

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
March 18, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:31 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:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Randall Ike, committee clerk
Nevonda Reed, division director
Angela Mamou, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 366 by Representative Davis**

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 366, which provides relative to real estate. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 366 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 371 by Representative Beaulieu

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 371, which provides relative to the requirements for doing business for a motor vehicle service contract provider. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 371 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 477 by Representative Gadberry

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 477, which provides relative to permits for construction. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 477 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 610 by Representative Bayham

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 610, which requires businesses to offer a payment in cash for transactions. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 610 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 155 by Representative Thomas

Representative Thomas presented House Bill No. 155, which provides for expired and inactive real estate license requirements.

Thomas Devillier, Louisiana Real Estate Commission, 9071 Interline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 155.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 155 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 155 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, 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: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 713 by Representative Gadberry

Representative Gadberry presented House Bill No. 713, which provides relative to the practice of land surveying.

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

Bradley S. Holleman, Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors (LSPS), spoke in support of House Bill No. 713.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Delete the definitions of "engineer" or "professional engineer" and the "practice of engineering" in present law and add the definitions outlined in other present law.

Scott Landry, Louisiana Professional Engineering & Land Survey Board, 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Ste. 1103, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 713.

Derek Wheat, LSPS, 39227 Rosaryville Rd., Ponchatoula, LA 70454, spoke in support of House Bill No. 713.

Representative Thomas 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, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 713 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 713 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, 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 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 448 by Representative Mandie Landry

Representative Mandie Landry presented House Bill No. 448, which requires a cash option for certain retail transactions.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 448. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 448 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, 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: 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 308 by Representative Adams

Representative Adams presented House Bill No. 308, which prohibits discontinuation of cable service without prior notice.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments originating in committee to strike video service providers from the language. Representative Hilferty offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove language as it relates to video service providers.
- (2) Clarify that a cable service provider must notify its customers of end of service if the date of termination is within the provider's control.

Representative Deshotel 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, Green, Hebert, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 308 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 308 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Green offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Daryl Andrew Deshotel
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: