

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 30, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Terry Landry, vice chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Terry C. Landry, Sr., vice chairman
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Frank A. Howard
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 Kenneth E. Havard, chairman
Representative A B Franklin
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
Vivien Vincent, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Concurrent Resolution No. 95 by Representative Hodges**

Representative Hodges presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 95, which requests certain state agencies to study the feasibility of using federal Community Development Block Grant funds and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds for completion of the Comite River Diversion Project.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 95 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 95 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 135 by Senator Lambert

Senator Lambert presented Senate Bill No. 135, which creates the "Blue Star Mothers" special prestige license plate.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 135 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 135 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 84 by Representative Carmody

Representative Terry Landry announced that action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 84, which requests the Public Service Commission to study the promotion and deployment of advanced transmission technologies, is voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 552 by Representative Jordan

Representative Terry Landry announced that action on House Bill No. 552, which provides relative to the members of the Greater Baton Rouge Airport Authority board of commissioners, is voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 607 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 607, which creates an insurance bar code to be displayed on a vehicle's inspection sticker.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Staci Hoyt, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 607.

Captain Greg Graphia, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4236, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 607.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 607 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 607 was reported by substitute by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, 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.

Senate Bill No. 17 by Senator Gatti

Senator Gatti presented Senate Bill No. 17, which provides for driver education to include instruction on appropriate driver conduct when stopped by a law enforcement officer.

Karen St. Germain, commissioner, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 17.

Representative White offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 17 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 17 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, 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.

Senate Bill No. 101 by Senator Riser

Senator Riser presented Senate Bill No. 101, which authorizes issuance of a military honor license plate with an identical number for a motorcycle and boat trailer.

Staci Hoyt, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 101.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 101 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 101 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, 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: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Resolution No. 157 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Resolution No. 157, which urges and requests the Motor Vehicle Commission to examine its interpretation of statutes applicable to recreational product dealer licenses for certain marine products dealers.

Matthew Devall, Devall Towing and Boat Service, 1112 Laura Lane, Lake Charles, LA 70605, (337) 287-8774, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 157.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 157 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 157 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, 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.

Senate Bill No. 239 by Senator Morrell

On behalf of Senator Morrell, Representative Pierre presented Senate Bill No. 239, which provides with respect to for the "Animal Friendly" and "Krewe of NYX" prestige license plates.

Staci Hoyt, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 239.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 239 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 239 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Gisclair, Hall, Hill, 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date approved: