

## **House Committee on Commerce**

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
March 15, 2022

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairman  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Royce Duplessis  
Representative Adrian Fisher  
Representative Bryan Fontenot  
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I  
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty, vice chairman  
Representative Edmond Jordan  
Representative Scott McKnight  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Thomas A. Pressly  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver  
Representative Polly Thomas

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Paul Hollis

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charlotte Cravins, attorney  
Halie Guidry, attorney  
Felicie Jackson, executive assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms  
Jacqueline Trask, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 571 by Representative Gadberry**

Representative Gadberry presented House Bill No. 571, which provides relative to the State Uniform Construction Code.

Representative Davis offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 571 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 571 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas 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. 515 by Representative Mike Johnson**

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 515, which provides relative to succession involving limited liability company.

Representative Davis offered amendments to make technical changes. 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, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4836, spoke in support of House Bill No. 515.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 515 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 515 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas 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. 757 by Representative Schexnayder**

On behalf of Representative Schexnayder, Butch Browning, State Fire Marshall, 8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 806-0803, presented House Bill No. 757, which provides relative to firefighter training.

Representative Davis offered amendments to make technical changes. 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, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Chad Major, Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy, 9021 Aurora Ln., Shreveport, LA 71115, spoke in support of House Bill No. 757.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 757 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 757 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness card are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 293 by Representative Hilferty**

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 293, which provides relative to carbon monoxide detectors.

Representative Davis offered amendments to makes technical changes.

Butch Browning, Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshall, 8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 806-0803, spoke to provide information only on House Bill No. 293.

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, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 293 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 293 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 581 by Representative St. Blanc**

Representative St. Blanc presented House Bill No. 581, which provides relative to the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law.

Representative Davis offered amendments to make technical changes. 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, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Emory Belton, Louisiana One Call, 7266 Tom Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 615-0212, spoke in support of House Bill 581.

The committee stood at ease at 10:31 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 581 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 581 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Representative Hilferty in the chair.*

#### **House Bill No. 120 by Representative Davis**

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 120, which re-creates the Department of Economic Development.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 120 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 120 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas 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.

**House Bill No. 121 by Representative Davis**

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 121, which re-creates the Department of Public Service.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 121 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 121 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

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

**House Bill No. 169 by Representative Riser**

On behalf of Representative Riser, Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 169, which provides relative to professional geoscientists.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 169 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 169 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

**House Bill No. 602 by Representative Davis**

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 602, which provides relative to the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.

Representative Hilferty offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Hilferty 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, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Michael McDuff, Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, 600 North St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 368-3520, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 602.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 602 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 602 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. 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 Pressly offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Paula P. Davis  
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: