

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 23, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Terry C. Landry, Sr., chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Terry C. Landry, Sr., chairman
Representative Stephen F. Carter, vice chairman
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative A B Franklin
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Frank A. Howard
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Ken Brass
Representative Kenneth E. Havard
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Malinda B. White

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney
Glenn Fleming, attorney

Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Mytis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

Michaela Wells, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Representative Terry Landry advised the committee members regarding amendments given to staff without implementing the 24 hours rule.

Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Allain

Senator Allain presented Senate Bill No. 1, which provides relative to farm vehicle exemptions on public highways.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 1 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 1 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, Marcelle, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follow: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 486 by Senator Barrow

On behalf of Senator Barrow, Representative Carpenter presented Senate Bill No. 486, which creates the "Scotlandville Magnet High School" special prestige license plate.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments to:

- (1) Add the "Scotlandville Magnet High School" special prestige license plate provided for in this instrument to the provision of law that provides for special prestige license plates for Louisiana parochial, public, and private high schools.
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 486 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 486 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 614 by Representative Hodges

Representative Hodges presented House Bill No. 614, which provides relative to the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report House Bill No. 614 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 614 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 124 by Senator Perry

On behalf of Senator Perry, Senator Miquez presented Senate Bill No. 124, which allows the sheriff's offices of certain parishes to issue warning citations.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 124 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 124 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, Marcelle, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

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Senate Bill No. 22 by Senator Thompson

On behalf of Senator Thompson, Representative Steve Carter presented Senate Bill No. 22, which provides relative to the membership of the Poverty Point Reservoir District Board of Commissioners.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 22 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 22 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, Marcelle, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 869 by Representative Magee

Representative Magee presented House Bill No. 869, which requires ignition interlock devices as a condition of obtaining restricted driver's licenses.

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to make technical changes. Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, Marcelle, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

Lt. Michael Edger, LA State Police, Applied Technology, 7901 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4573, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 869.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 869. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 869 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, Marcelle, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

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Vice Chairman Steve Carter in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 515 by Senator Morrish

On behalf of Senator Morrish, Representative Terry Landry presented Senate Bill No. 515, which designates a portion of LA 377 as the "Sgt. S. E. Howell, Jr. Memorial Highway".

Representative Howard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 515 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 515 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, Marcelle, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 889 by Representative Terry Landry

Representative Terry Landry presented House Bill No. 889, which provides relative to special permit fees.

Representative Marcelle offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Howard, Marcelle, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

Mr. Shawn Wilson, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 933-6299, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 889 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Buck Vandersteen, Louisiana Forestry Association, Louisiana Logging Council, P. O. Box 5067, Alexandria, LA, (225) 603-6772, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 889.

Mr. D. Chance McNeely, Louisiana Motor Transport Association, 4838 Bennington Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70820, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 889.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 889 by substitute, to which Representative Guinn objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 889 was reported by substitute by a vote of 11 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Hall, Howard, Marcelle, Pope, and Wright voted yea. Representative Guinn voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follow: 1 in support, 3 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 16 by Senator Mizell

On behalf of Senator Mizell, Representative Terry Landry presented Senate Bill No. 16, which provides for special prestige license plates to bear the international symbol of accessibility.

Ms. Karen St. Germain, commissioner, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-6161, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 16.

Representative Carpenter offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 16 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 16 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Steve Carter, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Terry C. Landry, Sr.
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: _____