

## House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Regular Session  
April 29, 2024

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:34 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 Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
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:

None

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms  
Nevonda Reed, division director  
Burnell Thompson III, sergeant at arms  
Angela Mamou, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Bill No. 60 by Senator Pressly**

Senator Pressly presented Senate Bill No. 60, which provides relative to occupational licenses.

Erin Bendily, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras St., Ste. 900, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 60.

Lisa Loup, Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association, 850 Newman Ave., Jefferson, LA 70121, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 60.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 60 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 60 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support, 6 for information only, and 1 designee of elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 60 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

**Senate Bill No. 63 by Senator Coussan**

Senator Coussan presented Senate Bill No. 63, which provides for the classification of factory-built homes.

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 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McCormick, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Steve Duke, Louisiana Manufactured Housing Association, P.O. Box 80029, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 63.

David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support for Senate Bill No. 63.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 63 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 63 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Jacob Landry, Mena, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

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

### **Senate Bill No. 240 by Senator Coussan**

Senator Coussan presented Senate Bill No. 240, which provides for licensure requirements relative to manufactured housing.

Steve Duke, Louisiana Manufactured Housing Association, P.O. Box 80029, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 240.

Representative Jordan offered an amendment that originated in committee to permit a person applying for an original retailer's or developer's license to post a \$250,000 surety bond. Representative Jordan 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, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 240 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 240 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, 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.

### **Senate Bill No. 410 by Senator Coussan**

Senator Coussan presented Senate Bill No. 410, which provides for the board membership of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority.

Brandon Frey, Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC), P.O. Box 91154, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 410.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 410 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 410 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, 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.

### **House Bill No. 879 by Representative Farnum**

Representative Farnum presented House Bill No. 879, which provides relative to required insurance coverage applicable to trucks transporting waste.

Steven Kent, Steve Kent Services, 2927 Hwy 70, S. Pierre Part, LA 70339, spoke in support of House Bill No. 879.

Shalon Latour, Service International, 959 N. Belgis Pkwy, Sulphor, LA 70663, spoke in support of House Bill No. 879.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Require producers of waste to verify that a truck has proper coverage and impose a penalty for producers who do not comply.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Brandon Frey, Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC), P.O. Box 91154, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 879.

Tammy Burl, LPSC, 602 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 879.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 879 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 879 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, 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.

**Senate Bill No. 232 by Senator Abraham**

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 232, which provides for the establishment of gold and silver as legal tender.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to expand proposed law to include coins, specie, and bullion. Representative Deshotel 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, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative McCormick offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 232 with amendments, to which Representative Thomas objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 232 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, and St. Blanc voted yea. Representatives Cox, Riser, and Thomas voted nay.

**Senate Bill No. 392 by Senator Abraham**

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 392, which provides relative to the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 392 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 392 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, 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 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 28 by Senator Reese**

*Representative Thomas in the chair.*

On behalf of Senator Reese, Representative Davis presented Senate Bill No. 28, which provides relative to the licensing and regulation of virtual currency businesses.

Scott Jolly, Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions (OFI), 8660 United Plaza 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 28.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 28 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 28 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, 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: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 372 by Senator Harris**

On behalf of Senator Harris, Catherine Newsome, Secretary of State's Office, 8585 Archives Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, presented Senate Bill No. 372, which provides relative to motor vehicle service contracts.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 372 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 372 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, and Thomas voted yea.

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

*Representative Deshotel in the chair.*

**House Bill No. 591 by Representative Lyons**

Representative Lyons presented House Bill No. 591, which provides relative to prohibitions on a local governing authority regulating online marketplaces.

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 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, and Thomas voted yea.

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 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, and Thomas voted yea.

Larry Murray, TechNet, 3650 Morning Glory Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for in support of House Bill No. 591.

Rodney Braxton, Airbnb, 543 Spanish Town Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 591.

Representative Jordan offered amendments that the provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any local law or ordinance that exists upon the effective date of this Act. Representative Jordan offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. After discussion, Representative Jordan withdrew the amendment.

Representative Davis offered an amendment to amend amendment set 3823, line 12, which was discussed earlier, to insert a period after ordinance and remove the rest of the sentence. After discussion, Representative Davis withdrew the amendment.

Representative Davis offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 591. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 591 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, Mena, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to invoke a three-minute rule. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Monique Blossom, Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center, 1340 Poydras St., Ste. 710, New Orleans, LA 70115, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 591.

Y. Frank Southall, Jane Place, 2533 Columbus St., New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 591.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 591 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

***Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 591 on May 6, 2024. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 591.***

### **House Bill No. 518 by Representative Knox**

Representative Knox presented House Bill No. 518, which provides for civil penalties against an interactive computer service that books short-term rentals of property that is not in compliance with local ordinances.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Remove the attorney general from those who can pursue a civil fine.
- (3) Remove the designation of fines to the Main Street Program and instead distribute them to the local housing authority for affordable housing or infrastructure or alleviating homelessness.
- (4) Delete the Short-term Rentals Violation Fund.

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 Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 518 with amendments, to which Representative McCormick objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 518 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives McCormick and McMakin voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 518 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

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

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Newell offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: