

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
March 30, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chair of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chair
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Ed Larvadain, III, vice chair
Representative Michael Melerine

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor
Representative Mark Wright

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allison Alonzo, attorney
Jennifer Nguyen, attorney
Andrea Jerezano, committee administrative assistant
Rashida Keith, division director

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Anna Kate Jackson, clerk
Amelia Carman, clerk
Cherly Domino, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 718 by Representative Bourriaque

Representative Bourriaque presented House Bill No. 718, which provides a limitation of liability to a landowner who authorizes the free use of his private property for aeronautical activities at nonpublic use airports.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 718 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 718 was reported favorably by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 134 by Representative Schlegel

Representative Schlegel presented House Bill No. 134, which provides relative to material harmful to minors.

On behalf of the author, Representative Muscarello offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Specify that an interactive computer service is prohibited from delivering to a minor account any material harmful to minors created by the interactive computer service.
- (3) Remove the restrictions on the algorithm used by an interactive computer service.
- (4) Remove the penalty provisions which would have allowed an interactive computer service to cure a violation of proposed law.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report House Bill No. 134 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 134 was reported with amendments by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

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

House Bill No. 410 by Representative Schlegel

Representative Schlegel presented House Bill No. 410, which requires consent of all parties to record in-person communication.

On behalf of the author, Representative Muscarello offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Remove language relative to consent to provide that a person only needs to be notified that a direct conversation is being recorded or transcribed.
- (3) Remove language regarding a reasonable person distinguishing between being overheard and being recorded.
- (4) Provide that a person who engages in a direct conversation has a reasonable expectation that the conversation is not being recorded or transcribed unless specific notification is given.
- (5) Define "first responder activity".
- (6) Remove "sporting events" from the definition of "public or semi-public meetings".
- (7) Specify that all participants in a direct conversation are to be specifically notified if the conversation is being recorded.
- (8) Provide that first responder activity is an exception to the notification requirement of proposed law.
- (9) Add exceptions for recordings or transcriptions of a direct conversation made for the purpose of preserving evidence related to an actual or anticipated civil or administrative proceeding, a criminal act or proceeding, or recordings or transcriptions of a direct conversation made by a participant in his own residence.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Vincent Saffiotti, 10744 Linkwood Ct., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 410.

John Niquiporo, 39389 Oceanview Ave., Prairieville, LA 70769, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 410.

Sarah Dyson, 35936 Cane Market Rd., Denham Springs, LA 70706, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 410.

Derek Babcock, 13600 Quail Run Ave., Denham Springs, LA 70726, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 410.

Chris Alexander, Louisiana Citizen Advocacy Group, 1380 Steele Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 410.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report House Bill No. 410 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 410 was reported with amendments by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 410.

House Bill No. 318 by Representative Chassion

Representative Chassion presented House Bill No. 318, which provides relative to the presumption of parentage.

On behalf of the author, Representative Muscarello offered an amendment to change the timeline for the presumption of paternity to one hundred fifty days after termination of the marriage. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Chenevert, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Vincent Saffiotti, 10744 Linkwood Ct., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 318.

Professor Andrea Carroll, Louisiana State Law Institute, 1 East Campus Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70803, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 318.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 318. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 318 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 19 by Representative Chassion

Representative Chassion presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 19, which directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the presumption of parentage.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 19 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 19 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

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

House Bill No. 970 by Representative Mena

Representative Mena presented House Bill No. 970, which establishes a procedure for resolving competing custody orders.

Matthew Willard, New Orleans City Hall, 1300 Perdido St., New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke in support of House Bill No. 970.

Judge Jefferson Oglesbee, Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 970.

Glenn Ansardi, Louisiana District Judges Association, 400 Royal St., New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 970.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 970. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 970 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Larvadain voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

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.

House Bill No. 163 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 163, which provides a limitation of liability for owners of property used for recreational aviation activities.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 163 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 163 was reported favorably by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, and Mike Johnson voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

House Bill No. 170 by Representative Riser

Representative Riser presented House Bill No. 170, which provides relative to construction contracts.

On behalf of the author, Representative Muscarello offered an amendment to expand the exceptions to the definition of "construction contract" to include any design, construction, alteration, renovation, repair, or maintenance of upstream, midstream, or downstream oil, gas, chemical, petrochemical, or fuel manufacturing facilities or infrastructure, including refineries, processing plants, chemical or petrochemical manufacturing facilities, terminals, or associated appurtenant structures and facilities. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, and Larvadain voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Dale Clary, AIA Louisiana, 18688 Manchac Highlands, Prairieville, LA 70769, spoke in support of House Bill No. 170.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report House Bill No. 170 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 170 was reported with amendments by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, and Larvadain voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

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. 194 by Representative Riser

Representative Riser presented House Bill No. 194, which provides relative to preemptive periods.

Dale Clary, AIA Louisiana, 18688 Manchac Highlands, Prairieville, LA 70769, spoke in support of House Bill No. 194.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report House Bill No. 194 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 194 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Larvadain voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

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. 254 by Representative Riser

Representative Riser presented House Bill No. 254, which provides relative to acts of donation of motor vehicles.

Representative Muscarello offered an amendment to expand the exceptions in proposed law of who can receive a donated motor vehicle to include post-secondary institutions of higher education. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Larvadain voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report House Bill No. 254 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 254 was reported with amendments by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Larvadain voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Vice Chair Larvadain in the chair.

House Bill No. 485 by Representative Amedee

Representative Amedee presented House Bill No. 485, a constitutional amendment which provides relative to parental rights.

On behalf of the author, Representative Mike Johnson offered an amendment to remove the reference to custody from fundamental parental rights. Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Larvadain voted yea.

Jill Hines, Health Freedom Louisiana, 3301 17th St., Metairie, LA 70010, spoke in support of House Bill No. 485.

Dale Clary, AIA Louisiana, 18688 Manchac Highlands, Prairieville, LA 70769, spoke in support of House Bill No. 485.

Angela Adkins, 10,000 Women Louisiana, 14620 Richardson Dr., Greenwell Springs, LA 70739, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 485.

Julie Schwam Harris, 1208 Pine St., New Orleans, LA 70118, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 485.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 485. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 485 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 485.

Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 485 at a meeting held on April 7, 2026. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 485.

Speaker Pro Tem Johnson in the chair.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 by Representative Knox

On behalf of Representative Knox, Representative Larvadain presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, which authorizes the Louisiana State Law Institute to study intestate succession proceedings.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, and Melerine 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.

Vice Chair Larvadain in the chair.

House Bill No. 154 by Representative McMakin

On behalf of Representative McMakin, Representative Glorioso presented House Bill No. 154, which provides relative to paternity and the collection of child support.

Professor Andrea Carroll, Louisiana State Law Institute, 1 East Campus Dr., Room W127, LSU Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 154.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report House Bill No. 154 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 154 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, and Melerine 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.

House Bill No. 81 by Representative Boyer

Representative Boyer presented House Bill No. 81, which provides relative to branches or roots of trees, bushes, or plants on neighboring property.

On behalf of the author, Representative Mike Johnson offered amendments to:

- (1) Permit only a licenced arborist with general liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance to perform the trimming of the branches or roots.
- (2) Add to the required information in a written notification to include the name and credentials of the licensed arborist and the proposed date of the removal.
- (3) Make technical changes.

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report House Bill No. 81 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 81 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 473 by Representative Green

Representative Green presented House Bill No. 473, which provides relative to custody and child support.

Representative Glorioso offered amendments to remove the reference to underemployment and unemployment for the purposes of child support from the bill. Representative Glorioso offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea.

Representative Melerine offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 473. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 473 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Further action was taken by the committee at a meeting held on April 13, 2026. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 473.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure