

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
March 25, 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 9:30 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 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:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

Ralph Palmer, sergeant at arms
Quinn Williams, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 344 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 344, which removes the requirement for motor vehicle inspection stickers.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove inspection tag requirements applicable to the city of New Orleans.
- (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, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Captain Bryan Lee, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 344.

Drew Hibbard, LA Capital Emissions Association, 1721 S. Range Avenue, Denham Springs, LA 70769 spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 344.

Bret Callais, LACag/ Louisiana Citizens Advocacy Group, 363 E. St. Francis Street, Brusly, LA 70719, spoke in support of House Bill No. 344.

Neal Underwood, LA Capital Emissions Association, 1721 S. Range Avenue, Denham Springs, LA 70769 spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 344.

Representative Walters offered a motion to report House Bill No. 344 with amendments with recommendation that it be recommitted to the House Committee on Appropriations, to which Representative Moore objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 344 was reported with amendments with recommendation that it be recommitted to the House Committee on Appropriations by a vote of 6 yeas, 5 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Braud, Chassion, Fontenot, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea. Representatives Boyer, Dickerson, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, and Phelps voted nay. Representative Bourriaque abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 4 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 344 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

House Bill No. 554 by Representative Davis

Representative Bourriaque announced that action on House Bill No. 554, which provides relative to motor vehicle protection product warranty businesses, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 384 by Representative Knox

Representative Knox presented House Bill No. 384, which extends the grace period applicable to penalties for lapse of compulsory motor vehicle liability security.

Sarah Whittington, JAE, 4035 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125, spoke in support of House Bill No. 384.

Peter Robins-Brown, Louisiana Progress Action, 650 N. 6th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 384.

Robyn Temple, OMV, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70805, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 384.

Representative C. Travis Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 384 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 384 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.

House Bill No. 490 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 490, which prohibits the imposition of penalties for speeding in a school zone if signage is not posted at the entrance and exit.

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 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Bret Callais, LACag/ Louisiana Citizens Advocacy Group, 363 E. St. Francis Street, Brusly, LA 70719, spoke in support of House Bill No. 490.

Representative Moore offered a motion to report House Bill No. 490 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 490 was reported by substitute by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 490 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

House Bill No. 732 by Representative Jackson

On behalf of Representative Jackson, Representative Young, presented House Bill No. 732, which creates the Grambling State University World Famed Tiger Marching Band specialty license plate.

Representative C. Travis Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 732 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 732 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who do not wish to 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 Chassion 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, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: