

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2023 Regular Session
May 24, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:10 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 Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Richard James Nelson
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Rodney Lyons, vice chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Annie Smith, attorney
Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Alex Stefanski, clerk
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 152 by Senator Milligan**

Senator Milligan presented Senate Bill No. 152, which creates the Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission.

Keith Waddell, Louisiana National Guard, 6400 St. Claude Avenue, Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, LA 70117, (318) 416-7534, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 152.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 152 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 152 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Nelson, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

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

Senate Bill No. 186 by Senator Peacock

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 186, which provides relative to the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 186 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 186 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Nelson, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

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

Senate Bill No. 84 by Senator Luneau

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 84, which requires the Louisiana Board of Ethics to send certain communications electronically.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 219-5611, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 84.

(Audio loss due to technical difficulties from 9:56 a.m. - 9:57 a.m.)

Further action was taken by the committee on Senate Bill No. 84 at a later point in the meeting. Please check subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on Senate Bill No. 84.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 by Senator Carter

Senator Carter presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20, which requests the Louisiana Department of Health to convene a task force to make recommendations regarding nursing involvement to improve maternal outcomes.

Ahnyel Burkes, Louisiana State Nurses Association, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (504) 300-2737, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

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

Senate Bill No. 129 by Senator Cloud

Senator Cloud presented Senate Bill No. 129, which requires certain state entities to report corrective actions taken to mitigate state risk exposure upon request of the litigation subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Representative Magee offered technical amendments. Representative Magee offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

Representative Magee offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 129 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 129 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8 by Senator Kleinpeter

Senator Kleinpeter presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8, which creates the Task Force on Safety for Law Enforcement Officers Involved in High Speed Vehicle Pursuits to study and review police officer training and protocols necessary to increase the safety of law enforcement officers and innocent bystanders.

Representative Magee offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

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.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38 by Senator Robert Mills

Senator Robert Mills presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38, which recognizes the North Louisiana Legislative Delegation of the legislature.

Representative Magee offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19, which creates the Task Force on Available and Affordable Commercial Motor Vehicle Insurance.

Representative Mike Johnson offered amendments to add a requirement that any designee organization that qualifies as nonprofit shall comply with IRS filing requirements in order to participate in committee proceedings. Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

Representative Magee offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7, which urges the commissioner of insurance to create the Hurricane Mitigation Commission to study and report findings and recommendations relative to the handling of property insurance claims in the wake of hurricanes and the necessity of a catastrophe savings account.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

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

Senate Bill No. 84 by Senator Luneau

This is a continuation of the discussion on Senate Bill No. 84 from earlier in the meeting. Please check prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on Senate Bill No. 84.

On behalf of Senator Luneau, Representative Beaulieu presented Senate Bill No. 84.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments that:

- (1) Required the board to send a communication electronically to the filing party rather than requiring any communication from the board to be sent electronically to a filing party.
- (2) Specified that the communication does not replace any other type of notice required by law.
- (3) Changed the effective date to January 1, 2024.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 84 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 84 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Newell offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representative Stefanski abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman John M. Stefanski
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Date adopted: