

House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 21, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman
Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Patrick Connick
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Franklin J. Foil
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Christopher J. Leopold, vice chairman
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris
Representative John M. Stefanski
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Malinda B. White

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Su King, legislative analyst
Tyler S. McCloud, attorney
Karen Stephens, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

LaKisha Cameese, clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 51 by Senator Morrell

On behalf of Senator Morrell, Representative Bishop presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 51, which creates the Louisiana Task Force on Lead-Free Water.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 51 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 51 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Connick, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, McFarland, Jim Morris, and Zeringue 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.

The committee stood at ease at 10:26 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

Senate Bill No. 69 by Senator John Smith

On behalf of Senator John Smith, Representative Armes presented Senate Bill No. 69, which authorizes the Louisiana Department of Health to sell or transfer title to certain property.

Representative Connick offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 69 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 69 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Connick, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, McFarland, Jim Morris, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Leopold in the chair.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71 by Senator White

On behalf of Senator White, Representative Bishop presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71, which requests the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Department of Transportation and Development to determine what monies, state or federal, are available for flood control projects in the coastal zone or coastal area and in the area outside the coastal area.

Mr. Chip Kline, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, 1051 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4367, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Connick, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, McFarland, Jim Morris, Stefanski, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Bishop in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 149 by Senator Luneau

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 149, which authorizes the state of Louisiana to sell or transfer certain state property. He gave a brief PowerPoint presentation, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bishop offered amendments to:

1. Remove the transfer of certain property between the commissioner of administration, the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, and the Department of Health.
2. Add the authorization to transfer certain state property from Department of Transportation and Development to the town of Delhi.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Connick, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, McFarland, Jim Morris, and Stefanski voted yea.

Representative Bishop offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Connick, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, McFarland, Jim Morris, and Stefanski voted yea.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 149 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 149 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Connick, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, McFarland, Jim Morris, Stefanski, and Zeringue 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. 242 by Senator Allain

Senator Allain presented Senate Bill No. 242, which provides for a continuing security interest clause in mineral leases.

Representative Bishop offered an amendment to make a technical change. Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Connick, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, McFarland, Jim Morris, Stefanski, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Bishop offered an amendment to remove the provision that made the bill applicable to leases that are subsequently assigned, amended, or modified by agreement of the parties after July 31, 2019. Representative Bishop offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Connick, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, McFarland, Jim Morris, Stefanski, and Zeringue voted yea.

Mr. Blake Canfield, Department of Natural Resources, 617 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3024, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 242.

Mr. Patrick Ottinger, P.O. Drawer 52606, Lafayette, LA 70505, (337) 232-2606, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 242.

Mr. David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4836, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 242.

Representative Foil offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 242 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 242 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Connick, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Jim Morris, and Zeringue 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman thanked staff members for their service to the committee this session.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop
House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Date adopted: