

House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 14, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Clay Schexnayder, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 3, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Clay Schexnayder, chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders, vice chairman
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Frank A. Howard
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Steve E. Pylant

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glenn Fleming, legislative analyst
Karen Stephens, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Larry Warino, clerk
Beverly Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 332 by Representative Montoucet

On behalf of Representative Montoucet, Commissioner Mike Strain, representing the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, presented House Bill No. 332, which modifies the composition of the La. Crawfish Promotion and Research Board.

Representative Hill offered a motion to report House Bill No. 332 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 332 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Anders, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, Dustin Miller, and Reynolds voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 335 by Representative Schexnayder

On behalf of Representative Schexnayder, Commissioner Mike Strain, representing the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, presented House Bill No. 335, which provides for the establishment of an unmanned aerial system registration fee.

Representative Reynolds offered amendments to:

1. Authorize the commissioner to establish a licensing fee not to exceed \$50, payable to the La. State University Agricultural Center for conducting the agricultural education and safety training course required in present law.
2. Make a technical change.

Representative Reynolds offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Anders, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, Dustin Miller, and Reynolds voted yea.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to report House Bill No. 335 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 335 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Anders, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, Dustin Miller, and Reynolds voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 1085 by Representative Montoucet

Representative Montoucet presented House Bill No. 1085, which authorizes institutions of higher education to develop a pilot program to study the growth, cultivation or marketing of industrial hemp for agricultural or academic research.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1085.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1085 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1085 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Anders, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, Dustin Miller, and Reynolds voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 1099 by Representative Thibaut

Representative Thibaut presented House Bill No. 1099, which provides relative to the assessment of a license fee imposed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry for the production of marijuana for therapeutic use.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1099.

Danny Ford, Louisiana Cannabis Association, 143 Cloud Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1099.

Jesse McCormick, Louisiana Cannabis Association, 530 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1099.

Representative Chaney offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1099 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1099 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Dustin Miller, and Reynolds voted yea.

House Bill No. 336 by Representative Schexnayder

On behalf of Representative Schexnayder, Commissioner Mike Strain, representing the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, presented House Bill No. 336, which adds certain prohibitions relative to fraud by vendors or by the purchaser in the sale of certain food.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report House Bill No. 336 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 336 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Dustin Miller, and Reynolds voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 569 by Representative Schexnayder

On behalf of Representative Schexnayder, Commissioner Mike Strain, representing the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, presented House Bill No. 569, which provides relative to designated authorities for federal and state cooperation with provisions of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Bill No. 569 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 569 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Dustin Miller, and Reynolds voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Clay Schexnayder
House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Date adopted: