

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2023 Regular Session  
May 9, 2023

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Ken Brass, vice-chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Larry Selders

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Mack Marcel Cormier  
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**

**Senate Bill No. 42 by Senator Fred Mills**

Senator Fred Mills presented Senate Bill No. 42, which creates the Louisiana Watershed Initiative.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 42 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 42 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders 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.

**Senate Bill No. 102 by Senator Fred Mills**

Senator Fred Mills presented Senate Bill No. 102, which provides relative to the Acadiana Watershed District.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 102 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 102 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, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

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*Chairman Wright in the chair.*

**Senate Bill No. 53 by Senator Bernard**

Senator Bernard presented Senate Bill No. 53, which provides for the powers and authority of the commission of the Cane River Waterway District.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 53 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 53 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 15 by Senator Reese**

On behalf of Senator Reese, Representative Farnum presented Senate Bill No. 15, which provides relative to per diem received by commissioners of the Vinton Harbor and Terminal District.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 15 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 15 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, and Selders voted yea.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 72 by Representative Kerner**

Representative Kerner presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 72, which urges and requests the United States Army Corps of Engineers to reconsider the mitigation and stewardship plan for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Division to include tidal levee protection for Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 72 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 72 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, and Selders voted yea.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 63 by Representative Adams**

Representative Adams presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 63, which urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development study the addition of a shoulder on Louisiana Highway 19 between north Zachary and the Mississippi state line.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 63 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 63 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, and Selders voted yea.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 68 by Representative Glover**

Representative Glover presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 68, which urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to reevaluate and construct a safety installation in a certain community in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 68 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 68 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas

and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, and Selders voted yea.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 594 by Representative Larvadain**

Representative Wright announced that action on House Bill No. 594, which provides relative to the Weights and Standard Mobile Police, was voluntarily deferred. He announced that Representative Larvadain requested to still have discussion on the bill.

Representative Larvadain presented House Bill No. 594, which provides relative to the Weights and Standards Mobile Police.

Eric Kalivoda, DOTD, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 594.

Barry Keeling, DOTD, 1201 Capital Access Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-7200, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 594.

Lieutenant Greg Graphia, Department of Public Safety, 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225)925-6032, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 594.

Colonel Lamar A. Davis, Louisiana State Police, 7918 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (225) 925-6118, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 594.

Renee Amar, LMTA, no street address provided, Baton Rouge, LA, no zip code provided, (222) 287-0117, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 594.

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

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Wright announced the next meeting would be held on the following Tuesday but is subject to change.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Horton offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, and Pierre voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: