

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 13, 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 11:02 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 Barbara W. Carpenter
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 C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Barbara M. Norton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney
Glenn Fleming, attorney

Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivien Hurst, sergeant at arms

Myrtis Jarrett, sergeant at arms

LaKisha Carmese, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 134 by Senator Bishop

Senator Bishop presented Senate Bill No. 134, which provides for addition of "Home of the Who Dat Nation Highway" signs on Interstate 10 in Louisiana.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 134 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 134 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 2 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 2, which designates a portion of LA 25 in Washington Parish as the "Jerry Joe Rayburn Memorial Highway".

Representative White offered amendments to:

- (1) Change the designation from the populated place of Clifton in Washington Parish to the Mississippi state line in Washington Parish.
- (2) Make technical changes.

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

Representative White offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 2 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 2 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Riser

Senator Riser presented Senate Bill No. 8, which designates LA 124 in Catahoula Parish as the "Lt. Col. R.V. McHale Memorial Highway".

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 8 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 8 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, White, and Wright voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 46 by Representative Thomas

Representative Thomas presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 46, which urges and requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations relative to vulnerable road users.

Mr. Glenn C. McGoven, LA ABATE, P.O. Box 516, Metairie, LA 70004, (504) 456-3610, spoke in support of House Current Resolution No. 46.

Representative Gisclair offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 46 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 46 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Larvadain, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, and White 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. 31 by Senator Fannin

Senator Fannin presented Senate Bill No. 31, which designates a portion of LA 34 in Jackson Parish as the "Second Lieutenant Harvel Moore Memorial Highway".

Representative Terry Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 31 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 31 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Larvadain, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 84 by Senator Erdey

Senator Erdey presented Senate Bill No. 84, which authorizes designation of a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane on state highways.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 84 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 84 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Hill, Larvadain, Marcelle, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

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

Vice Chairman Steve Carter in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 76 by Senator Tarver

On behalf of Senator Tarver, Representative Terry Landry presented Senate Bill No. 76, which provides relative to child safety seats.

Ms. Bridget Gardner, University Medical Center, 2000 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 430-1100, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 76.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 76 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 76 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Hill, Larvadain, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

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

Chairman Terry Landry in the chair.

House Bill No. 558 by Representative Hodges

Representative Hodges presented House Bill No. 558, which provides relative to the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Remove language renaming the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission as the La. Watershed Commission.
- (3) Add a member from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana to the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Gisclair, Hill, Larvadain, Pierre, Pope, and White 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. 558.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report House Bill No. 558 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 558 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Steve Carter, Franklin, Guinn, Larvadain, Marcelle, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 68 by Representative Leger

On behalf of Representative Leger, Representative Steve Carter presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 68, which urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to install accessible pedestrian signals at certain intersections.

Ms. Anne Jayes, Lighthouse Louisiana, 4524 Jeanne Maine Place, New Orleans, LA 70122, (504) 239-2424, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 68.

Mr. David Green, Lighthouse Louisiana, 907 Wilson Drive, Apt. B, New Orleans, LA 70119, (404) 702-3997, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 68.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 68 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 68 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Larvadain, Marcelle, Pierre, and Pope 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. 546 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 546, which eliminates the state inspection sticker requirement for certain vehicles.

Representative Terry Landry offered an amendment to add language that makes the effectiveness of proposed law contingent on House Bill 601 of the 2019 Regular Session becoming effective.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Adams, Brass, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Franklin, Guinn, Larvadain, Pierre, Pope, and Wright voted yea.

Lieutenant Jason Starnes, State Police, 7901 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-6032, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 546.

Ms. Joyce Cooper, Woodlawn Motor Vehicles Association, 16951 Tiger Bend Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 753-1805, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 546 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report House Bill No. 546 with amendments, to which Representative Pope objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 546 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Adams, Terry Brown, Steve Carter, Guinn, Hill, Howard, White, and Wright voted yea. Representatives Terry Landry, Brass, Franklin, Larvadain, Pierre, and Pope voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 2 for information only, and 5 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: