

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
April 24, 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 9:31 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Representative Havard recognized Representative Stefanski as the newest member of the Transportation, Highways and Public Works committee.

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 H. Bernard LeBas
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:

None

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. 522 by Representative Terry Landry

Representative Havard announced that action on House Bill No. 522, which modifies the Freight Railroad Intermodal Grant Program within the Department of Transportation and Development, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 437 by Representative White

Representative Havard announced that action on House Bill No. 437, which authorizes an alternative method of instruction for the classroom portion of approved prelicensing training courses, was voluntarily deferred.

Representative Havard recognized Mr. Joe Accardo, 325 Belle Terre Boulevard, LaPlace, LA 70068, (985) 817-0238, to address the committee on his retirement from the Ports Association of Louisiana.

House Bill No. 261 by Representative DeVillier

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 261, which authorizes golf carts to cross certain Louisiana Highways within the town of Church Point.

Representative Havard offered amendments to:

1. Remove Louisiana Highway 1104.
2. Authorize terrain and UTV utility vehicles to cross highways.

Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry,

Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Mr. Todd Richard, Town of Church Point, 389 Olivier Road, Church Point, LA 70525, (337) 344-8786, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 261.

Mr. 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. 261.

Representative Franklin offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 261. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 261 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, 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. 432 by Representative Shadoin

Representative Shadoin presented House Bill No. 432, which imposes certain requirements on transactions executing the transfer of certificates of title of certain movable property.

Representative Havard offered amendments to:

1. Change the term "authorized signer" to "authorized officer" throughout the bill.
2. Add that an endorsement means the signature of the seller in the presence of an authorized officer who must verify the identity of the seller and who must subscribe his name as a witness thereon.
3. Add that an endorsement or assignment of a certificate of title must be signed by the seller and witnessed by an authorized signer who must subscribe his name as a witness thereon.

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

Mr. David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4836, spoke in support of House Bill No. 432.

Ms. Staci Hoyt, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independent Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 925-6161, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 432.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report House Bill No. 432 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 432 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, 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. 510 by Representative Lance Harris

Representative Lance Harris presented House Bill No. 510, which designates a portion of Highway 1 in Alexandria as the "Deputy Marshal Glen Denning DeVanie Memorial Highway".

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 510 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 510 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 324 by Representative Pierre

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 324, which adds on track equipment as a railway vehicle considered for certain railroad crossing requirements.

Mr. Carmack M. Blackmon, Louisiana Railroads Association, P.O. Box 44035, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4035, (225) 388-9871, spoke in support of House Bill No. 324.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 324 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 324 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, 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. 487 by Representative Terry Landry

Representative Terry Landry presented House Bill No. 487, which is relative to fraudulent or fictitious identification credentials.

Representative Havard offered amendments to:

1. Authorize the department to demand a penalty of not more than \$500 for each day the defendant engaged in any activity prohibited by the cease and desist order and demand court costs in the suit for injunction.
2. Specify that the penalty amount and court costs may be rendered in the same judgment in which the injunction is made final.

Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Ms. Staci Hoyt, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independent Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 925-6161, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 487.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 487 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 487 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 614 by Representative Gisclair

Representative Gisclair presented House Bill No. 614, which adds an additional thirteen acres to a reserved area for seafood research.

Representative Havard offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill to House Bill No. 614. Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 614 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 614 was reported by substitute by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 2014 Regular Session dated March 11, March 17, March 18, March 23, March 24, March 25, March 31, April 1, April 8, April 14, April 15, April 22, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 20, and May 27 were presented to the committee for approval.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to approve the minutes. Without objection, the minutes were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

The minutes from the 2016 Regular Session dated March 15, March 22, March 29, April 4, April 5, April 11, April 12, April 18, April 19, April 25, April 26, May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23, and May 31 were presented to the committee for approval.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to approve the minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date approved: