

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

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
May 5, 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 Terry R. Brown
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 Steve E. Pylant
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Dustin Miller

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zaren James, division director
Glenn Fleming, legislative analyst
Karen Stephens, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Larry Warino, clerk
Beverly Hurst, sergeant at arms
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 74 by Senator Thompson

On behalf of Senator Thompson, Commissioner Mike Strain, representing the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, presented Senate Bill No. 74, which provides relative to the official logo for state products and authorizes civil penalties.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 74 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 74 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Chaney, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, and LeBas 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.

Senate Bill No. 75 by Senator Thompson

On behalf of Senator Thompson, Commissioner Mike Strain, representing the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, presented Senate Bill No. 75, which repeals the Pest Control Compact.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 75 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 75 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Anders, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, LeBas, and Reynolds voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 382 by Senator Thompson

On behalf of Senator Thompson, Commissioner Mike Strain, representing the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234, presented Senate Bill No. 382, which prohibits local governmental entities and other local governing authorities from regulating the registration, distribution, sale, or planting of seeds.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 382 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 382 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Anders, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, LeBas, and Reynolds voted yea.

The committee recessed at 9:11 a.m. The committee reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Senate Bill No. 216 by Senator Carter

Senator Carter presented Senate Bill No. 216, which creates the Louisiana Animal Shelter Registry.

Hilton Cole, director, East Baton Rouge Parish Animal Control, 2680 Progress Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70807, (225) 335-5013, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 216.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 216 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 216 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Amedée, Anders, Chaney, DeVillier, Emerson, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Pylant, and Reynolds voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 29 by Senator LaFleur

Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 29, which provides relative to the sale of raw milk by a farmer to a consumer.

James Clyde, small farmer/National Farmers Union, no address provided, (832) 563-0471, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 29.

Matt Nappier, Nappier Valley Farm, 9520 Highway 143, Farmerville, LA 71241, (318) 789-7359, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 29.

Daphne Olivier, 1011 Rue Bois de Chene, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517, (337) 296-1628, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 29.

Wendy Adams, Libertarian Party, 121 Rosa Avenue, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 654-7627, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 29.

Daniel E. Hayes, Libertarian Party, 216 Manson Avenue, Metairie, LA 70001, (504) 258-6176, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 29.

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.

Dr. Jimmy Guidry, State Health Officer, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, 628 N. Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9500, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 29.

Joy Womack, dairy farmer, 2183 Noble Reames Road, Zachary, LA 70791, (225) 615-6543, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 29.

Mike Brian, Feliciana's Best Creamery, 8602 Dave Brian Lane, Slaughter, LA 70777, (225) 719-1056, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 29.

Marguerite Constantine, 851 Couvillion, Moreauville, LA, (318) 985-2095, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 29.

Cheryl Ewing, 9775 Highway 421, St. Francisville, LA 70775, (225) 931-7120, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 29.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 29 favorably, to which Representative Chaney objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed by a vote of 7 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Amedée, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Hensgens, LeBas, and Pylant voted yea. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Terry Brown, Chaney, Emerson, Hall, Howard, and Reynolds voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 17 in support, and 42 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

The committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Clay Schexnayder
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Date adopted: