

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
April 12, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Malinda B. White

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

John Harrington, clerk
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 582 by Representative Stagni

Representative Stagni presented House Bill No. 582, which joins Louisiana to the licensed professional counselors interstate compact.

Dr. Adrienne Trogden, Louisiana Counseling Association, 3043 Old Forge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (504) 994-0881, spoke in support of House Bill No. 582.

Jamie Doming, Licensed Professional Counselors Board, 18257 Creek Hollow Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (985) 768-6795, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 582.

Representative Beullieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 582 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 582 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beullieu, Duplessis, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, 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.

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.

House Bill No. 262 by Representative Marino

Representative Marino presented House Bill No. 262, which provides relative to exceptions to the public records law.

Darren Allemand, Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office, 200 Derbigny Street, Gretna, LA 70053, (504) 368-1020, spoke in support of House Bill No. 262.

Representative Stefanski offered amendments that expanded the present law public records exception for attorney and expert work product that reflect the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or theories to also include those of a district attorney investigator or a district attorney victims assistance coordinator rather than creating a new exception for the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or theories of any district attorney, assistant district attorney, district attorney investigator, or district attorney victims assistance coordinator.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Duplessis, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 262 with amendments, to which Representative Magee objected. No vote was taken.

Jerry Raehal, Louisiana Press Association, 404 Europe Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 351-0702, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 262.

Representative Stefanski offered a substitute motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 262. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 262 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 473 by Representative Duplessis

Representative Duplessis presented House Bill No. 473, which provides relative to fees for production of public records.

Representative Magee in the chair.

Representative Duplessis offered amendments to retain present law, which authorizes rather than requires custodians to charge a fee for copies of public records. Representative Duplessis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, and Thomas voted yea.

Monika Gerhart, City of New Orleans, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 258-9294, spoke in support of House Bill No. 473.

Paul Rainwater, City of New Orleans, 5117 Cheneau Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 281-8176, spoke in support of House Bill No. 473.

Jennifer Carignan, Louisiana Save Our Schools, 719 South Taylor Street, Covington, LA 70433, (240) 893-9501, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 473.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report House Bill No. 473 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 473 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 249 by Representative Wright

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 249, which provides relative to port facilities records.

Representative Stefanski offered amendments that:

- (1) Specified purposes for which the port facility blueprints, renderings, etc., may be disclosed to appropriate persons.
- (2) Made technical changes.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Jennifer Marusak, Ports Association of Louisiana, P.O. Box 66412, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 572-1916, spoke in support of House Bill No. 249.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 249 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 249 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, Newell, 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.

Representative Magee in the chair.

House Resolution No. 20 by Representative Stefanski

Representative Stefanski presented House Resolution No. 20, which provides for procedures and requirements applicable to conference committee reports.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 20 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 20 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman John M. Stefanski
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Date adopted: September 15, 2022