (318) 673-5370, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 466.

Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie, DOTD Multimodal Commerce, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-3029, spoke for information only.

Representative Tammy Phelps spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 466.

Representative Glover offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 466, to which Representative Horton objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and action on House Bill No. 466 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas, 6 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brass, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Larvadain, Pierre, and Selders voted yea. Representatives Edmonston, Firment, Horton, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, and Schamerhorn voted nay. Representative Wright abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

The count of prepared statements received up until adjournment of the meeting are as follows: 2 in opposition. 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 Edmonston offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: