

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
April 22, 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 9:44 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 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 Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney
Glenn Fleming, attorney

Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
LaKisha Carmese, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 394 by Representative Carmody

Chairman Terry Landry announced that action on House Bill No. 394, which provides for the Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 318 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 318, which creates the "Team Gleason Foundation" 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 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 318 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 318 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 217 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented 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.

Mr. Chance McNeely, Louisiana Motor Transport Association, 4838 Bennington Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-5682, spoke in support of House Bill No. 217.

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. 217.

Mr. Matt Gresham, Port of New Orleans, 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70180, (504) 723-6206, spoke in support of House Bill No. 217.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 217 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 217 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pope, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 117 by Representative DeVillier

Representative DeVillier commended Ashleigh Clare Kearney, with the LSU gymnastic team, for placing 2nd at the national championship finals.

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 117, which authorizes golf carts to cross certain Louisiana highways within the town of Church Point.

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. 117.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 117 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 117 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, LeBas, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 127 by Representative Pierre

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 127, which updates the classifications within the state highway system.

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. 127.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 127 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 127 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 348 by Representative Bourriague

Representative Bourriague presented House Bill No. 348, which provides relative to public-private partnerships.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Specify that the authority may retain liability for damages arising out of injuries or property damage to third parties in the event that the qualifying transportation facility, or portions thereof, are determined to be uninsurable for such damages.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Larvadain, Marcelle, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

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. 348.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 348 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 348 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Larvadain, 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. 567 by Representative Larvadain

Representative Larvadain presented House Bill No. 567, which provides relative to Louisiana Transportation Authority and Department of Transportation and Development toll violation enforcement.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Provide definitions for "operating entity" and "private entity".
- (3) Require the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD), in consultation with a private entity, through comprehensive agreement, to set forth policies and procedures for the collection of tolls, administrative fees, and late charges authorized by present law for future state-owned toll facilities and makes the polices and procedures applicable to DOTD or a private entity.
- (4) Require DOTD, in consultation with a private entity, to set forth policies and procedures within the comprehensive agreement for a registered owner that fails to comply with the requirements of present law, such as late charges or sanctions, or both against the registered owner.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Gisclair, Hill, Larvadain, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Ted James spoke briefly in support of House Bill No. 567.

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. 567.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report House Bill No. 567 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 567 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Pierre offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Larvadain, LeBas, Norton, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: