

House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
May 9, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Troy D. Romero, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Troy D. Romero, chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler
Representative Kimberly Landry Coates
Representative Adrian Fisher
Representative Chance Keith Henry
Representative Jacob Jules Gabriel Landry
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Christopher Turner
Representative John E. Wyble

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative C. Travis Johnson, vice chairman
Representative Larry Selders
Representative Francis C. Thompson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lashay Masami, attorney
Ashley Davillier, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms
Cesilee Oliver, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 81 by Senator Allain

Senator Allain presented Senate Bill No. 81, which provides for prescribed burning by non certified prescribed burn managers.

Commissioner Mike Strain, LDAF, Third Floor, no address provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 81.

Representative Amedee offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 81 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 81 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Amedee, Boyer, Butler, Coates, Fisher, Henry, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMahan, Schamerhorn, St. Blanc, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Romero abstained.

Witness cards presented by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 328 by Senator Reese

On behalf of Senator Reese, Representative Romero presented Senate Bill No. 328, which provides relative to training for volunteer firefighters on forest fire and wildfire suppression.

Commissioner Mike Strain, LDAF, Third Floor, Capitol, no city provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 328.

Representative Butler offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 328 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 328 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Bagley, Boyer, Butler, Coates, Fisher, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMahan, Schamerhorn, St. Blanc, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Romero abstained.

Witness cards presented by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Overview from state officers of Louisiana 4-H program

State officers of the Louisiana 4-H program gave a brief overview of their experience in the program and answered questions from committee members.

Breleigh Page, Louisiana 4-H, 34160 Perkins Road, Denham Springs, LA 70706, spoke for information only.

Eli Rogers, Louisiana 4-H, 289 Roger Miller Road, Baskin, LA, spoke for information only.

Zachary Cryer, Louisiana 4-H, 509 Linden Circle, Benton, LA 71006, spoke for information only.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Butler offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Romero, Bagley, Boyer, Butler, Coates, Fisher, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMahan, Schamerhorn, St. Blanc, and Wyble voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Troy D. Romero
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Date adopted: