House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting 2025 Regular Session June 2, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:34 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 Paula P. Davis

Representative Jessica Domangue

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:

Representative Delisha Boyd Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.

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. 175 by Senator Womack

Senator Womack presented Senate Bill No. 175, which provides relative to the State Plumbing Board.

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, Davis, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Trey Blackall, Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Louisiana (PHCC), 1112 Mile Branch Ct., Covington, LA 70433, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 175.

Crystal Carter, PHCC, 620 Florida St., Ste. 210, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 175.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 175 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 175 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Davis, Hebert, 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 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 37 by Senator Hensgens

Senator Hensgens presented Senate Bill No. 37, which provides for the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission.

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, Carver, Cox, Davis, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Skip Philips, The Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission (LUMVC), 450 Laurel St., Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 37.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Restore present law regarding the chairman of the commission and appointment of commissioners from eight commission districts.
- (3) Remove proposed law regarding the commissioners being appointed from the six congressional districts.
- (4) Amend the language that outlines the dispute resolution panel.
- (5) Move the language regarding judicial review pursuant to the APA.
- (6) Clarify that members of the dispute resolution panel shall be entitled to compensation in lieu of per diem paid to members of the commission.
- (7) Change the determiner of compensation for the dispute resolution panel from the attorney general to the commission.
- (8) Clarify the minimum pay for the members of the dispute resolution panel.

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, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Jacob Landry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 37 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 37 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 30 by Senator McMath

On behalf of Senator McMath, Representative Carver presented Senate Bill No. 30, which provides relative to recreational vehicles.

Russ Rudolph, Louisiana Recreational Vehicle Dealers Association, 407 St. Tammany, Madisonville, LA 70447, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 30.

Amy Casey, Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission (LMVC), 3017 Kingman St., Metairie, LA 70006, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 30.

Representative Carver offered amendments to provide for the applicability of proposed law. Representative Carver 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, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Jordan, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Erin Bendily, Pelican Institute for Public Policy, 400 Poydras, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 30.

Lessie House, LMVC, Kingman St., Metairie, LA 70006, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 30.

Representative Riser offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 30 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 30 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jacob Landry, McCormick, 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 and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

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 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Daryl Andrew Deshotel House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: