

## **House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Regular Session  
April 11, 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 Terry R. Brown  
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 Jack Montoucet  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative J. Rogers Pope  
Representative Malinda B. White

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Bryan Adams  
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter  
Representative H. Bernard LeBas  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Barbara M. Norton

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kimberly Callaway, attorney  
Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney

Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Beverly Hurst, sergeant at arms  
Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Morrish**

Senator Morrish presented Senate Bill No. 1, which designates a portion of LA Highway 14 in Calcasieu Parish as the "Louisiana State Trooper Steven Vincent Memorial Highway".

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 1 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 1 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

**House Bill No. 204 by Representative Lyons**

Representative Lyons presented House Bill No. 204, which provides an exception for Jefferson Parish from certain time limitations on submission of information with public bids.

Brad Richard, Jefferson Parish, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Jefferson, Louisiana 70123, (504) 736-6300, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 204.

John Walters, Associated Builders and Contractors, 19251 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, (225) 752-1415, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 204.

Derrell Cohoon, Associated Builders and Contractors, 714 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804, (225) 336-4657, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 204.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report House Bill No. 204 favorably, to which Representative Pope objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 204 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Montoucet, Pierre, and White voted yea. Representatives Steve Carter, Guinn, and Pope voted nay.

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

**House Bill No. 924 by Representative Coussan**

Representative Coussan presented House Bill No. 924, which creates the "Louisiana The Energy State" prestige license plate.

Staci Hoyt, Office of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 924.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report House Bill No. 924 favorably, to which Representative Terry Landry objected. After discussion, Representative Terry Landry withdrew his motion.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report House Bill No. 924 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 924 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

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

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 39 by Representative Hodges**

Representative Havard announced that action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 39, which continues the Comite River Diversion Canal Task Force for the purpose of studying and making recommendations on the actions necessary to complete the Comite River Diversion Canal Project, is being voluntarily deferred.

**House Bill No. 854 by Representative Huval**

Representative Havard announced that action on House Bill No. 854, which provides relative to types of motor vehicles that are required to be covered by an automobile liability policy pursuant to the Compulsory Motor Vehicle Liability Security Law, is being voluntarily deferred.

**House Bill No. 1083 by Representative Davis**

Representative Havard announced that action on House Bill No. 1083, which provides relative to chauffeurs, is being voluntarily deferred.

**House Bill No. 822 by Representative Montoucet**

Representative Montoucet presented House Bill No. 822, which provides for the issuance of a temporary instructional permit for driver's education students.

Staci Hoyt, Office of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 822.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill to House Bill No 822. Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 822 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 822 was reported by substitute by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, 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: 1 in support, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 844 by Representative James**

Representative James presented House Bill No. 844, which provides for an extension of driving privileges pending hearing by a court.

Mike Barron, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, 7515 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806, (225) 937-4109, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 844.

Steven Moore, 6513 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, (225) 767-7778, spoke in support of House Bill No. 844.

Stephen R. Edwards, Jr., Delatte, Edwards and Marcantel, 9247 Bluebonnet Blvd., Suite C, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810, (225) 709-9000, spoke in support of House Bill No. 844.

Representative Havard offered amendments to:

1. Clarify that the department issue the licensee driving privileges rather than a temporary license being issued pursuant to present law.
2. Make technical changes.

Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Montoucet, Pierre, and White voted yea.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 844 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 844 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, 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 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 758 by Representative Pugh**

Representative Pugh presented House Bill No. 758, which provides relative to school bus inspection fees.

Staci Hoyt, Office of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 758.

Representative Havard offered amendments to:

1. Provide that the \$4 to be distributed to office of state police from the \$20 fee to be charged for a student transportation vehicle inspection shall be used for traffic law enforcement rather than for law enforcement.
2. Remove proposed law which would have provided that the fee to be charged for a student transportation vehicle inspection to be the same as that charged for the inspection of commercial motor vehicles beginning on Jan. 1, 2018.
3. Make technical changes and clarifications.
4. Provide that the effective date of proposed law is Jan. 1, 2017.

Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 758 with amendments, to which Representative Hill objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 758 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Hall, Howard, Terry Landry, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea. Representatives Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, and Hill voted nay.

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

Representative Terry Landry in the chair.

### **House Bill No. 704 by Representative Havard**

Representative Havard presented House Bill No. 704, which authorizes night movement of permitted vehicles on interstate highways.

Cathy Gautreaux, Louisiana Motor Transport Association, P.O. Box 80278, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898, (225) 975-2500, spoke in support of House Bill No. 704.

Chance McNeely, Department of Transportation and Development, 1701 Capitol Access, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70820, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information on House Bill No. 704.

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to authorize the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development to allow vehicles issued certain special permits to operate on interstate highways at night if requested by the owner or operator of the vehicle. Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative White offered a motion to report House Bill No. 704 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 704 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

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### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chance McNeely advised the committee that the Department of Transportation and Development will be submitting an application for funding in the amount of \$100 million from the federal government. He gave an overview of the projects that will benefit from this funding. Mr. McNeely also advised the committee to sign a letter of support which would be attached to the application for review.

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Havard announced that the press conference for the Highway Safety Commission will be held upon adjournment in the governor's conference room on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

Representative Terry Landry reminded the committee that there will be a Joint Transportation, Highways and Public Works committee meeting today at 1:00 p.m. in Senate Room E.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: