

## House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Regular Session  
April 8, 2024

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair  
Representative Delisha Boyd  
Representative Kim Carver  
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III  
Representative Paula P. Davis  
Representative Jessica Domangue  
Representative Troy Jude Hebert  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Edmond Jordan  
Representative Alonzo L. Knox  
Representative Jacob Jules Gabriel Landry  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin  
Representative Shaun Raphael Mena  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Neil Riser  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Polly Thomas, vice chair

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victoria Kelley, attorney  
Kathryn Vigrass, legislative analyst  
Sharell Steven, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Nevonda Reed, division director  
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 591 by Representative Lyons**

Representative Deshotel announced that action on House Bill No. 591, which provides relative to prohibitions on a local governing authority regulating online marketplaces, was voluntarily deferred.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 459 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

**House Bill No. 607 by Representative Owen**

Representative Owen presented House Bill No. 607, which provides relative to locksmith licensing.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Bryan J. Adams, Louisiana State Fire Marshal (LSFM), 8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 607.

Ricky Roubique, LSFM, 8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 607.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 607 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 607 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

*Representative Thomas in the chair.*

**House Bill No. 617 by Representative Deshotel**

Representative Deshotel presented House Bill No. 617, which provides relative to broadband.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Remove language allowing the office to provide the remaining of committed matching funds to local governments.
- (3) Give the office the authority to promulgate rules rather than require the office to promulgate rules.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 617 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 617 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 700 by Representative Deshotel**

Representative Deshotel presented House Bill No. 700, which provides relative to broadband.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Veneeth Iyengar, Office of Broadband, 1201 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 700.

Representative Newell offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Add that the office of broadband and connectivity has the authority to collect data from GUMBO 2.0, GUMBO 3.0, and GUMBO 4.0 winners on the location of new broadband and existing utility infrastructure.
- (3) Add that eligible parties for GUMBO 4.0 shall include but not be limited to state agencies, nonprofits, for-profits, academic institutions, and planning commissions.

Representative Newell offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Lauren Chauvin, Louisiana Internet and Television Association, 763 North St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 700

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 700 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 700 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Representative Deshotel in the chair.*

#### **House Bill No. 478 by Representative Glorioso**

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 478, which provides certain limitations on the amount of property insurance required by mortgage lenders. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 478 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 459 by Representative Glorioso**

Representative Glorioso presented House Bill No. 459, which prohibits certain practices of contractors relative to the solicitation of residential property insurance claims.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 459 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 459 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 459 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

### **House Bill No. 388 by Representative Illg**

Representative Illg presented House Bill No. 388, which provides relative to live event ticketing.

Representative Riser offered amendments to:

- (1) Amend the definitions of "nontransferable ticketing", "targeted promotion", "ticket issuer", and "transferable form".
- (2) Provide an exception for education institutions and associated nonprofit organizations.
- (3) Make technical changes.

Representative Riser offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Sean Auyash, StubHub, 3 World Trade Center, 175 Greenwich St., 59<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10002, spoke in support of House Bill No. 388.

Caleb Johnson, Seat Geek, 888 Seventeenth St., N. W., Washington D.C. 20006, spoke in support of House Bill No. 388.

Brian Hess, Sports Fans Coalition, 208 I St., N. E., Washington D.C. 20002, spoke in support of House Bill No. 388.

Howie Kaplan, City of New Orleans, 907 S. Peters St., New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 388.

Josh Borill, Cajundome and Live Nation, P.O. Box 80825, Lafayette, LA 70592, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 388.

Pam DeVille, Cajundome, 444 Cajundome Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70506, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 388.

Rodney Braxton, AXS Group, LLC, 543 Spanish Town Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 388.

Lenny Kopowski, University of New Orleans, 4736 Avron Ave., Metairie, LA 70006, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 388.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments that originated in committee to limit the number of tickets purchased. After discussion, Representative Deshotel withdrew the amendment. No vote was taken.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to report House Bill No. 388 with amendments, to which Representative Jacob Landry objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 388 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Davis, Domangue, Hilferty, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Cox, Hebert, Jordan, Knox, and Jacob Landry voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 491 by Representative Edmonston**

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 491, which provides relative to the Life Safety and Property Protection Licensing Act. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 491 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

*Representative Thomas in the chair.*

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 496 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

#### **House Bill No. 493 by Representative Riser**

Representative Riser presented House Bill No. 493, which provides for the merger of cemetery trust funds.

Jerry W. Sullivan, Louisiana Cemetery Board, 3445 N. Causeway Blvd., Ste. 509, Metairie, LA 70002, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 493.

Gerald Melancon, Evangeline Memorial Gardens, 4700 N. University Ave., Carencro, LA 70520, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 493.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 493 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 493 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

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#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Knox offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: