

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
April 16, 2019

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 9:35 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 Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Stephen F. Carter, vice chairman
Representative A B Franklin
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Frank A. Howard
Representative Ed Larvadain III
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney
Glenn Fleming, attorney

Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Mertis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Bevely Vincent, sergeant at arms
LaKisha Carmese, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 309 by Representative Leopold

Representative Leopold presented House Bill No. 309, which creates the "Spanish Heritage" specialty license plate.

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to require the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles to create the special prestige license plate provided for in this instrument when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 309 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 309 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 357 by Representative Jefferson

Representative Jefferson presented House Bill No. 357, which authorizes Grambling State University to redesignate Stadium and Facilities Drive, on the campus of Grambling State University, as "Doug Williams Drive".

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 357 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 357 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 by Representative McFarland

Representative McFarland presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, which amends the Department of Transportation and Development administrative rules relative to outdoor advertising.

Representative Norton offered amendments to:

- (1) Change the miles radius requirements for off premise commercial advertising from three miles to thirty miles.
- (2) Add a definition for noncommercial advertising signs which defines the term as any off premise display provided in the administrative code.
- (3) Authorize an off premise advertising structure to be converted to a changeable sign if a permittee removes six of its traditional advertising structures.
- (4) Require all commercial and noncommercial advertising signs meet interstate federal aid, primary highways, and national highways system requirements.

Representative Norton offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Mr. Chance McNeely, Louisiana Motor Transport Association, 4838 Bennington Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (318) 518-5367, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Mr. Mark Falzone, Scenic America, no information provided, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 and provided a handout entitled, "Billboard Industry Myths and the Facts they Distort", Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to impose the three minute rule. After further discussion, Representative Steve Carter withdrew the motion.

Ms. Cheryl Broussard-Perret, Scenic Lafayette, 121 Corinne, Lafayette, LA 70506, (337) 232-1030, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Ms. Nancy Vaneaton, Van Eaton Romero Realtors, 2000 Kaliste Saloom Road, Lafayette, LA (337) 233-9700, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Mr. Alexander Van Eaton, 137 Girard Woods Drive, no city/state/zip code provided, (337) 654-0009, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Mr. Greg Morrison, Louisiana Motor Transport Association/Quality Transport, 846 Gris, Shreveport, LA 71106, no phone number provided, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Mr. Josh McAllister, Louisiana Loggers Association, no city/state/zip code provided, (318) 332-9699, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Mr. Sean Reilly, Lamar Advertising, 5321 Corporate Boulevard, no city/state/zip code provided, (225) 229-3353, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Ms. Mamy Hall, 5614 Monmouth Avenue, no city/state/zip code provided, (225) 922-9391, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Vice Chairman Steve Carter in the chair.

Ms. Nancy Steiner, Diane Allen & Associates, 7612 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-9788, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Chairman Terry Landry in the chair.

Mr. Shawn Wilson, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, to which Representative Guinn objected. The secretary called the roll, and action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Adams, Brass, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Hill, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea. Representatives Terry Brown, Guinn, and Howard voted nay. Representative Terry Landry abstained from voting.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 47 in support, 1 for information only, and 80 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 369 by Representative Pierre

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 369, which creates the Louisiana Trucking Research and Education Council.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments to:

- (1) Clarify that the council may enter into cooperative endeavor agreements with the La. Motor Transport Assoc. Foundation.

- (2) Clarify that the surcharge imposed and levied in present law is applicable to registration fees for Class 1 trucks and trailers in excess of 23,999 lbs.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Hill, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Mr. Chance McNeely, Louisiana Motor Transport Association, 4838 Bennington Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA, no zip code/telephone number provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 369.

Mr. Joshua Hollins, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 369.

Vice Chairman Steve Carter in the chair.

Representative Steve Carter offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove the requirement that the Dept. of Transportation and Development, office of multimodal commerce, provide staff support for the council until a cooperative endeavor agreement is finalized.
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Steve Carter, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 369 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 369 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Steve Carter, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright 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.

House Bill No. 164 by Representative Franklin

Representative Franklin presented House Bill No. 164, which provides relative to dump trucks.

Mr. J. Gary Gobert, Louisiana Motor Transport Association, 6701 Carbing Road, Lake Charles, LA, no zip code/telephone number provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 164.

Mr. Chance McNeely, Louisiana Motor Transport Association, 4838 Bennington Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, no telephone number provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 164.

Mr. Shawn Wilson, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 164.

Mr. Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association of LA, 707 N. 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, no telephone number provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No 164.

Representative Guinn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 164 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 164 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Steve Carter, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

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

Representative Carter announced that action on House Bill No. 217, which increases certain special permit fees and dedicates the proceeds of the fee increase into the Construction Subfund of the Transportation Trust Fund, was voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of the 2017-2018 Interim Minutes

The minutes from the 2017-2018 Interim meeting dated October 11, 2017, were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to approve the minutes.

Without objection, the minutes were approved by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Steve Carter, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Approval of the 2018 Regular Session Minutes

The minutes from the 2018 Regular Session dated March 13, March 19, March 20, March 26, March 27, April 3, April 9, April 10, April 16, April 23, April 24, April 30, May 7, and May 16 were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Pope offered a motion to approve the minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Steve Carter, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Steve Carter, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: