

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Regular Session  
April 25, 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 9:29 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 Barbara M. Norton  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative J. Rogers Pope  
Representative John M. Stefanski  
Representative Malinda B. White

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Terry C. Landry, Sr., vice chairman  
Representative H. Bernard LeBas  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle

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

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Zachary Lester, committee clerk  
Clementine Johnson, sergeant at arms  
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

Representative Havard acknowledged Representative Gisclair for personal privilege to welcome Police Chief Warren Vedros and Mayor Reinhardt from the Town of Lockport.

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 438 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 438, which authorizes flood protection authority spending across the various levee districts.

Mr. David Peterson, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-6505, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 438.

Mr. Reggie Dupre, Terrebonne Levee District, 220 Clendenning Road, Houma, LA 70363, (985) 868-8523, spoke in support of House Bill No. 438.

Mr. G. Paul Kemp, commissioner, Southeast LA Flood Protection Authority-East, 633 Magnolia Wood Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 772-1426, spoke in support of House Bill No. 438.

Mr. Tim Doody, 4 Brittany Place, Arabi, LA 70032, (504) 585-7200, spoke in support of House Bill No. 438.

Mr. Mark L. Morgan, Southeast LA Flood Protection Authority-East, 5016 Woodlane, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 337-3734, spoke in support of House Bill No. 438.

Mr. Guy McInnis, St. Bernard Parish, 130 West St. Avide, Chalmette, LA 70043, (504) 494-4829, spoke in support of House Bill No. 438.

Mr. Windell Curole, Coastal Louisiana Levee Consortium, P.O. Box 426, Cut Off, LA 70345, (985) 637-7554, spoke in support of House Bill No. 438.

Ms. Nedra Davis, Chenier Plain Authority, 7515 Jefferson Highway, Suite 322, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 333-8236, spoke in support of House Bill No. 438.

Ms. Carol Byram, 5310 Bellaire Drive, New Orleans, LA 70124, (504) 881-1392, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 438.

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 438 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 438 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 318 by Representative Berthelot**

Representative Berthelot presented House Bill No. 318, which provides free parking for disabled veterans at airports.

Colonel Joey Strickland, secretary, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, no information provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 318.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 318 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 318 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, 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. 379 by Representative Bagneris**

Representative Bagneris presented House Bill No. 379, which authorizes the Regional Transit Authority to solicit and enter into public-private partnership contracts.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 379 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 379 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 380 by Representative Bagneris**

Representative Bagneris presented House Bill No. 380, which provides additional appropriations out of the Crescent City Transition Fund.

Representative Havard offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 380. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 380 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 by Representative McFarland**

Representative Havard announced that action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, which amends the Department of Transportation and Development's administrative rules pertaining to property damage bonds, is voluntarily deferred.

#### **House Bill No. 611 by Representative Glover**

Representative Glover presented House Bill No. 611, which designates a portion of I-49 North from I-220 to La. Highway 1 as the T.J. Hawkins, Craig E. Lear, Cooper Road USA Expressway.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 611 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 611 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, 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 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date approved: