

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 5, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Patrick Connick
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Paul Hollis, vice chairman
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Christopher J. Leopold
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Joseph P. Lopinto, III
Representative Helena N. Moreno
Representative J. Kevin Pearson
Representative Edward J. Price

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandy Painting, secretary
Rashida Keith, attorney
Thomas Devillier, attorney

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms
Jefferson Honeywell, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 683 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 683, which prohibits the sale of children's food containers that contain bisphenol-A.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 683. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 683 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 923 by Representative Lopinto

Representative Lopinto presented House Bill No. 923, which provides for unauthorized acts relative to motor vehicles.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 923. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 923 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 340 by Representative Stokes

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 340, which prohibits certain sales or offers for sale of warranties or extended service agreements for motor vehicles.

Representative Carmody offered amendments to House Bill No. 340, which would delete references to "warranties" thereby making "extended service agreements" the sole focus of proposed law; would add the prohibitions to sell or solicit for sale by mail or telephone any vehicle mechanical breakdown insurance policy or vehicle component coverage contract; and would exempt from proposed law motor vehicle distributors, vehicle mechanical breakdown insurers, and those acting on behalf of a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or vehicle mechanical breakdown insurer. Representative Carmody offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals on House Bill No. 340 who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 340 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 340 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 672 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 672, which provides relative to rights and requirements of certain persons authorized to arrange the disposition of human remains.

Mr. Louis Muhleisen, Jr., Louisiana Funeral Directors Association, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA 70062, (504) 466-8577, spoke in support of House Bill No. 672.

Witness cards submitted by individuals on House Bill No. 672 who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Cox offered amendments to House Bill No. 672, which would provide for a person to authorize the interment of a decedent; require the final judgment of a district court if a decedent did not provide specific instructions for disposition and the authorization of the person or persons with the right to control disposition cannot be obtained; would provide that a viewing is not required if human remains are from a spontaneous fetal death and written identification is given when such remains are released to the funeral director; would require the written receipt of persons' exchange of cremated human remains to identify the place of the physical exchange of such remains; would provide that such receipts are to establish a chain of custody; and would require a copy of the receipt to be retained by the funeral establishment or crematory authority whose respective representative delivers cremated human remains to a person or certain representative. Representative Cox offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Pugh, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Connick offered an amendment to House Bill No. 672, which would provide if a decedent gives, in a valid will, directions or designates a person to dispose of the decedent's remains, whether by burial or cremation, the direction or designation provided in the will has highest priority for the disposal of the decedent's remains. Representative Connick offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Coussan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 672 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 672 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Bill No. 669 by Representative Hunter

Representative Hunter presented House Bill No. 669, which prohibits rental car companies from charging a fee for additional authorized drivers.

Witness cards submitted by individuals on House Bill No. 669 who did not speak are as follows: 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 669. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 669 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Glover, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.
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