

## **House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works**

Minutes of Meeting  
2023 Regular Session  
April 18, 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 10:04 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 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 Robert "Bob" Owen  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Larry Selders

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Mack Marcel Cormier  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen

#### **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 Concurrent Resolution No. 1 by Representative Riser**

Representative Wright announced that action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, which amends state police administrative rules pertaining to full time employment requirements for tow companies, was voluntarily deferred.

**House Bill No. 527 by Representative Brown**

Representative Brown presented House Bill No. 527, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 398 as the "Commander Glenn Daigle Memorial Highway".

Representative Wright offered amendments to:

- (1) Change the designation from Louisiana Highway 398 from Labadieville to Bayou L'Ourse in Assumption Parish to La. Highway 1247 Bridge over Bayou Lafrouche in Labadieville, La.
- (2) Change "Commander Glenn Daigle Memorial Highway" to "Commander Glenn Daigle Memorial Bridge".

Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Larvadain, Moore, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 527 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 527 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Larvadain, Moore, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who didn't speak are as follows: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 by Representative Orgeron**

Representative Orgeron presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, which expresses affirmation and resolute support for fostering a strong domestic maritime industry for the nation's economic prosperity.

Aaron C. Smith, OMSA, 701 Poydras St. #4500, New Orleans, LA 70134, (225) 258-3378, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Michael C. Nation, Harbor Towing & Fleeting LLC., 3801 N. Causeway Blvd., STE 310, Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 834-8482, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who didn't speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 406 by Representative Mincey**

Representative Mincey presented House Bill No. 406, which provides relative to flooding mitigation solutions along the Interstate 12 corridor in Livingston Parish, and provided handouts, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 406 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 406 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Larvadain, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who didn't speak are as follows: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 514 by Representative Mincey**

Representative Mincey presented House Bill No. 514, which provides relative to property taxes generated for the Comite River Diversion Canal Impact Area.

Representative Selders offered a motion to report House Bill No. 514 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 514 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright,

Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Larvadain, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who didn't speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 89 by Representative Marcelle**

Representative Marcelle presented House Bill No. 89, which provides relative to the collection of certain traffic stop data by law enforcement.

Representative Wright offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove the repeal of the present law provision that provides an exception for law enforcement entities that have written policies against racial profiling.
- (2) Except the office of state police from the present law provision that specifies that if a law enforcement entity has a written policy against racial profiling they do not have to collect or report certain statistical data.
- (3) Add an effective date of January 1, 2024.
- (4) Make a technical change.

Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Larvadain, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Lt. Bryan Lee, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4239, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 89.

Peter Robins-Brown, Louisiana Progress Action, 650 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (504) 256-8196, spoke in support of House Bill No. 89.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 89 with amendments, to which Representative Firmont objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 89 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Larvadain, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Selders voted yea. Representatives Firmont, Horton, and Schamerhorn voted nay. Representative Wright abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who didn't speak are as follows: 4 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 83 by Representative Pierre**

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 83, which provides relative to toll exemptions for students traveling on ferries, roads, and bridges.

Greg Hardy, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 242-4622, spoke for information only on House Bill 83.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 83 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 83 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who didn't speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Vice-Chairman Brass in the Chair.*

### **House Bill No. 80 by Representative Gadberry**

Representative Gadberry presented House Bill No. 80, which provides relative to the prior approval process available to potential suppliers.

Representative Brass offered amendments to:

- (1) Change the period a potential supplier has to submit a product for approval before the opening of bids from seven to 14 days.
- (2) Change the length of time a prime design professional has to approve or deny a submitted product from five to 10 days.
- (3) Delete the 10 day extension period applicable to prime design professionals.
- (4) Remove the provision that indicates the failure of the design professional to respond cannot be considered approval.

Representative Brass offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Edmonston,

Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Barker Dirmann, ACEC of Louisiana, 9243 Brookline, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 630-4696, spoke in support of House Bill No. 80.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 80 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 80 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who didn't speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Chairman Wright in the Chair.*

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: