

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2023 Regular Session
April 19, 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 9:59 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Mark Wright, 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 Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Larry Selders

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass, vice chairman
Representative Robert "Bob" 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 Bill No. 264 by Representative Deshotel

Representative Deshotel presented House Bill No. 264, which designates a bridge located on Louisiana Highway 1 in Pointe Coupee in Avoyelles, Louisiana, as the "Marion Peter Roy, Sr. Bridge".

Representative Wright offered technical amendments. Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Cormier, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

M. Peter Roy, 249 Glenwood Dr., Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 452-2648, spoke in support of House Bill No. 264.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 264 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 264 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Cormier, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders 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.

House Bill No. 595 by Representative Garofalo

Representative Wright announced that action on House Bill No. 595, which provides relative to the towing industry, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 539 by Representative Mack

Representative Mack presented House Bill No. 539, which provides relative to the authorization of the Office of Motor Vehicles to impose fines on contracts.

Jan Cassidy, LA Public Tag Association, 17265 Rue Village, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 907-6090, spoke in support of House Bill No. 539.

Jill Jarreau, OMV, 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70876, (225) 925-7917, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 539.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 539 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 539 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders 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.

House Bill No. 592 by Representative Schamerhorn

Representative Schamerhorn presented House Bill No. 592, which provides relative to driver education skills test, and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Jill Jarreau, OMV, 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70876, (225) 925-7917, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 592.

Staci Hoyt, OMV, 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70876, (225) 270-1556, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 592.

Stephen A. Quidd, OMV, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 465-9697, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 592.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 592. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 592 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 568 by Representative Phelps

Representative Phelps presented House Bill No. 568, which provides relative to sanctions for a lapse in required vehicle liability security.

Staci Hoyt, OMV, 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70876, (225) 270-1556, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 592.

Representative Firmont offered an amendment to add a requirement that notice of cancellation be provided through LA wallet within one to five days before issuing the violation. Representative Firmont 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, Cormier, Edmonston, Firmont, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Representative Moore offered a motion to report House Bill No. 568 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 568 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Cormier, Edmonston, Firmont, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Wright announced that the committee would meet the following Monday at a later start time than usual. The start time would be determined later.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: