

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Third Extraordinary Session
November 11, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chair of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Mark Wright

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allison Alonzo, attorney
Jennifer Nguyen, attorney
Andrea Jerezano, committee administrative assistant
Stephanie Weinman, committee administrative assistant
Robert Singletary, division director

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms
Michael McCain, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 14 by Representative Geymann**

On behalf of Representative Geymann, Representative Melerine offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 14, which limits the amount of money that may be appropriated in a fiscal year. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 14 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Brown, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, Ventrella, and Wyble voted yea.

House Bill No. 7 by Representative Emerson

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 7, a constitutional amendment, which revises Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Richard Nelson, secretary, Louisiana Department of Revenue, 617 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 7.

Representative Melerine offered a motion to adopt the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 7, which stated that the measure could not be accomplished statutorily and would, therefore, require a constitutional amendment, to which Representative Wilford Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 7 was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Turner, Ventrella, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Brown, Wilford Carter, and Taylor voted nay.

Representative Melerine offered a motion to report House Bill No. 7 without amendments, to which Representative Wilford Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 7 was reported without amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Turner, Ventrella, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Brown, Wilford Carter, and Taylor voted nay.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
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