

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
March 12, 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 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 Emily Chenevert
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Michael Melerine
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman
Representative John E. Wyble

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Lauren Ventrella
Representative Mark Wright

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms

Michael McCain, clerk

II. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 123 by Representative Schlegel**

Representative Schlegel presented House Bill No. 123, which provides for consent of a legal representative of a minor who contracts with certain parties. Representative Schlegel discussed a report from the Louisiana State Law Institute dated February 29, 2024, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report House Bill No. 123 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 123 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Glorioso, Egan, Melerine, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. 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.

House Bill No. 170 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 170, which provides with respect to certain lease contracts between governmental entities and individuals.

Representative Muscarello offered an amendment to make technical changes. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Glorioso, Egan, Melerine, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Jennifer Marusak, Ports Association of Louisiana, P.O. Box 82880, Baton Rouge, LA 70884, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 170.

Ralph Hennessy, England Authority, 1611 Arnold Dr., Alexandria, LA 71303, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 170.

Scott Gammel, Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, 1611 Arnold Dr., Alexandria, LA 71360, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 170.

Representative Muscarello offered amendments to make technical changes and provide for exceptions. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 170. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 170 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 170 at a meeting held on March 19, 2024. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 170.

House Bill No. 171 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 171, which provides relative to the maintenance of property leased by political subdivisions.

Representative Muscarello offered an amendment to make technical changes. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Jennifer Marusak, Ports Association of Louisiana, P.O. Box 82880, Baton Rouge, LA 70884, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 171.

Scott Gammel, Louisiana Airport Managers & Associates, 1611 Arnold Dr., Alexandria, LA 71360, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 171.

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 171. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 171 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

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

Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 171 at a meeting held on March 19, 2024. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 171.

House Bill No. 21 by Representative Melerine

Representative Melerine presented House Bill No. 21, which authorizes service of process by commercial courier.

Representative Melerine offered an amendment to make a technical change. Representative Melerine offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 21 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 21 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

House Bill No. 27 by Representative Melerine

Representative Melerine presented House Bill No. 27, which authorizes service of process by commercial courier.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report House Bill No. 27 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 27 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
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