

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
March 13, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chairman
Representative Chad Brown
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 Mark Wright
Representative John E. Wyble

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michael McCain, clerk
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Representative Turner in the chair.

House Bill No. 55 by Representative Owen

Representative Owen presented House Bill No. 55, which designates Act No. 470 of the 2022 Regular Session as "The Jean and Elise Act".

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report House Bill No. 55 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 55 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

House Bill No. 161 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 161, which provides relative to nondisclosure agreements.

Representative Glorioso offered amendments to add an exception that the provisions of proposed law shall not restrict the ability of an individual to enter into a confidential settlement agreement relating to cases involving sexual harrassment or a hostile work environment that arise during the employment period and to make technical changes. Representative Glorioso offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

Morgan Lamandre, STAR, 5615 Corporate Blvd., Ste. 200, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 161.

Representative Carlson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 161 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 161 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 161 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

House Bill No. 449 by Representative Melerine

Representative Melerine presented House Bill No. 449, which provides relative to delivery of judgment of interdiction.

Representative Melerine offered amendments to provide that the curator shall provide the date of birth and the last four digits of the social security number of the interdict to the registrar of voters and to make technical changes. Representative Melerine offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, Ventrella, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Sherri Hadskey, Secretary of State, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 449.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report House Bill No. 449 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 449 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, Ventrella, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

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House Bill No. 124 by Representative Beaulieu

Representative Beaulieu presented House Bill No. 124, which provides for the prospective and retroactive application of the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 124 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 124 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, Ventrella, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
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