

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
March 18, 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 9:32 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 Steven Jackson
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Joy Walters
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Tammy T. Phelps

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms
Donell Francois, sergeant at arms
Quinn Williams, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 612 by Representative McFarland

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 612, which provides a voluntary process for pipeline crossing disputes.

Jimmy Faircloth, Rogmartin and Momentum Midstream, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 612 and presented a PowerPoint to the committee.

William O'Neal, LA Landowners Association, 6820 Goodman Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in support of House Bill No. 612.

Joe Donahue, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Road, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 612.

Kay Medlin, Energy Transfer/Bradley Murchison, 401 Edwards Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 612.

Michael Futch, Energy Transfer, 1300 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 612.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 612 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 612 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 646 by Representative Thompson

Representative Bourriaque announced that action on House Bill No. 646, which provides for contract limits for certain projects, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 536 by Representative Bourriaque

Representative Bourriaque presented House Bill No. 536, which increases the in-house cap for construction projects by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to report House Bill No. 536 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 536 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, 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 Bill No. 381 by Representative Braud

Representative Braud presented House Bill No. 381, which provides relative to Department of Transportation and Development spending.

Joe Donahue, DOTD , 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 381.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 381 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 381 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 514 by Representative Braud

Representative Braud presented House Bill No. 514, which increases the contract limit applicable to the Department of Transportation and Development.

Joe Donahue, DOTD , 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 381.

Representative Braud offered a motion to report House Bill No. 514 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 514 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 235 by Representative Coates

Representative Coates presented House Bill No. 235, which removes an exception to public bid law applicable to the purchase of vehicles by local government units.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments to

- (1) Add back the present law exception removed under the proposed law and increase the amount for purchase by a local government unit of a new motor vehicle for conversion into a law enforcement vehicle from \$40,000 to \$70,000 before the purchase must be advertised and let out for bid.
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Shannon Dirmann, counsel, Louisiana Sheriff's Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 235.

Paul Holmes, LMA- LAMATS, 6767 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 235.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to report House Bill No. 235 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 235 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Jackson, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bourriaque announced that the committee would meet again on both Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: