### **House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice**

Minutes of Meeting 2019 Regular Session May 7, 2019

# I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Steve Pylant, vice chairman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

#### II. ROLL CALL

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Sherman Q. Mack, chairman

Representative Tony Bacala

Representative John H. Bagneris

Representative Raymond J. Crews

Representative Royce Duplessis

Representative Stephen C. Dwight

Representative Randal L. Gaines

Representative Frank A. Howard

Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II

Representative C. Denise Marcelle

Representative Joseph A. Marino, III

Representative Stuart Alan Moss

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.

Representative Barbara M. Norton

Representative Steve E. Pylant, vice chairman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter Representative Valarie Hodges

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

Kelly C. Fogleman, attorney Katie LeLeux, attorney Natalie Schexnaydre, secretary

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Madeleine Murphy, clerk Kennedy Lejeune, clerk Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms Sadie Becnel, attorney

# III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

### House Bill No. 158 by Representative White

Representative White presented House Bill No. 158, which provides relative to the detention or release of juveniles.

On behalf of the author, Representative Marcelle offered amendments to:

- (1) Restore present law to require prompt, instead of immediate, notification to the child's parents that the child has been taken into custody.
- (2) Delete the requirement that the administration of the detention screening instrument take place immediately upon the child's arrival at the appropriate place of detention.
- (3) If a child is detained after being taken into custody, require the results of the detention screening instrument to be communicated to the court within 48 hours.
- (4) Remove proposed law provisions that authorize the release of the child by law enforcement directly to an authorized entity, authorize a detaining authority to release a child regardless of a detention screening instrument's indication that detention is appropriate, and provide immunity from liability for authorized entities acting in good faith.
- (5) Specify that conditions of release are to be ordered by the court.
- (6) Remove the proposed law prohibition on detention of a child without authorization based upon the results of a detention screening instrument, and instead require the detention screening instrument to be administered and factored into the determination of whether secure detention is appropriate.
- (7) Add that, for offenses other than crimes of violence or those involving a handgun, there shall be a presumption against detaining the child.

- (8) Require each juvenile facility to use a detention screening instrument that is provided by the JDAI Collaborative and selected from tools that are utilized as of Jan. 1, 2019, by local jurisdictions in the state.
- (9) Provide that a detention screening instrument being utilized by a jurisdiction as of Jan. 1, 2019, is sufficient to satisfy requirements of proposed law.
- (10) Add that the Act shall be cited and referred to as "Solan's Law".

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, Marcelle, Marino, Moss, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea.

Rachel Gassert, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, 1100-B Milton Street, New Orleans, LA, 70122, (504) 658-6853, spoke in support of House Bill No. 158, and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

William A. Sommers, Clacasieu Parish Office of Juvenile Justice Service, P.O. Box 2073, Lake Charles, LA, 70602, spoke in support of House Bill No. 158.

Robin Simmons, 2175 Stockwell Road, #1018, Bossier City, LA, 71111, (318) 464-0908, spoke in support of House Bill No. 158.

Savannah Hall, 690 San Antonio Avenue, Many, LA, 71449, (318) 560-2063, spoke in support of House Bill No. 158.

Ronald Peterson, 9124 Watchwood Drive, Haughton, LA, 71037, (318) 465-6050, spoke in support of House Bill No. 158.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 158 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 158 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagneris, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, James, Marcelle, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 32 in support and 4 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

# **House Bill No. 226 by Representative Jimmy Harris**

Representative Jimmy Harris presented House Bill No. 226, which provides relative to testimony by experts.

Representative Gaines offered an amendment to add to proposed law that an expert's testimony admitted under proposed law shall not offer an opinion as to whether a witness's eyewitness identification is accurate. Representative Gaines offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Bagneris, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, James, Marcelle, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea.

Jee Park, Innocence Project New Orleans, 4051 Ulloa Street, New Orleans, LA, 70119, no number provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 226.

Kia Hayes, Innocence Project of New Orleans, 4051 Ulloa Street, New Orleans, LA, 70119, (504) 943-1902, spoke in support of House Bill No. 226.

Loren Lampert, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 1645 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 343-0171, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 226.

Michael Ranatza, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, no address provided, no number provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 226.

Representative Gaines offered a motion to report House Bill No. 226 with amendments, to which Representative Bacala objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 226 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Bagneris, Duplessis, Gaines, James, Marcelle, Marino, and Norton voted yea. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Dwight, Howard, Moss, and Pylant voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 25 in support, 2 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Bacala in the Chair.

# **House Bill No. 327 by Representative James**

Representative James offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 327, which prohibits the disclosure of certain information by law enforcement officers or employees of a law enforcement agency. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 327 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Bagneris, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Howard, James, Marino, Moss, and Norton voted yea.

### House Bill No. 386 by Representative Hilferty

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 386, which provides relative to the release of a child taken into custody for commission of a delinquent act.

Rachel Gassert, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, 1100-B Milton Street, New Orleans, LA, 70122, (504) 658-6853, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 386.

Fox Rich, Rich Family Ministries, no address provided, no number provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 386.

On behalf of the author, Representative Marcelle offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 386. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 386 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Bagneris, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, James, Marcelle, Marino, and Moss voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 27 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### House Bill No. 224 by Representative Duplessis

Representative Duplessis presented House Bill No. 224, which authorizes law enforcement officers to issue a citation in lieu of arrest for persons with a suspended, revoked, or canceled driver's license.

Scott E. Peyton, Right on Crime, 859 Hicks Road, Washington, LA, 70589, (337) 412-5712, spoke in support of House Bill No. 224.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 224 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 224 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Bagneris, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Howard, Marcelle, Marino, and Moss voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 33 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### House Bill No. 275 by Representative Duplessis

Representative Duplessis presented House Bill No. 275, which provides relative to post-conviction DNA testing.

Representative Duplessis offered amendments as follows:

(1) With respect to the time period in which to file an application for post-conviction DNA testing, extend the present law time period of Aug. 31, 2019, to Aug. 31, 2024, rather than remove the time period.

(2) With respect to the time period for the preservation of all items of evidence that contain biological material, extend the present law time period of Aug. 31, 2019, to Aug. 31, 2024, rather than remove the time period.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Bagneris, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Howard, Marcelle, Marino, and Moss voted yea.

Kia Hayes, Innocence Project of New Orleans, 4051 Ulloa Street, New Orleans, LA, 70119, (504) 943-1902, spoke in support of House Bill No. 275.

Erica B. Sparacino, LSP Crime Lab, 376 E. Airport Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 70806, (225) 925-4271, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 275.

Representative Crews offered a motion to report House Bill No. 275 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 275 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Bagneris, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, Marino, and Moss voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 32 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

# House Bill No. 477 by Representative DuBuisson

Representative DuBuisson presented House Bill No. 477, which provides relative to jury trials.

Matthew Caplan, 22nd Judicial District Court, District Attorney's Office, 701 N. Columbia Street, Covington, LA, 70433, spoke in support of House Bill No. 477.

Representative Howard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 477 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 477 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Bagneris, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, Marcelle, Marino, and Moss voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 22 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### House Bill No. 489 by Representative DuBuisson

Representative DuBuisson presented House Bill No. 489, which provides relative to hearsay.

Matthew Caplan, 22nd Judicial District Court, District Attorney's Office, 701 N. Columbia Street, Covington, LA, 70433, spoke in support of House Bill No. 489.

Morgan Lamandre, Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response, 13618 Corporate Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, 70809, no number provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 489.

Meghan Garvey, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, P.O. Box #82531, Baton Rouge, LA, 70810, (504) 343-7175, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 489.

Representative Crews offered a motion to report House Bill No. 489 favorably, to which Representative Bagneris objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 489 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Dwight, Howard, Marino, Moss, and Muscarello voted yea. Representatives Bagneris, Duplessis, and Marcelle voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### House Bill No. 398 by Representative Horton

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 398, which provides relative to the transfer of slot machine proceeds received for thoroughbred race purses.

Kenneth Weaver, Horseman from North Louisiana, 1772 Bellevue Road, Haughton, LA, 71037, (318) 455-1195, spoke in support to House Bill No. 398.

On behalf of the author, Representative Bacala offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 398. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 398 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Bagneris, Crews, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, Marcelle, Marino, Moss, and Muscarello voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

# House Bill No. 306 by Representative Jefferson

Representative Jefferson presented House Bill No. 306, which provides relative to continued custody hearings.

On behalf of the author, Representative Bacala offered an amendment to remove the proposed law provision that prohibited the time period for holding the continued custody hearing from exceeding four days, including legal holidays. Representative Bacala offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Bagneris, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, Marcelle, Moss, and Muscarello voted yea.

Rachel Gassert, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, 1100-B Milton Street, New Orleans, LA, 70122, (504) 658-6853, spoke in support of House Bill No. 306.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 306 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 306 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, James, Marcelle, Moss, and Muscarello voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 24 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

# **House Bill No. 37 by Representative Marcelle**

Representative Marcelle presented House Bill No. 37, which provides parole eligibility for offenders who serve as mentors in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections' inmate rehabilitation and workforce development program.

Jennifer Cameron, Southern University Law Center, 16724 Morel Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA, 70817, (225) 328-1611, spoke in support of House Bill No. 37.

Derek Moss, Former Mentee, 19608 Mitch Road, Bogalusa, LA, 70427, (985) 294-1791, spoke in support of House Bill No. 37.

Natalie LaBorde, Department of Corrections, 704 Mayflower Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-6618, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 37.

Harrold Grier, Former Mentor, 3045 Congress Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, 70808, (225) 508-1714, spoke in support of House Bill No. 37.

Tim Hooper, Department of Corrections, 704 Mayflower Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-6618, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 37.

Lara Noughton, Compassion Institute, 3509 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA, 70117, (323) 646-9673, spoke in support of House Bill No. 37.

Troy Delone, Suites Foundation, 2113 Colonial Drive, Laplace, LA, 70068, (504) 248-9930, spoke in support of House Bill No. 37.

E. Pete Adams, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 1645 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 343-0171, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 37.

Representative Gaines offered a motion to report House Bill No. 37 favorably, to which Representative Crews objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 37 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Bagneris, Duplessis, Gaines, James, Marcelle, Marino, and Norton voted yea. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Dwight, Howard, Moss, and Pylant voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 44 in support, 2 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

# House Bill No. 540 by Representative Bagneris

Representative Bagneris presented House Bill No. 540, which provides relative to parole violations.

Syrita Steib-Martin, Operation Restoration, 2321 Thalia Street, New Orleans, LA, 70113, (504) 723-1850, spoke in support of House Bill No. 540.

Annie Freitas, Operation Restoration, 2616 N. Tonti Street, New Orleans, LA, 70117, (504) 205-4144, spoke in support of House Bill No. 540.

Dolfinette Martin, Operation Restoration, 1647 Shepard Street, New Orleans, LA, 70114, (504) 444-8769, spoke in support of House Bill No. 540.

E. Pete Adams, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 1645 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 343-0171, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 540.

Representative James offered a motion to report House Bill No. 540 favorably, to which Representative Muscarello objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Bagneris, Duplessis, Gaines, James, and Marcelle voted yea. Representatives Bacala, Dwight, Howard, Muscarello, and Pylant voted nay.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 540. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 540 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Bagneris, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, James, Marcelle, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 29 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 518 by Representative Gaines**

Representative Gaines presented House Bill No. 518, which provides relative to the sentencing of habitual offenders.

Sarah O'Brien, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2601 Tulane Avenue, #700, New Orleans, LA, 70119, (917) 913-4605, spoke in support of House Bill No. 518.

Representative Mack in the chair.

Andrew Doss, 1018 St. Ann Street, New Orleans, LA, 70116, (504) 715-8990, spoke in support of House Bill No. 518.

Dolfinette Martin, Operation Restoration, 1647 Shepard Street, New Orleans, LA, 70114, (504) 444-8769, spoke in support of House Bill No. 518.

Bernard Noble, 3509 St. Claire Street, New Orleans, LA, 70043, (504) 464-7256, spoke in support of House Bill No. 518.

Representative Gaines offered an amendment to add that a conviction for a non-violent felony that has been set aside and dismissed after deferred imposition of sentence pursuant to present law may not be used to enhance a felony that is not a crime of violence under the habitual offender law. Representative Gaines offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Mack, Bacala, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, James, Marcelle, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea.

E. Pete Adams, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 1645 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 343-0171, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 518.

Representative Gaines offered an amendment to remove from proposed law changes that would have made the habitual offender law apply only to persons whose instant conviction and any prior conviction is for a crime of violence. Representative Gaines offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Mack, Bacala, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, James, Marcelle, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 518 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 518 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Mack, Bacala, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, James, Marcelle, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 41 in support, 2 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

# House Bill No. 459 by Representative Talbot

On behalf of the author, Representative Dwight presented House Bill No. 459, which provides relative to fantasy sports contests.

Representative Dwight offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove proposed law language that a fantasy sports contest operator may offer fantasy sports contests during the time its application for licensure is pending before the La. Gaming Control Board.
- (2) Require the fantasy sports contest operator to demonstrate to the La. Gaming Control Board that the operator is suitable for licensing pursuant to present law.
- (3) Remove proposed law language requirement that the fantasy sports contest operator pay a fee.
- (4) Remove proposed law language that provides that a fantasy sports contest operator's license is transferable.
- (5) Raise the age of a fantasy sports contest player from 18 to 21.
- (6) Add an exception to the Public Records Law.
- (7) Remove proposed law civil penalties for fantasy sports contest operators.
- (8) Make technical corrections.

Representative Dwight offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Mack, Bacala, Crews, Duplessis, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, Marcelle, Marino, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea.

Stacie Stern, FanDuel Group, 300 Park Avenue South, New York City, NY, 10010, (480) 200-3207, spoke in support for House Bill No. 459, and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Alton Ashy, Louisiana Video Gaming Association, 218 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA, 70801, (225) 344-1177, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 459.

Representative Marcelle offered an amendment to provide that fantasy sports contests are to be conducted in a venue where the fantasy sports contest player must be at least 21 years of age. Representative Marcelle offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment, to which

Representative Dwight objected. The secretary called the roll, and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Gaines, Marcelle, Marino, Moss, and Muscarello voted yea. Representatives Dwight, Howard, and Pylant voted nay.

Representative Mack offered a motion to report House Bill No. 459 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 459 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas, 1 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Bacala, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, James, Marcelle, Marino, Moss, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea. Representative Crews voted nay. Representative Mack abstained.

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

# **House Bill No. 140 by Representative Hodges**

On behalf of the author, Representative Mack offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 140, which creates the crime of terrorizing of a judge or law enforcement officer. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 140 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, James, Marcelle, Marino, Moss, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea. Representative Mack abstained.

# **House Bill No. 541 by Representative Cox**

On behalf of the author, Representative Mack offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 541, which provides relative to the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 541 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, James, Marcelle, Marino, Moss, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea. Representative Mack abstained.

### **House Bill No. 71 by Representative Mack**

Representative Mack offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 71, which provides relative to the accreditation bodies for laboratories used in certain post-conviction relief proceedings. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 71 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, James, Marcelle, Marino, Moss, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea. Representative Mack abstained.

#### **House Bill No. 45 by Representative Talbot**

On behalf of the author, Representative Mack offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 45, which provides for fines associated with selling vapor products to persons under the age of 18. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 45 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 years,

0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, James, Marcelle, Marino, Moss, Muscarello, and Pylant voted yea. Representative Mack abstained.

# **House Bill No. 268 by Representative Norton**

Representative Norton offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 268, which provides relative to the time periods within which to institute prosecution for sex offenses. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 268 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, Marcelle, Marino, Norton, and Pylant voted yea. Representative Mack abstained.

# **House Bill No. 577 by Representative Norton**

Representative Norton offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 577, which amends the crime of threatening a public official to apply to law enforcement officers and threats made through social media. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 577 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Bacala, Crews, Dwight, Gaines, Howard, Marcelle, Marino, Norton, and Pylant voted yea. Representative Mack abstained.

#### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

# V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Sherman Q. Mack House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

Date adopted: