

House Committee on Judiciary

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Second Extraordinary Session
February 20, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Robby Carter, chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Robby Carter, chairman
Representative Jacob Braud
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Kathy Edmonston, vice chairman
Representative Jack "Jay" William Galle, Jr.
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Troy Jude Hebert
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Shane Mack
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Lauren Ventrella
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley
Representative Jerome Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zachary Gonzalez, attorney
Gabrielle Lewis, attorney
Jennifer Watson, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michael McCain, clerk
Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Representative Robby Carter presented an update to the rules of the House Committee on Judiciary, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records. Representative Robby Carter offered a motion to adopt the updated committee rules. Without objection, the updated committee rules were adopted by vote of 17 - 0. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Galle, Hebert, Hughes, LaFleur, Mandie Landry, LaCombe, Mack, Orgeron, Ventrella, Wiley, and Zeringue voted yea.

IV. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 3 by Representative Butler**

Representative Butler presented House Bill No. 3, which provides relative to mandatory drug testing, screening, and assessment for drug and specialty court participation for certain offenders.

Deputy Executive Counsel Christopher Walters, designee of Governor Jeff Landry, 600 North Third St., 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 3.

Phillip Terrell, Rapides Parish District Attorney, 700 Murray St., Alexandria, LA 71301, spoke in support of House Bill No. 3.

Judge Donald Johnson, 19th Judicial District, 300 North Eugene St., Baton Rouge, LA 70002, spoke in support of House Bill No. 3.

Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 North 7th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 3.

Bruce Reilly, VOTE, 4930 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125, spoke in support of House Bill No. 3.

Diane Patterson, 8964 Birch St., New Orleans, LA 70118, spoke in support of House Bill No. 3.

Lonnie Granier, Odyssey House Louisiana, 1125 North Tonti St., New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in support of House Bill No. 3.

Tammy Jones, 9522 West Coronado Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70815, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 3.

Adinas Perkins, 1946 South Ringer Ave., Gonzales, LA 70737, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 3.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 3 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 3 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Galle, Green, Hebert, Hughes, LaFleur, Mandie Landry, LaCombe, Mack, Orgeron, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support, 11 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Robby Carter
House Committee on Judiciary