

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2023 Regular Session  
May 30, 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 10:02 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 Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen  
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**

**Senate Bill No. 34 by Senator Bernard**

Senator Bernard presented Senate Bill No. 34, which provides for "Crisis Lifeline dial 988" to be included on all state-issued driver's licenses and personal identification cards and the home page of LA Wallet.

Karen Stubbs, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9000, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 34.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 34 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 34 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firmont, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Moore, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

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

**Senate Bill No. 145 by Senator Hensgens**

Senator Hensgens presented Senate Bill No. 145, which provides for methods to contract for certain airport facilities.

Representative Pierre offered amendments to:

- (1) Define "design-builder" and specify the qualification of a design-builder.
- (2) Add requirements for the design-build process proposals and evaluations.
- (3) Specify that awarded contract prices cannot be increased except for inflation or unknown conditions.
- (4) Specify that proposed law will supersede any conflicting provisions.

Representative Pierre 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, Cormier,

Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Moore, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 145 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 145 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Moore, and Pierre voted yea.

Chris Groh, no information provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No.145.

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. 167 by Senator Abraham**

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 167, which provides relative to design-build.

Derrell Cohoon, AGC, 714 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA, no zip code provided, (225) 221-9233, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 167.

Ken Naquin, LAbrc, 666 N. St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 939-1629, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 167.

Representative Gadberry offered amendments originated in committee to:

- (1) Remove the provisions for use of design-build contracts by airport authorities.
- (2) Remove the provisions for design-build contracts and qualifications of design-builders components.

Representative Gadberry 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, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Moore, Charles Owen, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 167 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 167 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Horton, Moore, Charles Owen, and Pierre voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Resolution No. 177 by Representative DuBuisson**

On behalf of Representative DuBuisson, Representative Wright presented House Resolution No. 177, which requests Louisiana State Police to increase patrols on Interstate 10 between Slidell and New Orleans.

Lieutenant Bryan Lee, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4237, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 177.

Representative Wright offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Resolution No. 177. Without objection, action on House Resolution No. 177 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Moore, Charles Owen, and Pierre voted yea.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Wright announced to the committee that there were no bills remaining to be heard but to stay tuned in case of any changes.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Moore, Charles Owen, and Pierre voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: