

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
April 21, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Vincent J. Pierre, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Vincent J. Pierre, chairman
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass, vice chairman
Representative Mack Marcel Cormier
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Larry Selders

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Cedric B. Glover

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

LeeAnne Sharlow, attorney
Carlesia Bibbins, attorney
Brandy Phillips, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

Claire Dill, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 56 by Representative Bagley

Representative Pierre announced that action on House Bill No. 56, which provides relative to identifying a sex offender through driver's licenses and identification cards, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 147 by Representative Horton

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 147, which provides relative to charges collected by public license tag agents.

Jan Cassidy, LA Public Tag Association, 17042 East Rockbridge Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 907-6090, spoke in support of House Bill No. 147.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 147 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 147 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 4 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 150 by Representative Horton

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 150, which authorizes drivers of certain two-wheeled vehicles to proceed through a red light under certain circumstances.

Jacqueline Lindsey, ABATE of Louisiana, P.O. Box 5410, St. Amant, LA 70774, (318) 573-0873, spoke in support of House Bill No. 150.

Secretary Shawn Wilson, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only.

Lt. Robert Burns, Louisiana State Police, no witness card provided, spoke for information only by request of the chairman.

Mr. Glenn McGovan, ABATE, Head of Legislation, 1117 Bonnabel Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 456-3610, spoke in support of House Bill No. 150.

Representative Horton offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 150. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 150 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders 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.

House Bill No. 350 by Representative Farnum

Representative Farnum presented House Bill No. 350, which provides relative to office of motor vehicle fees for Calcasieu Parish.

Representative C. Travis Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 350 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 350 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Gadberry, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 381 by Representative Moore

Representative Pierre announced that action on House Bill No. 381, which provides relative to motor vehicle accident reports, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 593 by Representative Travis Johnson

Representative C. Travis Johnson presented House Bill No. 593, which provides relative to passing a parked emergency vehicle.

Secretary Shawn Wilson, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Bill No. 593 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 593 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Gadberry, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Vice Chairman Brass in the chair.

House Bill No. 221 by Representative Pierre

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 221, which provides relative to certain commercial driver's license applicants.

Commissioner Karen St. Germain, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-6161, spoke for information only.

Ashleigh Starnes, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4089, spoke for information only.

Representative Selders offered a motion to report House Bill No. 221 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 221 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders 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.

House Bill No. 621 by Representative Pierre

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 621, which provides relative to the issuance of identification cards.

Deputy Commissioner Keith E. Neal, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4052, spoke for information only.

Commissioner Karen St. Germain, Office of Motor Vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-6161, spoke for information only.

Representative C. Travis Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 621 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 621 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those that did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 550 by Representative Muscarello

Representative Muscarello presented House Bill No. 550, which provides relative to duplicate driver's licenses and identification cards.

Mr. Stephen Quidd, office of motor vehicles, P.O. Box 66614, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-6103, spoke for information only.

Representative Cormier offered a motion to report House Bill No. 550 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 550 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those that did not speak are as follows: 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Chairman Pierre in the chair.

House Bill No. 638 by Representative Hilferty

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 638, which provides relative to driver's license transactions.

Ashleigh Starnes, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4089, spoke for information only.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 638 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 638 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those that did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 656 by Representative Glover

Representative Pierre announced that action on House Bill No. 656, which redesignates a portion of Interstate 220 in Shreveport, Louisiana, as the "Minnion Dewayne Jackson Memorial Highway", was voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Moore offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Gadberry, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Vincent J. Pierre
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted:

The committee has acknowledged on _____, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.