

House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
May 27, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:36 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 Jessica Domangue
Representative Troy Jude Hebert
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Alonzo L. Knox
Representative Jacob Jules Landry
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 Paula P. Davis
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Danny McCormick

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms
Nevonda Reed, division director
Randall Ike, committee clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 161 by Senator Mizell**

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 161, which provides relative to Louisiana Economic Development.

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 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Riser, 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 Senate Bill No. 161.

Representative Newell offered amendments to:

- (1) Add that the department may create a single purpose entity that shall have the authority to act on behalf of the department for the limited purposes listed in proposed law.
- (2) Add that any lease, sublease, or sale of property listed in this proposed law has to first be approved by the commissioner of administration. Add that after the lease, sublease, or sale of property has been initiated, the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget shall have oversight on the purchase process.
- (3) Amend shall to may when referencing the quarterly meetings of the La. Economic Development Partnership.

Anne Villa, LED, 617 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 161.

Representative Newell offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Domangue, Hebert, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments that originated in committee to add two members to the La. Board of International Commerce that shall represent the state's airports. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 161 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 161 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 221 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 221, which provides relative to massage therapy.

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 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 221 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 221 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21, which establishes the Louisiana-Ireland Trade Commission.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas 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.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 53 by Representative Carver

Representative Carver presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 53, which creates a Senior Task Force on Fraud Prevention.

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 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

LaTonya Scott, AARP, 301 Main St., Ste. 1012, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 53.

Representative Carver offered amendments to provide that copies of the task force report shall be issued to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. Representative Carver offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 53 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 53 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 69 by Representative Carver

Representative Carver presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 69, which creates a task force to study the merger of the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission and the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission.

Representative Carver offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove the executive directors of the commissions from the membership of the task force and instead have them provide information to the task force.
- (2) Add three commissioners from each commission on the task force chosen by the governor.

Representative Carver offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Lessie House, Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, 3017 Kingman St., Metairie, LA 70006, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 69.

Representative Hebert offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 69 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 69 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Knox offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Daryl Andrew Deshotel
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: