

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
April 9, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair
Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.
Representative Beth Anne Billings
Representative Jessica Domangue
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Rodney Lyons, vice chair
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Mark Wright
Representative John E. Wyble

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative C. Denise Marcelle

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Annie Smith, attorney
Sarah Baker, committee administrative assistant
Natayveon Howard-Williams, clerk

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms
Donell Francois, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 265 by Representative Amedee**

Representative Amedee presented House Bill No. 265, which provides relative to benefits, products, and services by governmental entities, and provided several handouts, labeled Exhibit A, which are included in the committee records.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 265 favorably, to which Representative Larvadain objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 265 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Domangue, Larvadain, and Newell voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 799 by Representative St. Blanc

Representative St. Blanc presented House Bill No. 799, which provides for the Louisiana Governor's Mansion Advisory Commission.

Representative Beaulieu offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 799. Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

Randy Haynie, Haynie & Associates, 1465 Ted Dunham Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill 799.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to provide an effective date. Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 799 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 799 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 658 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 658, which provides relative to notifications prior to administrative revocation of a license.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 658 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 658 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble 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.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 35 by Representative Wright

Representative Wright presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 35, which provides for a special joint committee to review the Administrative Procedure Act, the Louisiana Administrative Code, the public's involvement in proposed rulemaking, and comparisons of other states' regulatory environments.

Renee Amar, Louisiana Motor Transport Association, 325 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 35.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 35 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 35 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 109 by Representative Mack

Representative Mack presented House Bill No. 109, which provides relative to the review of agency rules.

Patrick Robinson, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 500 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 109.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report House Bill No. 109 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 109 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Beaulieu announced that House Bill No. 179, which requires agencies to repeal two rules for every new one proposed, was voluntarily deferred.

Chair Beaulieu announced that House Bill No. 180, which requires legislative oversight committees to hold hearings on proposed rules, was voluntarily deferred.

Chair Beaulieu announced that House Bill No. 568, which provides for state agencies to receive and publish comments online, was voluntarily deferred. Chair Beaulieu allowed Bob Wertz, Peace Officer Standards and Training / Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, Box 3133, Baton Rouge, LA, to speak for information only on House Bill No. 568.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
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Date adopted: