

## **House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment**

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Regular Session  
May 21, 2024

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

Representative Brett F. Geymann, chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Brett F. Geymann, chairman  
Representative R. Dewith Carrier  
Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion  
Representative Jason Brian DeWitt  
Representative C. Travis Johnson  
Representative Timothy P. Kerner  
Representative Shane Mack  
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron, vice chairman  
Representative Jerome Zeringue

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant  
Representative Kimberly Landry Coates  
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe  
Representative Jacob Jules Gabriel Landry  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Neil Riser

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

Robin Stalder, attorney  
Benjamin Westra, attorney  
Lacy Slaughter, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Resolution No. 230 by Representative Firment**

Representative Firment presented House Resolution No. 230, which urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study ways to develop and enhance recreational opportunities for certain portions of Little River.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 230 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 230 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Carrier, Chassion, Dewitt, Kerner, Mack, Orgeron, and Zeringue voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 62 by Senator Fesi**

Senator Fesi presented Senate Bill No. 62, which provides relative to seafood safety.

Representative Kerner offered amendments to:

- (1) Reinststate present law directing the treasurer to deposit monies collected from the imported seafood safety fee in R.S. 40:31.35(C) in the Imported Seafood Safety Fund, rather than all fees required under R.S. 40:31.35.
- (2) Clarify present law requirement that all seafood distributors and processors obtain a commercial seafood permit from the Louisiana Department of Health.
- (3) Make a technical change.

Representative Kerner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Carrier, Chassion, Dewitt, Kerner, Mack, Orgeron, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Kerner offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 62 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 62 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Carrier, Chassion, Dewitt, Kerner, Mack, Orgeron, and Zeringue voted yea.

**House Resolution No. 231 by Representative Mack**

Representative Mack presented House Resolution No. 231, which urges and requests the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to modify administrative rules regarding the use of airboats in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

Cole Garrett, LDWF, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 231.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 231 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 231 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Carrier, Chassion, Dewitt, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Mack, Orgeron, and Zeringue voted yea.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30 by Senator Fields**

Senator Fields presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30, which is to urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to study implementation of real-time community air monitoring and notification systems.

Representative Orgeron offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Carrier, Chassion, Dewitt, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Mack, Orgeron, and Zeringue voted yea.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 36 by Senator Stine**

On behalf of Senator Stine, Representative Orgeron presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 36, which memorializes Congress to resume liquid natural gas exports.

Representative Geymann offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 36 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 36 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Carrier, Chassion, Dewitt, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Mack, Orgeron, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals that did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee record.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Dewitt offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Carrier, Chassion, Dewitt, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Mack, Orgeron, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Brett F. Geymann

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Date adopted: