

## **House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment**

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Regular Session  
May 23, 2017

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

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman  
Representative Robert E. Billiot  
Representative Terry R. Brown  
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan  
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier  
Representative Franklin J. Foil  
Representative Jerry Gisclair  
Representative John E. Guinn  
Representative Christopher J. Leopold, vice chairman  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative Tanner D. Magee  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris  
Representative Malinda B. White  
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds  
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative James K. Armes, III  
Representative Patrick Connick  
Representative Jack G. McFarland

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Su King, legislative analyst  
Tyler S. McCloud, attorney  
Karen Stephens, secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Addison Nick, clerk  
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms  
Lauren Griffin, page

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

*Representative Leopold in the chair.*

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67 by Senator Allain**

On behalf of Senator Allain, Representative Bishop presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67, which memorializes Congress to pass legislation or adopt policies allowing Louisiana to manage the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery out to two hundred nautical miles off the coast of Louisiana.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, DeVillier, Guinn, Leopold, Magee, Jim Morris, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

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

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 93 by Representative Bishop**

Representative Bishop presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 93, which requests the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt rules requiring kayak fishermen to display a safety flag.

Lt. Colonel Samuel Martin, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 756-2836, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 93.

Representative Bishop offered an amendment to make a technical change. Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, Magee, Jim Morris, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 93 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 93 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, Magee, Miguez, Jim Morris, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

*Representative Bishop in the chair.*

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Senator Lambert**

Senator Lambert presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, which approves the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, as adopted by the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

Mr. Don Haydel, Department of Natural Resources, Atchafalaya Basin Program, 617 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 721-3105, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Lyons, Magee, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 25 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 by Senator Morrish**

On behalf of Senator Morrish, Mr. Johnny Bradberry, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, no address provided, (225) 342-7669, presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, which approves the comprehensive master plan for integrated coastal protection and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

*Representative Jim Morris in the chair.*

Mr. Bren Haase, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2179, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

*Representative Bishop in the chair.*

Mr. Greg Gasperecz, 5966 Memphis Street, New Orleans, LA 70124, (504) 352-2018, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Ms. Kristi Trail, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, P.O. Box 6965, Metairie, LA 70009, (504) 352-8805, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Mr. Spencer Murphy, Canal Barge Company / CCRE, 835 Union Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 531-2424, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Ms. Lacy McManus, GNO, Inc., 1100 Poydras Street, Suite 3475, New Orleans, LA 70163, (504) 676-5750, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, Magee, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only and 14 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Resolution No. 1 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Resolution No. 1, which approves the annual integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2018, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board and provided a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Leopold offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 1 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 1 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, Magee, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only and 13 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Presentation by Cheniere Energy**

Mr. Doug Shanda, Cheniere Energy, 1200 Camellia Boulevard, Suite 101, Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 989-0071, gave an update on the project and operations of the Sabine Pass LNG facility, the only facility of its kind operating in the continental United States.

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

**Consideration of sale of properties:**

Mr. Jonathan Robillard, office of state lands, 1201 N. Third Street, Suite G-150, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4575, spoke for information only on the surplus properties, stating that they are vacant and deemed unusable by the agencies. He added that the mineral rights would be reserved by the state.

**Department of Agriculture and Forestry - 10.0 Acre Parcel, more or less, in Section 35, T15N, R9W - 1407 Layfield Road, Ringgold, LA in Bienville Parish**

Mr. Jonathan Robillard, office of state lands, 1201 N. Third Street, Suite G-150, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4575, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to approve the property sale with the minimum sales price of \$82,000. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Lyons, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, and Reynolds 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.

**Louisiana Workforce Commission - Tallulah Office of Employment Security, 405 North Cedar Street, Tallulah, LA in Madison Parish**

Mr. Jonathan Robillard, office of state lands, 1201 N. Third Street, Suite G-150, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4575, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit E, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to approve the property sale with the minimum sales price of \$90,000. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Lyons, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, and Reynolds 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.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop  
House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Date approved: