

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
March 22, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Mark Wright, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Mark Wright, chairman
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass, vice chairman
Representative Mack Marcel Cormier
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Joseph A. Marino, III
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Larry Selders

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Vincent J. Pierre

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 421 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 421, which establishes minimum requirements for a levee commissioner.

Representative Selders offered a motion to report House Bill No. 421 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 421 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea. Representative Wright abstained.

House Bill No. 669 by Representative Pierre

On behalf of Representative Pierre, Representative Larvadain presented House Bill No. 669, which provides relative to background checks of private training or driving instructor training schools or agencies.

Ms. Kelly Sittig, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 279-0886, spoke for information only.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 669 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 669 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, and Schamerhorn voted yea. Representative Wright abstained.

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. 232 by Representative Edmonston

Representative Edmonston presented House Bill No. 232, which prohibits requiring vaccination verification or immunity status for certain transactions or for inclusion on a driver's license or special identification card.

Ms. Shantel Lege, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (337) 400-7013, spoke for information only.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 232 favorably, to which Representative Marino objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 232 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea. Representatives Brass, Larvadain, and Marino voted nay. Representative Wright abstained.

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

House Bill No. 246 by Representative Phelps

Representative Phelps presented House Bill No. 246, which provides relative to sanctions for a lapse in required vehicle liability security.

Ms. Robyn Temple, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 663-0994, spoke for information only.

Ms. Patrice Thomas, Legislative Fiscal Office, no witness card provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 246.

Ms. Jill Jarreau, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 505-6555, spoke for information only.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 246 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 246 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea. Representative Wright abstained.

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

House Bill No. 604 by Representative Davis

Representative Brass in the chair.

On behalf of Representative Davis, Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 604, which provides for the transfer of ownership of a vehicle to an insurer.

Representative Brass offered amendments to:

1. Make technical changes.

2. Modify the meaning of "endorsement" in present law to include the signature of a seller if the certificate of title or other document transferring ownership to an insurance company is for a motor vehicle which is the subject of an insurance settlement.

Representative Brass offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea. Representative Wright abstained.

Mr. Alton Asley, Copart, no address provided, (225) 936-1700, spoke in support of House Bill No. 604.

Ms. Jill Jarreau, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 505-6555, spoke for information only.

Representative Marino offered a motion to report House Bill No. 604 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 604 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea. Representative Wright abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 1 for information only. 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 Schamerhorn offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Mark Wright
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: