

## **House Committee on Judiciary**

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Regular Session  
May 22, 2024

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Robby Carter, chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. in Room 1, 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 Gallé, Jr.  
Representative Troy Jude Hebert  
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe  
Representative Mandie Landry  
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron  
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Jason Hughes  
Representative Edmond Jordan  
Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur  
Representative Shane Mack  
Representative Lauren Ventrella  
Representative Jerome Zeringue

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gabrielle Lewis, attorney  
Megan Sanders, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtus Jarrell, sergeant at arms  
Michael McCain, clerk

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57 by Senator Fesi**

Senator Fesi presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57, which memorializes Congress to help all residents of Louisiana who are displaced by hurricanes.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Braud, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Galle, Hebert, Orgeron, and Wiley voted yea. Representative Robby Carter abstained.

**Senate Bill No. 131 by Senator Miller**

Senator Miller presented Senate Bill No. 131, which provides for privileges on immovables.

On behalf of Senator Miller, Representative Robby Carter offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove proposed law requiring that payment provisions of all bonds furnished for public work contracts be construed as statutory bond provisions.
- (2) Remove proposed law relative to bonds failing to contain certain requirements being deemed to incorporate all requirements.

Representative Robby Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Galle, Hebert, LaCombe, Mandie Landry, Orgeron, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 131 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 131 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Galle, Hebert, LaCombe, Orgeron, and Wiley 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 Resolution No. 247 by Representative Robby Carter**

Representative Robby Carter presented House Resolution No. 247, which requests the Judicial Council to determine the feasibility of a parishwide court in St. Helena Parish.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 247 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 247 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Galle, Hebert, LaCombe, Orgeron, and Wiley voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 186 by Senator Seabaugh**

Senator Seabaugh presented Senate Bill No. 186, which provides relative to continuous service for the purpose of determination of chief judge.

Representative LaCombe offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 186 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 186 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Galle, Hebert, LaCombe, Orgeron, and Wiley voted yea.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Robby Carter  
House Committee on Judiciary