

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
April 28, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair
Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Kim Carver
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Jessica Domangue
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Troy Jude Hebert
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Alonzo L. Knox
Representative Jacob Jules Landry
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin
Representative Shaun Raphael Mena
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Neil Riser
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Polly Thomas, vice chair

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Vigrass, legislative analyst
Benjamin McArthur, attorney
Sharell Steven, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms
Nevonda Reed, division director
Randall Ike, committee clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 290 by Representative Freeman**

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 290, which establishes requirements for notifications on social media. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 290 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Renzo Soto, TechNet, no witness card provided, provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to invoke the three-minute rule to limit testimony. Which Representative Davis objected. After further discussion, Representative Davis withdrew her motion. Without further objection, the three-minute rule was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 125 by Representative Horton

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 125, which provides for the protection, storage, and access of genomic information. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 125 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 152 by Representative Marcelle

Representative Marcelle presented House Bill No. 152, which provides relative to private security examiners.

Carl Saizan, Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners (LSBPSE), 15703 Old Hammond Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, spoke for information only on House Bill. No. 152.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 152 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 152 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 430 by Representative Carver

Representative Carver presented House Bill No. 430, which creates the Louisiana Lawyer Advertising and Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Representative Carver offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Carver offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Michelle Ghetti, 200 Carolyn Dr., Lafayette, LA 70508, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 430.

Tim Temple, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 430.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to report House Bill No. 430 by substitute, to which Representative Boyd objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 430 was reported by substitute by a vote of 10 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, McCormick, McMakin, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Green, Jordan, Knox, Mena, and Newell voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support, 1 in opposition, and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 453 by Representative Freeman

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 453, which provides relative to standards when constructing a residential roof. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 453 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Jordan, Knox, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 157 by Representative Muscarello

Representative Thomas in the chair.

Representative Muscarello presented House Bill No. 157, which provides relative to fees for private contract security companies.

Carl Saizan, Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners (LSBPSE), 15703 Old Hammond Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, spoke for information only on House Bill. No. 157.

Logan Berthelot, LSBPSE, 15703 Old Hammond Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, spoke for information only on House Bill. No. 157.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 157 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 157 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Boyd, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas 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.

Representative Deshotel in the chair.

House Bill No. 507 by Representative Emerson

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 507, which establishes the High Impact Job Program within Louisiana Economic Development and provides for administration of the program.

Representative Deshotel offered technical amendments. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Susan Bourgeois, Louisiana Economic Development (LED), 617 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 507.

Ileana Ledet, LED, 617 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 507.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to:

- (1) Clarify the definition of "wages".
- (2) Add that the 8% reimbursable grant for distressed areas is contained at less than 125% of the parish average wage.

- (3) Clarify that the requirements are the minimum requirements for approval by the secretary.
- (4) Clarify that a company may be eligible for participation in the program if it pays wages on new jobs created equal to or greater than 110% of the parish average in a distressed area or 125% if located outside of a distressed area.
- (5) Change "employs" to "retains" in regards to highly skilled workers with advanced degrees.
- (6) Remove construction companies as ineligible from the program.
- (7) Add that a company does not qualify if it is participating in a current Quality Job contract.
- (8) Add that the franchise tax shall also be included in the collected value.
- (9) Clarify that the amount to be put towards the fund shall be calculated on the total amount of corporate and franchise taxes collected.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yeas.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 507 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 507 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 14 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 570 by Representative Carver

Representative Carver presented House Bill No. 570, which provides relative to minors use of applications.

Sander McComiskey, Legislative Youth Advisory Council, 52 Oaklawn Dr., Covington, LA 70433, spoke in support of House Bill No. 570.

Nicole Lopez, Meta, 1 Hacker WY., Menlo Park, CA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 570.

Tom Mann, Computer and Communications Industry Association, no address provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 570.

John Tamny, Parkview Institute, 4811 Fort Sumner Dr., Bethesda, MD, 20816, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 20816.

David McGarry, Taxpayers Protection Alliance, 6119 Castletown WY., Alexandria, VA 22310, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 570.

Kathleen Benfield, Louisiana Family Forum, 655 St. Ferdinand St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Carver offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 570. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 570 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support, 3 in opposition, and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 570.

Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 570 on May 5, 2025. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 570.

House Bill No. 618 by Representative Fontenot

On behalf of Representative Fontenot, Bryan Adams, no witness card provided, presented House Bill No. 618, which provides relative to regulation of conveyance devices.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to change references from life safety system and equipment to conveyance devices. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Randy Haynie, Louisiana Elevator Industry, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 618.

Kevin Sullivan, Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund, 7 Village Green, Norkfolk, MA 02056, spoke in support of House Bill No. 618.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 618 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 618 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 494 by Representative Domangue

Representative Domangue presented House Bill No. 494, which provides for common carriers of petroleum pipelines and provided a handouts, Exhibits C-I, which are included in the committee records.

Representative Domangue offered amendments to:

- (1) Amend the definition of "pipe line" to clarify that it does not include pipes designed and used solely within a terminal facility for terminalling services and associated services, tanks designed and used for terminalling services, and truck unloading facilities.
- (2) Specify that the Public Service Commission's power to establish rates and regulations for petroleum transportation by common carriers excludes pipes designed and used solely within a terminalling facility for terminalling services and associated services, tanks designed and used for terminalling services, and truck unloading facilities.

Brandon Frey, Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC), P.O. Box 9114, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 494.

Representative Domangue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Christopher Capsimalis, no witness card provided, spoke in support of House Bill no. 494.

Jamie Watts, Rosefield Fourchon Operating Incorporation, 1800 City Farm Dr., Bldg. 6, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in support of House Bill No. 494.

David Dismukes, International Liquid Terminals Association, 5800 One Perkins Place Dr., Ste. 5-F, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 494.

Matthew Simone, Cantium LLC, 701 Poydras Ave., Ste. 5000, New Orleans, LA 70139, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 494.

Ken Beer, Cantium LLC, 111 Park Pl., Covington, LA 70433, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 494.

Please note the specific time stamp of 1:47 p.m. for the remainder of this meeting. Audio is available in committee software.

Representative Domangue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 494 with amendments, to which Representative Jordan objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 494 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Green, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Mena, and Newell voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support, 1 in opposition, 1 in for information only, and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 263 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 263, which provides relative to disclosure of financial records available to the governor's office of elderly affairs.

Amanda Smith, Government Office of Elderly Affairs, 602 N. 5th St., Ste. 435, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 263.

Representative Davis offered amendments to remove proposed law that included the language notwithstanding, any provisions of the law to the contrary in regard to the adult protection agency having access to any records or documents, to perform the agencies duties. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Green offered a motion to report House Bill No. 263 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 263 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 263.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Daryl Andrew Deshotel
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: