

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2023 Regular Session
April 12, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairman
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Adrian Fisher
Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Stephanie Hilferty, vice chairman
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 Paul Hollis

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victoria Kelley, legislative analyst
Kathryn Vigrass, legislative analyst
Sharell Steven, committee administrative assistant
Nevonda S. Reed, division director

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Randall Ike, committee clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 77 by Representative Schlegel**

Representative Schlegel presented House Bill No. 77, which provides for attorney general investigation for publishers and distributors of material harmful to minors.

Representative Thomas in the chair.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to add a radio broadcast station, television broadcast station, cable television operator, and wire service to the definition of a news-gathering organization. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, Cox, Fontenot, Hilferty, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to add a chapter name and make technical changes. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, Cox, Fontenot, Hilferty, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Davis in the chair.

Melissa Flournoy, 10,000 Women, 650 N. Sixth St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 936-7200, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 77.

Peyton Rose Michelle, Louisiana Trans Advocates, 1099 Ruth Dr., St. Martinville, LA 70582, (337) 356-9312, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 77.

Pearl Ricks, 2030 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70113, (504) 484-9456, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 77.

Angela Adkins, 10,000 Women of Louisiana, 650 N. Sixth St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 324-0094, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 77.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 77 with amendments, to which Representative Newell objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 77 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Cox, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea. Representative Newell voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 25 in opposition. Witness cards in included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 5 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 74 by Representative Thomas

Representative Thomas presented House Bill No. 74, which provides relative to home inspectors.

Albert Nicaud, Board of Home Inspectors, 3000 18th St., Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 837-1304, spoke in support of House Bill No. 74.

Adam Albright, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4935, spoke for information only for House Bill No. 74.

Representative Davis offered amendments to:

- (1) Add that the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information shall make available upon request any information contained in the criminal history record and identification files of the bureau to the Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors.
- (2) Expand upon the requirements of home inspector licensees in obtaining a criminal history record request.
- (3) Authorize the Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors to request and obtain state and national criminal history record information from the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information and the FBI for any person who is licensed or registered, who is applying to be licensed or registered as a home inspector, or who is an employee of the board.
- (4) Remove biometric and expungement language.
- (5) 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, Brown, Cox, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 74 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 74 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Cox, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 395 by Representative Hilferty

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 395, which provides relative to filings with the secretary of state's office.

Representative Davis offered amendments to make a technical change. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Cox, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Amanda Baker, Secretary of State, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 395.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 395 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 395 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Cox, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 199 by Representatives Romero and Davis

Representative Davis announced that action on House Bill No. 199, which provides relative to the State Licensing Board for Contractors, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 398 by Representative Romero

Representative Romero presented House Bill No. 398, which requires persons being transported offshore by aircraft wear life jackets equipped with personal locator beacons.

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

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 398 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 398 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Fisher, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, and Tarver 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. 583 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 583, which provides relative to franchise fee audits.

Lauren Chauvin, Louisiana Internet and Television and Broadband Association, 763 North St., Baton Rouge, LA 70502, (337) 501-8620, spoke in support of House Bill No. 583.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 583 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 583 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Fisher, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, and Tarver 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.

Representative Hilferty is in the chair.

House Bill No. 341 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 341, which provides relative to live event ticketing.

Sean Auyash, StubHub, 2049 Century Park E, Los Angeles, CA 90067, (607) 227-0712, spoke in support of House Bill No. 341.

Amy Bos, Netchoice, 1401 K St. NW, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 557-0122, spoke in support of House Bill No. 341.

Brian Hess, Sports Fan Coalition, 208 I St. NE, Washington, DC 20002, (703) 659-7559, spoke in support of House Bill No. 341.

Andrew Bianchi, AXS Tickets, 6702 Dubuque Ln., Austin, TX 78723, (707) 372-8063, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 341.

Pam DeVille, Cajundome, 444 Cajundome Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70506, (337) 265-2100, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 341.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 341 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 341 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Cox, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Tarver 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.

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

Representative Davis in the chair.

House Bill No. 393 by Representative Gadberry

Representative Gadberry presented House Bill No. 393, which provides relative to certain building code roofing inspections of a commercial or residential structure.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 393 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 393 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Tarver 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.

House Bill No. 112 by Representative Muscarello

Representative Muscarello presented House Bill No. 112, which provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners.

Representative Davis offered amendments to:

- (1) Add a confidentiality clause to require criminal history record information be confidential and used exclusively to evaluate the applicant's eligibility.
- (2) Add a public records exception.

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, Brown, Cox, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, LaFleur, McKnight, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

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, Brown, Cox, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Carl Saizain, Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners, 15903 Old Hammond Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 272-2310, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 112.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 112 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 112 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Cox, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, McKnight, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Tarver 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.

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 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Cox, Fontenot, Goudeau, Hilferty, McKnight, Pressly, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Paula P. Davis
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: