

## **House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure**

Minutes of Meeting  
2025 Regular Session  
May 27, 2025

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

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chair of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chair  
Representative Chad Brown  
Representative Josh Carlson  
Representative Emily Chenevert  
Representative Kathy Edmonston  
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.  
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso  
Representative Michael T. Johnson  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Michael Melerine  
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor  
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chair  
Representative John E. Wyble

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.  
Representative Lauren Ventrella  
Representative Mark Wright

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Allison Alonzo, attorney  
Jennifer Nguyen, attorney  
Andrea Jerezano, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms  
Amelia Carman, clerk  
Don-Trae' Davis, clerk  
Harry Mulcahy, clerk

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Bill No. 39 by Senator Morris**

Senator Morris presented Senate Bill No. 39, which provides for limitation of liability of public entities for false imprisonment of an offender sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

Alex Reinboth, 1885 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of the attorney general in support of Senate Bill No. 39.

Phyllis Glazer, 1885 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of the attorney general in support of Senate Bill No. 39.

Jonathan Vining, Executive Counsel - Department of Correction, 504 Mayflower, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 39.

Kara Crutcher, Promise of Justice Initiative, 1024 Elysian Fields Ave., New Orleans, LA 70116, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 39.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 39 favorably, to which Representative Larvadain objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 39 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Larvadain and Taylor voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follow: 2 in support and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 39.

**House Bill No. 197 by Representative Mike Johnson**

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 197, which expands application of medical malpractice to include physical therapist assistants and occupational therapist assistants. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 197 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Wheat**

Senator Wheat presented Senate Bill No. 20, a constitutional amendment to change the number of general bills a legislator may file during regular sessions that occur during odd-numbered years and for legislating with regard to dedication or rededication of funds.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to Senate Bill No. 20, which stated that the measure could not be accomplished statutorily and would, therefore, require a constitutional amendment. Without objection, the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to Senate Bill No. 20 was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Muscarello offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical corrections to the ballot language.
- (2) Revise language that provides for the election date.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 20 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 20 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follow: 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 300 by Representative Mack**

Representative Mack presented House Bill No. 300, a constitutional amendment which increases the income threshold for purposes of qualifying for the special assessment level.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 300, which stated that the measure could not be accomplished statutorily and would, therefore, require a constitutional amendment. Without objection, the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 300 was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report House Bill No. 300 without amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 300 was reported without amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.  
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