

## House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Regular Session  
April 25, 2017

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.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 Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Paul Hollis, vice chairman  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson  
Representative Christopher J. Leopold  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative J. Kevin Pearson  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative Stephen E. Pugh  
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Helena N. Moreno

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

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 by Representative Armes**

Representative Armes presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, which repeals administrative licensing requirements relative to residential specialty classifications.

Mr. Llewellyn "Biscuit" Smith, 416 Thundervally Rd., DeRidder, LA 70657, (337) 375-3382, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Mr. Jerry Passman, Passman Homes, 4011 O'Neal Lane, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 757-3737, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Mr. Tommy Cryar, 3883 Deer Run Rd., Lake Charles, LA, (337) 884-5555, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Mr. Michael McDuff, Louisiana State Contractor's Board, 2525 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 763-3983, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Mr. Larry Bankston, 8708 Jefferson Hwy., Ste. A, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 766-3800, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Mr. Nick Castjohn, Louisiana Home Builders Association, 4636 David Dr., Kenner, LA 70065, (504) 628-8989, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Mr. Kenneth Jones, Jones Designs/Builders, LLC, P.O. Box 720, St. Francisville, LA 70775, (225) 933-2700, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Representative Reynolds offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 favorably, to which Representative Falconer objected. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 11 nays. Representatives Cox, Glover, Jefferson, Price, Pugh, and Reynolds voted yea. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Connick, Coussan, Falconer, Hilferty, Hollis, Leopold, Lyons, Pearson, and Shadoin voted nay.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 3. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Connick,

Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Pearson, Price, Pugh, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 5 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 471 by Representative Foil**

Representative Foil presented House Bill No. 471, which provides relative to manufactured and modular housing.

Mr. Steve Duke, Louisiana Manufactured Housing Association, P.O. Box 80029, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, (225) 324-6960, spoke in support of House Bill No. 471.

Representative Cox offered amendments to House Bill No. 471, which would modify present and proposed law (R.S. 51:912.22(1)) to require installation for the setup of new or used modular homes to be in compliance with the International Residential Code enforced by the local authority having jurisdiction. Representative Cox offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Pearson, Price, Pugh, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Anders offered a motion to report House Bill No. 471 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 471 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 440 by Representative Davis**

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 440, which requires contractors to provide certain license, classification, and insurance information.

Representative Carmody offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill to House Bill No. 440. Representative Carmody offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Pearson, Price, Pugh, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 440 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 440 was reported by substitute by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Anders, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Pearson, Price, Pugh, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 2 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 17 by Representative Terry Brown**

Representative Terry Brown presented House Bill No. 17, which provides relative to the release of certain account information for the estate of a decedent.

Mr. Len Riviere, Office of Financial Institutions, 8660 United Plaza Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-6550, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 17.

Mr. Robert Bethard, 1519 Ringgold Ave., Coushatta, LA 71019, (318) 932-4071, spoke in support of House Bill No. 17.

Representative Price offered amendments to House Bill No. 17, which would delete all references to the term "brokerage firm" and insert in lieu thereof the term "dealer", which is already defined in present law (R.S. 51:702). Representative Price offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Leopold, Lyons, Pearson, Price, Pugh, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Price offered a motion to report House Bill No. 17 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 17 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Glover, Hilferty, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Pearson, Price, Pugh, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.  
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: