

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
May 19, 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 Kim Carver
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III
Representative Jessica Domangue
Representative Troy Jude Hebert
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:

Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Edmond Jordan

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Randall Ike, committee clerk
Nevonda Reed, division director
Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms
Shirlena Ruffin, sergeant at arms
Johnae Conner, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 79 by Senator Bass**

Senator Bass presented Senate Bill No. 79, which provides relative to requirements of industrial areas.

Susan Bourgeois, Louisiana Economic Development (LED), 617 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 79.

Representative St. Blanc offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 79 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 79 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 122 by Senator Abraham

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 122, which provides relative to the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.

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 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Brad Hassert, Louisiana Licensing Board for Contractors, no address provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 122.

Representative Domangue offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 122 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 122 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 228 by Senator Abraham

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 228, which provides relative to the Uniform Construction Code Council.

Brad Hassert, Louisiana Licensing Board for Contractors, no address provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 228.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 228 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 228 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 386 by Representative Crews

This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 386 from May 6, 2025. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 386.

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 386, which establishes gold and silver as currency.

Representative Mena offered amendments on May 6, 2025, to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Add that nothing in proposed law shall prevent a depositor from using his deposited currency, specie, or bullion as collateral for a loan.

Representative Jacob Landry offered a motion to reconsider the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were reconsidered by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Jacob Landry offered a motion to withdraw the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were withdrawn by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Mena offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Mena 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, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Michelle Jeansonne, Office of Financial Institution (OFI), 8660 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 386.

Eb Hoehl, 407 Robinhood Cir., Lafayette, LA 70508, spoke in support of House Bill No. 386.

Joe Gendron, Louisiana Bankers Association (LBA), 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 386.

David Boneno, LBA, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 386.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 386 by substitute, to which Representative Riser objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 386 was reported by substitute by a vote of 7 yeas, 6 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Cox, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, and Newell voted yea. Representatives Carver, Domangue, Hebert, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted nay. Representative Deshotel abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email.

Representative Thomas in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 92 by Senator Foil

On behalf of Senator Foil, Representative Deshotel presented Senate Bill No. 92, which provides relative to the disclosure of financial records.

Stephen Street, Office of State Inspector General, 602 N. 5th St., Ste. 621, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 92.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 92 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 92 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, and Thomas voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Newell offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Daryl Andrew Deshotel
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: