

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
March 19, 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 C. Travis Johnson
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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

Elizabeth Douglas, sergeant at arms
Quinn Williams, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 283 by Representative Schlegel

Representative Schlegel presented House Bill No. 283, which requires that a commercial driver's curriculum offered by an educational institution or agency include human trafficking training, and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Kylla Lanier, Truckers Against Trafficking, 1124 W. Stonecrest Avenue, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74075, spoke in support of House Bill No. 283.

Representative Moore offered a motion to report House Bill No. 283 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 283 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 494 by Representative Willard

Representative Willard presented House Bill No. 494, which provides relative to special identification cards for children.

Dan Casey, OMV, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 494.

Stephen A. Quidd, OMV, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 494.

Representative C. Travis Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 494 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 494 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 646 by Representative Thompson

Representative Thompson presented House Bill No. 646, which provides for contract limits for certain projects.

Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, Lieutenant Governor's Office, 1051 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 646.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove the 10 day time frame for a public entity to post notice of a public emergency in its official journal as provided in R.S. 38:2212 (P)(1)(a).
- (2) Specify that for public work projects completed by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and tourism the "contract limit" is \$1,000,000 per project, including labor, material, and equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Associated Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not exceed 15%, provided beginning Feb. 1, 2025, and annually on Feb. first of each subsequent year, the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration to adjust the "contract limit" by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year.
- (3) Add a requirement that the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration publish the new contract limit for public works contract in the Louisiana Register in January of each year.
- (4) Make technical changes.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Derrell Cohoon, Associated General Contractors, 714 N. 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 646.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 646 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 646 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 652 by Representative Deshotel

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 652, which provides relative to automated speed enforcement devices. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 652 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 645 by Representative Freiberg

Representative Freiberg presented House Bill No. 645, which moves responsibility for the collection of the electric and hybrid vehicle fee from the Department of Revenue to the office of motor vehicles.

Representative Bourriaque offered an amendment to change the year the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles can promulgate rules to provide for collection and administrative procedures to administer proposed law, including procedures for the collection of road usage fees, from vehicles first registered in 2024 to vehicles first registered in 2025.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Catherine Logan, LDR, 617 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 645.

Dan Casey, OMV, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 645.

Representative C. Travis Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 645 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 645 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 345 by Representative Boyd

Representative Boyd presented House Bill No. 345, which requires a license plate on the front of a motor vehicle for identification purposes.

Dan Casey, OMV, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 345.

Captain Bryan Lee, Louisiana State Police, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 345.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 345. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 345 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 401 by Representative Zeringue

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 401, which provides for the creation of Houma-Terrebonne airport police.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 401 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 401 was reported by substitute by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, 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 Bill No. 341 by Representative Tarver

Representative Tarver presented House Bill No. 341, which provides relative to motor vehicles and energy sources for motor vehicles.

Representative Tarver offered an amendment to make a technical change. Representative Tarver offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Jacqueline Lindsey, ABATE of Louisiana, 1909 Ray Avenue, Bossier City, LA 71112, spoke in support of House Bill No. 341 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 341 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 341 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 341 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

House Bill No. 535 by Representative Freeman

Representative Freeman presented House Bill No. 535, which provides relative to zero emission vehicles.

Coulter McMahan, Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association, 660 Laurel Street Suite E, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 535.

Representative Moore offered a motion to report House Bill No. 535 favorably, to which Representative Fontenot objected. Representative Fontenot offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 535. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 535 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 4 in opposition. 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 Boyer offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: