

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
March 22, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kenneth E. Havard, 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. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Kenneth E. Havard, chairman
Representative Bryan Adams
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative A B Franklin
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Frank A. Howard
Representative Terry C. Landry, Sr., vice chairman
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Jack Montoucet
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative C. Denise Marcelle

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kimberly Callaway, attorney
Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney

Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 730 by Representative Hill

Representative Hill presented House Bill No. 730, which revises route designations for certain byways.

Ms. Adagria Haddock, Myth and Legends Byway - Allen Parish Tourist Commission, P. O. Box 1280, Oberlin, Louisiana 70655, (337) 639-4868, spoke in support of House Bill No. 730.

Ms. Maria Bowen, Zachary Taylor Parkway Association, 3741 South Lakeshore, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, (225) 939-7576, spoke in support of House Bill No. 730 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 730 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 730 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 100 by Representative Terry Brown

Representative Terry Brown presented House Bill No. 100, which redesignates a portion of United States Highway 165 in Grant Parish as the "Captain Ronald David Bennett Memorial Highway".

Representative Montoucet offered a motion to report House Bill No. 100 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 100 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White 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. 110 by Representative Horton

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 110, which designates a bridge located on Louisiana Highway 154 in Bossier Parish as the "Officer Thomas LaValley Memorial Bridge".

Representative Montoucet offered a motion to report House Bill No. 110 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 110 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 111 by Representative Pylant

Representative Havard announced that action on House Bill No. 111, which designates a bridge located on Louisiana Highway 4 as the "Chief Warrant Officer Brain Henderson Memorial Bridge", is being voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 114 by Representative Abraham

Representative Abraham presented House Bill No. 114, which designates the Louisiana Highway 1138-2 Prien Lake Road and Holly Hill Road roundabout in Calcasieu Parish as the "Russell T. Tritico, Sr. Circle".

Representative Franklin offered a motion to report House Bill No. 114 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 114 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White 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. 120 by Representative Armes

Representative Armes presented House Bill No. 120, which designates portions of certain highways in Vernon Parish.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 120 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 120 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 225 by Representative Moreno

Representative Moreno presented House Bill No. 225, which provides for the creation of the Krewe of NYX prestige license plate.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 225 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 225 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 311 by Representative Danahay

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 311, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 3063 in Calcasieu Parish as the "First Responders Memorial Highway".

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 311 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 311 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White 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. 355 by Representative Mike Johnson

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 355, which provides relative to military honor license plates for "Bronze Star Medal" recipients.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 355 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 355 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 434 by Representative Hensgens

Representative Hensgens presented House Bill No. 434, which provides for the designation of a portion of Louisiana Highway 82 in Cameron Parish as the "Terry Cox Memorial Highway".

Representative Pope offered an amendment to change the highway which is to be designated as the "Terry Cox Memorial Highway" from La. Hwy. 82 to La. Hwy. 27. Representative Pope offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair,

Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 434 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 434 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White 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. 572 by Representative Smith

Representative Smith presented House Bill No. 572, which provides relative to the special college and university license plates.

Representative Pope offered amendments to:

1. Remove proposed law which would specify that an applicant may request a personalized plate to be issued at no additional cost to the applicant.
2. Remove present law which provides that a royalty fee is to be paid to each institution for the use of the university's or college's design and removes references to such royalty fee.
3. Increase the annual fee from \$26 to \$51.
4. Specify that the amount from each plate that goes to the college or university is deemed to be a charitable donation to that institution.

Representative Pope offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 572 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 572 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 687 by Representative Barras

On behalf of Representative Barras, Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 687, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 86 in Iberia Parish as the "Albert "Al" Broussard Memorial Highway".

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 687 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 687 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 127 by Representative Stokes

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 127, which creates the "United States Merchant Marine Academy" specialty license plate.

Representative Montoucet offered a motion to report House Bill No. 127 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 127 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 248 by Representative Carmody

Representative Havard announced that action on House Bill No. 248, which provides relative to a certain special prestige license plate for motorcycles, is being voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kenneth E. Havard
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: