

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2023 Regular Session
May 30, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Chad Brown
Representative Paula P. Davis, chairman
Representative Kenny R. Cox
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 Kyle M. Green, Jr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victoria Kelley, legislative analyst
Kathryn Vigrass, legislative analyst
Sharell Steven, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarell, sergeant at arms
Randall Ike, student clerk
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms
Nevonda Reed , division director

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Concurrent Resolution No. 112 by Representative LaCombe**

Representative LaCombe presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 112, which creates a task force to study and make recommendations for designating a certain percentage of man-hours in any apprenticeable occupation to registered apprentices for certain construction and capital projects.

Kristy Guidry - American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, Deaf Person(s), 23313 Mango Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70726, (225) 588-9457, was an interpreter for House Concurrent Resolution No. 112.

Carson DeLarue, Associated Builders and Contractors, 19251 Highland Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 739-8297, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 112.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 112 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 112 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Fisher, Fontenot, Hilferty, Newell, Pressly, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 162 by Senator McMath

Senator McMath presented Senate Bill No. 162, which creates the Secure Online Child Interaction and Age Limitation Act.

Kristy Guidry - ASL interpreter, 23313 Mango Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70726, (225) 588-9457, was an interpreter for Senate Bill No. 162.

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 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Fisher, Fontenot, Hilferty, Newell, Pressly, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Davis offered amendments to:

- (1) Amend the definitions of the terms "minor" and "social media platform".
- (2) Amend the exceptions to the term "social media platform".
- (3) Amend to permit a social media company to make commercially reasonable efforts to verify an account holder's age.
- (4) Prohibit a social media company from allowing a Louisiana resident who is a minor to hold or open an account on a social media platform if the minor is otherwise ineligible pursuant to state or federal law.
- (5) Allow the division of public protection to promulgate rules for the purposes of proposed law.
- (6) Make technical changes.

Josh Borill, Meta, P.O. Box 80825, Lafayette, LA 70598, (337) 581-1326, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 162.

Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Hilferty, Hollis, LaFleur, McKnight, Pressly, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Davis offered an amendment to change the effective date to July 1, 2024. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Hilferty, Hollis, LaFleur, McKnight, Pressly, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Pressly offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Prohibit a social media company from allowing a Louisiana resident who is a minor to hold or open an account on a social media platform if the minor is otherwise ineligible pursuant to state or federal law.
- (3) Allow the division of public protection to promulgate rules for the purposes of proposed law.
- (4) Clarify prohibited activities of social media companies.

- (5) Delete the use of targeted or suggested groups, services, products, posts, accounts, or users from the list of prohibitions.
- (6) Delete proposed law prohibiting the waiver or limitation of the right to a private right of action.
- (7) Add an effective date of July 1, 2024.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to divide the amendments. Without objection, the motion to divide the amendments passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Goudeau, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Pressly, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Davis offered an amendment to amend the exceptions to the term "social media platform". Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Hilferty, Hollis, LaFleur, McKnight, Pressly, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Hilferty offered amendment to add an uncodified section with prospective application only. Representative Hilferty offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Pressly, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Larry Murray, Tech Net, 3650 Morning Glory Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 413-8705, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 162.

Representative Pressly offered amendments to add no private right of action. Representative Pressly offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Hilferty, Hollis, LaFleur, McKnight, Pressly, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 162 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 162 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Hilferty, Hollis, LaFleur, McKnight, Pressly, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

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

Statements submitted in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 2 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 214 by Senator McMath

Senator McMath presented Senate Bill No. 214, which creates the office of port development within the Department of Economic Development and create a port development advisory committee.

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 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Davis offered amendments to:

- (1) Delete proposed law that would have renamed the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Commerce. Remove transferring the office of multimodal commerce and the multimodal commerce advisory commission from the Department of Transportation and Development. Delete the creation of the office of economic development under LED and remove references to the executive director regarding that office.
- (2) Create the office of port development and its functions under LED with a commissioner of port development.
- (3) Create the Port Development Advisory Commission within the office of port development and provide for members and functions.
- (4) Provide for effectiveness.
- (5) 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, Brown, Cox, Hilferty, Hollis, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Newell, Pressly, and Thomas voted yea.

Brad Lambert, Louisiana Economic Development (LED), 617 North 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-1549, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 214.

Caleb Holmes, Sierra Club Delta Chapter, 2455 Weldwood Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (318) 638-9120, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 214.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 214 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 214 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Cox, Fisher, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Pressly, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 1 in opposition, and 4 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 Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Brown, Cox, Fisher, Jordan, LaFleur, McKnight, Pressly, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Paula P. Davis
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: