

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2023 Regular Session
April 11, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Mark Wright, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Mark Wright, chairman
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass, vice chairman
Representative Mack Marcel Cormier
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Larry Selders

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allison Williams, legislative analyst
Jennifer Winkler, legislative analyst
Darcas Deverteuil, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 28 by Representative Carrier**

Representative Carrier and Representative Romero presented House Bill No. 28, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 383 in Jefferson Davis Parish as the "Sergeant Major William Arlen Marcantel Memorial Highway".

Representative Wright offered amendments to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 674 in Iberia Parish from Louisiana Highway 3212 to Highway 85 Patout Road as the "Veterans Memorial Highway". Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Representative Wright offered an amendment originated in committee to redesignate a portion of Interstate 49 in St. Landry Parish as the "Hannah Lee Vincent Memorial Highway". Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 28 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 28 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 18 by Representative Tarver

Representative Tarver presented House Bill No. 18, which designates a certain portion of Louisiana Highway 384 in Calcasieu Parish as the "Captain Brian Bourgeois Memorial Traffic Circle".

Representative Wright offered amendments to:

- (1) Add a highway designation naming a portion of La. Hwy. 40 in Folsom, Louisiana, as the "Deputy Hilery Mayo Memorial Highway".

(2) Make technical changes.

Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 18 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 18 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 80 by Representative Gadberry

Chairman Wright announced that action on House Bill No. 80, which provides relative to the prior approval process available to potential suppliers, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 13 by Representative Muscarello

On behalf of Representative Muscarello, Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 13, which changes the name of one member on the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 13 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 13 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 11 by Representative Gadberry

Representative Gadberry presented House Bill No. 11, which provides for contract limits for projects.

Eric Kalivoda, DOTD, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225)379-7200, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 11.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 11 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 11 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 57 by Representative Orgeron

Representative Orgeron presented House Bill No. 57, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 657 in Larose, Louisiana, as the "Clarence Marts, Jr. Memorial Highway".

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 57 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 57 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 73 by Representative DuBuisson

Representative DuBuisson presented House Bill No. 73, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 433 in St. Tammany Parish as the "Captain Walter B. Abney Memorial Highway".

Kenneth H. Hooks, III, 18311 N. Mission Hills, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 235-3380, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 73.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 73 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 73 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 532 by Representative Charles Owen

Representative Charles Owen presented House Bill No. 532, which provides relative to fees charged for certain military honor license plates and the processing of plates at the office of motor vehicles state headquarters.

Jill Jarreau, OMV, 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-7917, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 532.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 532 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 532 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Bill No. 407 by Representative Robert Owen

Representative Robert Owen presented House Bill No. 407, which provides relative to the Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee.

Representative Robert Owen offered a motion to report House Bill No. 407 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 407 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn 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. 50 by Representative Wheat

Representative Wheat presented House Bill No. 50, which designates the bridge located on Interstate 55 service road in Manchac between Lake Maurepas and Lake Pontchartrain as the "Robert E. Meyers, Jr. Memorial Bridge" and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Wright offered amendments to change the bridge designation from the "Robert E. Myers, Jr. Memorial Bridge" to the "Robert E. Mayers, Jr. Memorial Bridge". Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 50 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 50 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: