

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
March 14, 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 9:04 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 Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Joy Walters
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Steven Jackson
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

Devin Washington, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 281 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 281, which removes the ten year lease provision and the associated exceptions for airport facilities.

Scott Gammel, Louisiana Airport Managers and Association, 1611 Arnold Drive, Alexandria, LA 71303, spoke in support of House Bill No. 281.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 281 favorably, to which Representative Phelps objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 281 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 1 nay. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea. Representative Phelps voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 279 by Representative McCormick

Representative Bourriaque announced that action on House Bill No. 279, which provides relative to the boundaries of the Caddo-Bossier Port, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 475 by Representative Bourriaque

Representative Bourriaque presented House Bill No. 475, which provides for digital transaction providers.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments to:

- (1) Add digital transaction providers to the system of public tag agents regulated by the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles as provided in present law R.S. 47:532.1 (A)(1).
- (2) Add vehicle registration to proposed law for what fees digital transaction providers are authorized to collect.

- (3) Change the convenience fees digital transaction providers are required to collect in proposed law from the amount authorized by present law (R.S. 47:532.1(C)) to up to 90% of the amount authorized by present law (R.S. 47:532.1(C)).
- (4) Change the authorization for the commissioner to promulgate the necessary rules to implement proposed law to a requirement for the commissioner to promulgate the necessary rules to implement proposed law.
- (5) Require all taxes, in addition to fees and certain other requirements, be paid by the digital transaction provider for the bond obligation to be void.
- (6) Make technical changes.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to report House Bill No. 475 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 475 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 151 by Representative Orgeron

Representative Orgeron presented House Bill No. 151, which provides for the membership of the board of commissioners of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 151 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 151 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 350 by Representative Orgeron

Representative Orgeron presented House Bill No. 350, which authorizes the use of state property for seafood research.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 350 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 350 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 140 by Representative Horton

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 140, which provides relative to proof of disability requirements for an airport parking exemption for disabled veterans.

Representative Dickerson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 140 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 140 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 140 pursuant to House Rule 14:33.

House Bill No. 515 by Representative Horton

Representative Bourriaque announced that action on House Bill No. 515, which prohibits government restriction of choice regarding vehicles, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 339 by Representative Owen

Representative Owen presented House Bill No. 339, which provides relative to acceptable payment types at air carrier airports.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 339 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 339 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

The committee stood at ease at 9:33 a.m. The committee reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

House Bill No. 534 by Representative Freeman

Representative Freeman presented House Bill No. 534, which provides relative to the booting of motor vehicles parked on private property.

Ann Spink, 8458 Lockhart Road, Denham Springs, LA 70726, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 534.

Aaron Harrell, 510 Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 534.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report House Bill No. 534 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 534 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tarver offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: