

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
April 29, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chairman
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Jacob Braud
Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Bryan Fontenot, vice chairman
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Joy Walters
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Steven Jackson
Representative C. Travis Johnson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allison Williams, legislative analyst
Jennifer Winkler, legislative analyst
Darcas Deverteuil, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

Stephen Louis, sergeant at arms
Angela Mamou, sergeant at arms
Quinn Williams, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 44 by Senator McMath

Senator McMath presented Senate Bill No. 44, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 11 in St. Tammany Parish as the "Jimmy Buffett 'Changes in Latitude' Memorial Crossing".

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 44 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 44 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 446 by Senator Abraham

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 446, which provides relative to I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge.

Joe Donahue, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 446.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 446 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 446 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 492 by Senator Fesi

Senator Fesi presented Senate Bill No. 492, which provides relative to the Leeville Bridge toll fee.

Joe Donahue, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 942.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 492 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 492 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 438 by Senator Miller

Senator Miller presented Senate Bill No. 438, which establishes minimum requirements for a levee commissioner.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments that originated in committee to add prospective application and applicability only for new appointments for the educational requirements of levee commissioners. Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 438 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 438 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 395 by Senator Foil

On behalf of Senator Foil, Larry Bankston, 87018 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, presented Senate Bill No. 395, which provides for boundaries of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 395 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 395 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 74 by Representative McMakin

Representative McMakin presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 74, which urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to close the Washington Street exit.

Joe Donahue, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 74.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 74 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 74 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley 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. 75 by Representative McMakin

Representative McMakin presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 75, which urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to create an indication of a merging lane at Exit 159 on the Essen Lane ramp of I-10 West.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 75 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 75 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 76 by Representative McMakin

Representative McMakin presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 76, which urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to make the space between the median uniform for all lanes on Perkins Road intersection.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 76 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 76 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Ryan Bourriaque
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: