

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Second Extraordinary Session
February 21, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chairman
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Michael Melerine
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman
Representative Lauren Ventrella
Representative John E. Wyble

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Chad Brown

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allison Alonzo, attorney
Jennifer Nguyen, attorney
Megan Sanders, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 23 by Representative Melerine**

Representative Melerine presented House Bill No. 23, which provides with respect to procedures for challenging the constitutionality of a statute or law.

Representative Muscarello offered an amendment to make a technical change. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Attorney General Liz Murrill, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke in support of House Bill No. 23.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report House Bill No. 23 with amendments, to which Representative Wilford Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 23 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Turner, Ventrella, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Wilford Carter, Larvadain, and Taylor voted nay. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only. Witness cards 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 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
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