

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
April 19, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman
Representative Royce Duplessis
Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Brett F. Geymann
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Stephanie Hilferty, vice chairwoman
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Markham Scott McKnight
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Debbie Villio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Paul Hollis

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Halie Guidry, legislative analyst
Charlotte Cravins, attorney
Allie King, committee administrative assistant
Nevonda S. Reed, director
Felicie Jackson, executive assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 64 by Representative Echols**

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 64, which provides relative to misleading solicitations by nongovernmental entities which imply certain governmental connections.

Secretary R. Kyle Ardoin, Secretary of State, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 64 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 64 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Villio voted yea.

House Bill No. 465 by Representative Mike Johnson

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 465, which provides relative to the leasing of the 4.9 GHz band.

Representative Davis offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 465. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Mr. Eric Peterson, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70130, no phone number provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 465.

Representative McCormick offered amendments to remove the requirement that auction winners, incumbents, and entities using the 4.9 GHz band for public safety include an estimate of moving current 4.9 GHz band to 5 GHz band in the report submitted to the office. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Ray Sabourin, NOKIA, 3201 Olympus Blvd., Dallas, TX 75019, (678) 427-6415, spoke in support of House Bill No. 465.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 465 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 465 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

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

House Bill No. 360 by Representative Travis Johnson

Representative Travis Johnson presented House Bill No. 360, which provides relative to the registration of short-term rental dwellings with the office of state fire marshal.

Representative Davis offered amendments to:

- (1) Clarify that the office of state fire marshal is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as necessary relative to enforcing fees and penalties, operating, managing, and maintaining the electronic registration system, investigating compliance with the registration requirements, and hearings.
- (2) Add a provision stating that proposed law shall not be construed to authorize the office of state fire marshal to inspect any real property, including a private residence.
- (3) Add a provision stating that proposed law shall not be construed to apply to the regulation of certain structures already provided for in present law.

Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Fire Marshal Butch Browning, Louisiana State Fire Marshal, 8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 806-0807, spoke for information only.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 360 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 360 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 69 by Representative McKnight

Representative McKnight presented House Bill No. 69, which provides relative to underground utilities.

Representative Davis offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 69. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Representative Davis offered amendments to:

- (1) Change the physical marking requirement for the location of excavation or demolition from requiring color coded markings to white markings.
- (2) Remove a provision which calls for electronic drawings to supercede physical markings.

Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Representative Hilferty in the chair.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 69 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 69 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 18 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 476 by Representative Schamerhorn

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 476, which provides relative to broadband. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 476 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

House Bill No. 466 by Representative Jordan

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 466, which provides relative to credit unions. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 466 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairwoman Paula P. Davis
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: