

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
May 23, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairman
Representative Royce Duplessis
Representative Adrian Fisher
Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I
Representative Stephanie Hilferty, vice chairman
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur
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 Kenny R. Cox
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nevonda S. Reed, division director
Rashida Keith, attorney
Felicie Jackson, executive assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Victoria Grant, committee clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Danny Leming, assistant sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 314 by Senator Cortez**

Senator Cortez presented Senate Bill No. 314, which provides relative to historic horse racing.

Representative Davis offered amendments to allow the commission to make rules governing, permitting, and regulating the wagering on horse races under the form of mutuel wagering by patrons, known as pari-mutuel wagering, whether on live or historical horse races, and to make technical changes. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 314 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 314 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas 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.

Senate Bill No. 460 by Senator Ward

Senator Ward presented Senate Bill No. 460, which provides relative to a statewide electric vehicle charging technology and equipment network.

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 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 460 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 460 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Davis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 455 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 455, which provides for broadband development and connectivity.

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

Jacques Berry, Division of Administration, 1201 North 3rd St., Ste. 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7178, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 455.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 455 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 455 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas 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. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 378 by Senator Peacock

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 378, which provides for the regulation of advertisements.

Representative Davis offered amendments 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, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Dane S. Ciolino, Loyola Law School, 18 Farnham Pl., Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 975-3263, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 378.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 378 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 378 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, 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. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 483 by Senator Cathey

Senator Cathey presented Senate Bill No. 483, which provides relative to occupational licenses.

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

Dr. Erin Bendily, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130, no phone number or email provided, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 483.

Lisa G. Loup, Louisiana Nursery & Landscape Association, 850 Newman Ave., Jefferson, LA 70121, (504) 669-8272, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 483.

Chad Everage, 4028 Holly Hill Rd., Lake Charles, LA 70605, (337) 513-8085, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 483.

Dr. Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 900 North 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 522-1233, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 483.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 483 with amendments, to which Representative Tarver objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 483 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis,

Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea. Representative Tarver voted nay.

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House Bill No. 937 by Representative Butler

Representative Davis announced that action on House Bill No. 937, which provides relative to the membership of the La. State Board of Cosmetology, was voluntarily deferred.

House Resolution No. 151 by Representative Fontenot

Representative Fontenot presented House Resolution No. 151, which memorializes congress to support amendments to the Stafford Act to allow natural disaster-related funding for private or investor-owned utilities.

Jody Montelaro, Entergy, 446 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-5865, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 151.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 151 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 151 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the 2021 Regular Session dated April 13th, April 14th, April 19th, April 20th, April 26th, May 3rd, May 10th, May 11th, May 17th, May 26th, June 1st, and June 3rd. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Paula P. Davis
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: