

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
April 18, 2017

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 9:32 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Kenneth E. Havard, chairman
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 C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative John M. Stefanski
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative H. Bernard LeBas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney
Craig Cassagne, attorney
Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Zachary Lester, committee clerk
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Clementine Johnson, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 30 by Representative Schexnayder**

Representative Schexnayder presented House Bill No. 30, which creates the "Louisiana Patriot Guard Riders" specialty license plate.

Representative Havard offered an amendment to add an effective date of January 1, 2018. Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 30 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 30 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 18 by Representative Jenkins

Representative Jenkins presented House Bill No. 18, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 1 in Shreveport as the "Deacon Cleophus Banks, Jr. Memorial Highway".

Representative Hall offered a motion to report House Bill No. 18 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 18 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 28 by Representative Emerson

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 28, which creates the "Acadiana High School" special prestige license plate.

Representative Havard offered an amendment to add an effective date of January 1, 2018. Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 28 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 28 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Pope, Stefanski, 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. 29 by Representative Howard

Representative Howard presented House Bill No. 29, which designates a portion of Highway 171 in Anacoco, LA, as the "Sergeant James Edward Martin Highway".

Representative Havard offered an amendment to make technical changes. Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to add that this designation shall supercede the previous designation of this portion of U.S. Hwy. 171 in Acts 75 of the 2003 Regular Session.

Joshua Hollins, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 29.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 29 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 29 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 40 by Representative Howard

Representative Howard presented House Bill No. 40, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 118 in Sabine Parish as the "Joe Kirk Memorial Highway".

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to clarify that if this designation is in conflict with present law, which designates a portion of U.S. Hwy. 118 as the "Louisiana Maneuvers and Purple Heart Memorial Highway" then proposed law will control and supersede.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

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Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 40 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 40 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 65 by Representative Hensgens

Representative Hensgens presented House Bill No. 65, which creates the "Sabine Pass Lighthouse" specialty license plate.

Representative Havard offered an amendment to add an effective date of Jan. 1, 2018. Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Representative Havard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 65 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 65 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

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House Bill No. 319 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 319, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 1 as the "Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway" and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Havard offered an amendment to make technical changes. Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendment to add the designation of a portion of Berard Street from Bridge Street to La. Hwy. 94 in Breaux Bridge, La., as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Drive".

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, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Representative Hall offered a motion to report House Bill No. 319 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 319 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 476 by Representative Hazel

Representative Hazel presented House Bill No. 476, which modifies the allocation of funding for the "Support Our Troops" special prestige license plate.

Representative Havard offered an amendment to add that an application for the plate on or after Jan. 1, 2018, constitutes prior consent to provide the name, address, and birth date of the applicant.

Representative Havard 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, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 476 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 476 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

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House Bill No. 39 by Representative Hill

Representative Hill presented House Bill No. 39, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 377 in Vernon Parish as the "Corporal Leonard Carroll Bond Memorial Highway".

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 39 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 39 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 100 by Representative Johnson

On behalf of Representative Johnson, Representative Hall presented House Bill No. 100, which designates a portion of La. Highway 1 within the city limits of Simmesport, Louisiana, as "Joe Simon Boulevard".

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 100 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 100 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, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 191 by Representative Guinn

Representative Guinn presented House Bill No. 191, which changes the name of the "Quail Unlimited" prestige license plate to the "Quail Forever" prestige license plate.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 191 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 191 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, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

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Representative Terry Landry in the chair.

House Bill No. 193 by Representative Jim Morris

On behalf of Representative Jim Morris, Representative Havard presented House Bill No. 193, which designates the bridge on Louisiana Highway 2 over James Bayou as the "Hart's Ferry Bridge".

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 193 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 193 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, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date approved: