

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 28, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Randal L. Gaines, vice chairman
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Tanner D. Magee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter
Representative Alan Seabaugh

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert A. Singletary, attorney
Annie Smith, attorney
Stephanie Weinman, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Madison Ramsey, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 by Representative Ivey

On behalf of Representative Ivey, Representative Garofalo offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 94. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, DuBuisson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Magee voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 193 by Senator Morrish

Senator Morrish presented Senate Bill No. 193, which enacts the Louisiana Structured Settlement Protection Act.

Jack Kelly, National Association of Settlement Purchasers, 818 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20015, (202) 342-9610, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 193.

Earl Nesbitt, National Association of Settlement Purchasers, 15851 Dallas Pkwy., Suite 800, Addison, TX 75001, (972) 371-2411, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 193.

On behalf of Senator Morrish, Representative Garofalo offered a technical amendment. Representative Garofalo offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Crews, DuBuisson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Magee voted yea.

Representative Magee offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 193 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 193 was reported with amendments by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Crews, DuBuisson, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Magee voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 185 by Senator Walsworth

Senator Walsworth presented Senate Bill No. 185, which provides relative to amendments of child support orders.

Judge Wendell Manning, Louisiana District Judges Association, 300 Saint John St., Suite 400, Monroe, LA 71201, (318) 361-2270, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 185.

Judge Bob Morrison, Louisiana District Judges Association, P.O. Box 788, Amite, LA 70422, (985) 748-9445, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 185.

On behalf of Senator Walsworth, Representative Garofalo offered a technical amendment. Representative Garofalo offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the

amendment was adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Crews, DuBuisson, Gaines, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Magee voted yea.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 185 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 185 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Crews, DuBuisson, Gaines, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Magee 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. 172 by Senator Colomb

Senator Colomb presented Senate Bill No. 172, which provides for parental consent and judicial limitations and authorization for a minimum age for marriage.

Morgan Lamandre, Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response, 5615 Corporate Blvd., Suite 200, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 615-7093, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 172.

Susan East Nelson, Louisiana Partnership for Children & Families, 13609 Landmark Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 229-2498, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 172.

Marissa Bosley, Tigers Against Trafficking, 4949 Stumberg Ln. #142, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 620-7712, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 172.

Michelle Sorensen, Tigers Against Trafficking, 2403 Brightside Dr., Apt. 53, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (281) 726-7327, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 172.

Representative Magee offered an amendment to reduce the permitted age difference between the parties to the marriage from four years to two years. Representative Magee offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Crews, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Magee voted yea.

Representative Garofalo offered a technical amendment. Representative Garofalo offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Crews, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Magee voted yea.

Representative Crews offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 172 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 172 was reported with amendments by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Crews, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Magee voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 79 by Senator Carter

Senator Carter presented Senate Bill No. 79, a constitutional amendment to authorize ad valorem tax exemptions in Orleans Parish to promote affordable housing.

John Pourciau, City of New Orleans, 1300 Perdido St., New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 79.

Representative Garofalo offered a motion to adopt the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 79, which stated that the measure could not be accomplished statutorily and would, therefore, require a constitutional amendment. Without objection, the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 79 was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Crews, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Magee voted yea.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 79 without amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 79 was reported without amendments by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Crews, Gaines, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, and Magee 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr.
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Date adopted: