

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2022 First Extraordinary Session
February 10, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Lorriane Lucas, attorney
Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant
Alexandra Cravins, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

John Harrington, clerk
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Keshauna Murphy, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

House Bill No. 15 by Representative Jenkins

Representative Jenkins presented House Bill No. 15, which provides for the districts for the election of members to the House of Representatives.

Edward A. Wisham, 701 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 802-3126, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 15.

(Brief video and audio loss due to technical difficulties at 51:12 - 52:07.)

Representative Jenkins offered amendments to make changes to districts 18, 20, 25, 28, 29, 32, 34, 35, 38, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 86, 89, 90, 95, and 104. Representative Jenkins offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Gadberry, Hodges, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Representative Kenny R. Cox, House District No. 23, 209 North Hill Drive, Mansfield, LA 71052, spoke in support of House Bill No. 15.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 15 with amendments. Representative Stefanski offered a substitute motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 15, to which Representative Jenkins objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and action on House Bill No. 15 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Mike Johnson, Magee, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Ivey, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and White voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 4 by Representative Marcelle

Representative Marcelle presented House Bill No. 4, which provides relative to the election districts for members of congress.

Victoria Wenger, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 4.

Jared Evans, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, no address provided, (318) 652-2203, spoke in support of House Bill No. 4.

Vice Chairman Duplessis in the chair.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

Janea Jamison, Power Coalition, 4930 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125, (985) 513-1674, spoke in support of House Bill No. 4.

Davante Lewis, LBP, 619 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in support of House Bill No. 4.

Edgar Cage, Together Louisiana, 2019 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 274-5808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 4.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 4 favorably, to which Representative Horton objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 7 yeas, 9 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and White voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Mike Johnson, Magee, and Thomas voted nay. Representative Stefanski abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 7 by Representative Moore

On behalf of Representative Moore, Representative Jefferson presented House Bill No. 7, which provides relative to the districts for members of the United States Congress.

Representative Tammy T. Phelps, House District No. 3, spoke in support of House Bill No. 7.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 7 favorably, to which Representative Horton objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 7 yeas, 8 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and White voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Mike Johnson, and Thomas voted nay. Representative Stefanski abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 8 by Representative Gaines

Representative Gaines presented House Bill No. 8, which provides relative to the election districts for members of congress.

Michael Pernick, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 8.

Vice Chairman Duplessis in the chair.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 8 favorably, to which Representative Beaulieu objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 7 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and White voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Mike Johnson, and Magee voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 13 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 9 by Representative Carpenter

Representative Carpenter presented House Bill No. 9, which provides relative to the election districts for members of congress.

Frankie Robertson, NOLA Maternal Child Health Coalition, P.O. Box 77084, Baton Rouge, LA 70879, (225) 247-7834, spoke in support of House Bill No. 9.

Khalid Hudson, Together Baton Rouge, 2019 Government Street, no city given, spoke in support of House Bill No. 9.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 9 favorably, to which Representative Horton objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 8 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Ivey, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and White voted yea. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Mike Johnson, and Thomas voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 12 by Representative Bryant

Representative Bryant presented House Bill No. 12, which provides relative to the districts for members of the United States Congress.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 12. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 12 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Stefanski announced the names of witnesses who had submitted cards for House Bill No. 15 by Representative Jenkins at the February 9, 2022, meeting of the committee.

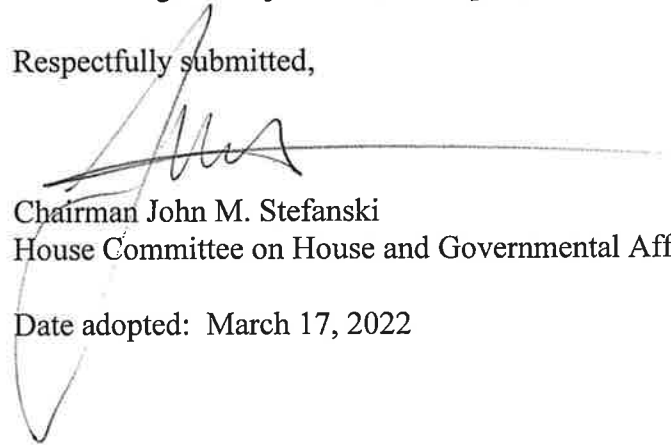
Chairman Stefanski announced that House Bill No. 12 by Representative Bryant would be scheduled for a committee hearing on February 11, 2022.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Farnum offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman John M. Stefanski
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: March 17, 2022