

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
April 28, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chair of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chair
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Bryan Fontenot, vice chair
Representative Steven Jackson
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Annie Spell
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jacob Braud
Representative Joy Walters

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allison Williams, attorney
Jaclyn Champagne, attorney
Darcas Deverteuil, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

Martin Mapp, sergeant at arms
Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms
Ralph Palmer, sergeant at arms
Marcellus Veal, sergeant at arms
Quinn Williams, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 519 by Representative Glorioso

Representative Fontenot in the chair.

Representative Glorioso presented House Bill No. 519, which provides relative to the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless telecommunication device.

Tim Temple, Commissioner of Insurance, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 519.

Don Redmann, AAA, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 519.

Jacqueline Lindsey, ABATE of Louisiana, 1909 Ray Ave., Bossier City, LA 71112, spoke in support of House Bill No. 519 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Edward L. Tarpley Jr., self, 819 Johnston St., Alexandria, LA, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 519.

Chris Alexander, Louisiana Citizen Advocacy Group, P.O. Box 64952, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 519.

Dennis Burke, self, 6525 Gladys St., Metairie, LA, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 519.

Mary S. Susie Labry, self, 40128 B. Emerald Dr., spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 519.

Richard Brown, Citizens For A Better Kenner, 824 Sessions, Kenner, LA 70065, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 519.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 519 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 519 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support, 2 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 519.

Chair Bourriague in the chair.

House Resolution No. 36 by Representative Geymann

On behalf of Representative Geymann, Glenn Ledet Jr., CPRA, 1897 Blouin Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, presented House Resolution No. 36, which approves the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2026, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board, and provided a presentation, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Gordon Dove, Chairman of CPRA, no card provided, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 36.

Keith Hinkley, Plaquemines Parish President, 333 F. Edward Hebert, Belle Chasse, LA spoke in support of House Resolution No. 36.

Dean Blanchard, DBS, P.O. Box 6, Grand Isle, LA 70358, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 36.

Kim Chauvin, 143 Cypress Ln., Grand Isle, LA 70358, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 36.

David Camardelle, Mayor of Grand Isle, P.O. Box 215, Grand Isle, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 36.

Acy Couper, Louisiana, 429141 Hwy 23, Venice, LA 70091, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 36.

George Barisich, commercial fishing industry, 3413 Dow Redden Ct., Baton Rouge, LA 70820, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 36.

Charles Sutcliffe, National Wildlife Federation, 2537 Terrace Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 36.

Liz Russell, Environment Defense Action Fund, 3801 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 36.

Lauren Bourg, National Audubon Society, 3801 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 36.

Kindra Arnesen, Small Family Fishers, 280 Tangelo Dr., Buras, LA 70041, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 36.

Rocky Ditcharo, Ditcharo Seafood, 180 Pomme D or Rd., Buras, LA 70041, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 36.

Simone Maloz, Restore the MS River Delta, 3801 Canal St., New Orleans, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 36.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 36 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 36 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 16 in support, 2 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Resolution 36.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to invoke the Three-Minute Rule. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 232 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 232, which eliminates the state inspection sticker requirement for certain vehicles.

Steve Duke, LA Manufactured Housing Association, P.O. Box 80029, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, spoke in support of House Bill No. 232.

Representative Bourriaque offered an amendment to revert back to present law. Representative Bourriaque 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, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Neal Underwood, Louisiana Motor Vehicle Inspection Association, no address provided, Zachary, LA, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 232.

Hannah Cothell, 2132 Palmwood Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 232.

Cathey Slavant, Walker Inspection, 10166 Florida Blvd., spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 232.

Janice Biggs, Walker Inspection, 10166 Florida Blvd., spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 232.

Captain Lance Kennedy, Louisiana State Police, 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 232.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 232 with amendments, to which Representative Wiley objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Dickerson, Fontenot, Schamerhorn, and Tarver voted yea. Representatives Boyer, Chassion, Moore, Phelps, Spell, and Wiley voted nay.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 232.

House Bill No. 221 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 221, which provides relative to a motor vehicle inspection tax. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 221 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 499 by Representative Bamburg

Representative Bamburg presented House Bill No. 499, which establishes penalties for persons exceeding the speed limit or breaching construction zones and utility work safety zones under active construction with workers on site.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report House Bill No. 499 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 499 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, 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.

House Bill No. 630 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 630, which reduces the fee applicable to updating a driver's license to comply with REAL ID standards.

Representative Bourriague offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Bourriague offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriague, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 630 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 630 was reported by substitute by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriague, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, 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. 631 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 631, which reduces the fee applicable to updating a name on a driver's license.

Representative Bourriague offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Bourriague offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriague, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 631 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 631 was reported by substitute by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriague, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, 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. 476 by Representative Fontenot

Representative Fontenot presented House Bill No. 476, which provides relative to an annual automatic adjustment to a fee for motor vehicle dealers based on the Consumer Price Index.

Coulter McMahan, Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association, 660 Laurel St., Suite E, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 476.

Representative Bourriaque offered an amendment originated in committee to add that the Federal Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers or CPI-U cannot exceed 3% for a calendar year. Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Stephen A. Quidd, OMV, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70892, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 476.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to report House Bill No. 476 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 476 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 119 by Representative Deshotel

On behalf of Representative Deshotel, Representative Fontenot, presented House Bill No. 119, which decreases the minimum light transmission percentage allowable for the front side window tint of motor vehicles.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 119 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 119 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Schamerhorn, Spell, and Tarver voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 301 by Representative Domangue

On behalf of Representative Domangue, Representative Bourriaque presented House Bill No. 301, which provides for the removal and salvage of abandoned vessels in waterways.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Schamerhorn, Spell, and Tarver voted yea.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report House Bill No. 301 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 301 was reported by substitute by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Schamerhorn, Spell, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 170 by Representative Cox

Representative Cox presented House Bill No. 170, which removes the requirement that taxi cab drivers obtain a chauffeur's license.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report House Bill No. 170 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 170 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Jackson, Schamerhorn, Spell, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 554 by Representative McMakin

Representative McMakin presented House Bill No. 554, which establishes a notice of voting restriction and a restriction code applicable to persons who are not United States citizens and aliens lawfully present in the United States but have not attained United States citizenship.

Tia Fields, LORI, 12163 Strauss Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70811, spoke in opposition of House Bill No. 554.

Trella Ragas, OMV, 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 554.

Bryan J Adams, OMV, 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 554.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 554 favorably, to which Representative Phelps objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 554 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 1 nay. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea. Representative Phelps voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, 30 in opposition, and 1 for information only.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 554.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Bourriague offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriague, Boyer, Dickerson, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: