

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2023 Regular Session
April 18, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gregory A. Miller, chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gregory A. Miller, chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Robby Carter
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Lawrence "Larry" Frieman
Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr.
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson, vice chairman
Representative Alonzo L. Knox
Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
Representative Richard James Nelson
Representative Alan Seabaugh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Danny McCormick

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amy Pirtle, attorney
Allison Shirey, attorney
Megan Sanders, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michael McCain, clerk
Allie Eaves, clerk
Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms
Jaubert Ambeau, audio/visual engineer
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 586 by Representative Stefanski**

At the request of Representative Stefanski, Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 586, which provides for civil liability for actions related to fentanyl. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 586 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Robby Carter, Echols, Frieman, Garofalo, Hodges, Jefferson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Knox voted yea.

House Bill No. 379 by Representative McKnight

Representative McKnight presented House Bill No. 379, which provides relative to liability associated with parades.

Representative Jefferson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 379 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 379 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Robby Carter, Echols, Frieman, Garofalo, Hodges, Jefferson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Knox voted yea. Representative Gregory Miller abstained.

House Bill No. 196 by Representative Brown

Representative Brown presented House Bill No. 196, which provides relative to summary judgment.

Guy Holdridge, Director, Louisiana State Law Institute, Room W127, LSU Law Center, 1 E. Campus Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 578-0200, spoke for information only.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 196 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 196 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Amedee, Boyd, Frieman, Garofalo, Jefferson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Knox, and Muscarello voted yea.

House Bill No. 230 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 230, which provides for the continuous revision of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Guy Holdridge, Director, Louisiana State Law Institute, Room W127, LSU Law Center, 1 E. Campus Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 578-0200, spoke for information only.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 230 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 230 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Amedee, Boyd, Robby Carter, Echols, Emerson, Garofalo, Jefferson, Jenkins, Knox, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals not wishing to speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 324 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 324, which provides relative to vicarious liability of an employer.

Representative Gregory Miller offered an amendment to provide for exceptions and make technical corrections. Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Amedee, Boyd, Robby Carter, Echols, Emerson, Frieman, Garofalo, Jefferson, Jenkins, Knox, Nelson, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Mike Johnson in the chair.

Doug Williams, LMTA, 6132 Province Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, no phone number provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 324.

Representative Gregory Miller in the chair.

Morgan Grantham, representing Katie Grantham, 444 Kingston Plantation Blvd., Benton, LA 71006, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 324.

Dr. Kirk Grantham, representing Katie Grantham, 444 Kingston Plantation Blvd., Benton, LA 71006, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 324.

At the request of Representative Davis, Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 324. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 324

was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Amedee, Boyd, Robby Carter, Wilford Carter, Emerson, Frieman, Garofalo, Hodges, Jefferson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Muscarello, and Nelson voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals not wishing to speak are as follows: 11 in support and 11 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee 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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Gregory A. Miller
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