

House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 18, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Clay Schexnayder, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Clay Schexnayder, chairman
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders, vice chairman
Representative Ken Brass
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Frank A. Howard
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds
Representative John M. Stefanski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Dustin Miller

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amanda Trapp, legislative analyst
Karen Stephens, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Addison Nick, clerk
Michaela Wells, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 337 by Senator Riser

On behalf of Senator Thompson, Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, (no address provided), presented Senate Bill No. 337, which provides for an exemption to the Louisiana Weights and Measures Law.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 337 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 337 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Anders, Chaney, DeVillier, Gisclair, Hall, Hensgens, Howard, Jordan, Reynolds, and Stefanski voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 44 by Representative Foil

Representative Foil presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 44, which urges and requests local governmental subdivisions to adopt ordinances to define and regulate proper shelters for animals.

Representative Hensgens offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 44 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 44 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Anders, Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Howard, Jordan, Pylant, Reynolds, and Stefanski 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.

Representative Hensgens in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 160 by Senator Carter

Senator Carter presented Senate Bill No. 160, which prohibits tying or tethering a dog or cat in extreme weather conditions.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 160 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 160 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Anders, Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Howard, Jordan, Pylant, Reynolds, and Stefanski voted yea.

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

Representative Schexnayder in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 169 by Senator Thompson

On behalf of Senator Thompson, Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, (no address provided), presented Senate Bill No. 169, which provides relative to seed testing and labeling.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 169 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 169 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Howard, Jordan, Pylant, and Reynolds voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 170 by Senator Thompson

On behalf of Senator Thompson, Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, (no address provided), presented Senate Bill No. 170, which provides relative to the membership of the Louisiana Agricultural Chemistry and Seed Commission.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 170 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 170 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Howard, Jordan, Pylant, and Reynolds voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 42 by Representative Hill

On behalf of Representative Hill, Representative Terry Brown presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 42, which urges and requests the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to study the feasibility of creating a lumber grading training program.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 42 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 42 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, DeVillier, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Howard, Jordan, Pylant, and Reynolds voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 28 by Senator Mills

On behalf of Senator Mills, Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, (no address provided), presented Senate Bill No. 28, which provides relative to veterinarians.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 28 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 28 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Brass, Terry Brown, Chaney, Guinn, Hall, Hensgens, Howard, Jordan, Pylant, and Reynolds voted yea.

House Bill No. 782 by Representative McFarland

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 782, which provides relative to prohibitions and limitations on forest activities and the transportation of harvested timber.

Mr. Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 N. Seventh Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 343-2835, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 782.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, (no address provided), spoke for information only on House Bill No. 782.

Dr. Shawn Wilson, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 782.

Representative Anders offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 782. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 782 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Brass, Chaney, Gisclair, Guinn, Howard, Jordan, LeBas, Pylant, Reynolds, and Stefanski voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only, 6 in support, and 5 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 859 by Representative McFarland

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 859, which requires permits for timber hauling.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 859. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 859 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Brass, Chaney, Gisclair, Guinn, Howard, Jordan, LeBas, Pylant, Reynolds, and Stefanski voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 for information only, 3 in support, and 6 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of 2017 Regular Session meeting minutes dated April 27, May 11, 24, and 31.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to approve the 2017 Regular Session meeting minutes dated April 27, May 11, 24, and 31. Without objection, the minutes were approved by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schexnayder, Anders, Brass, Chaney, Gisclair, Guinn, Howard, Jordan, LeBas, Pylant, Reynolds, and Stefanski voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Clay Schexnayder
House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Date adopted: