

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 5, 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 10:12 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 Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Ed Larvadain, III, vice chair
Representative Michael Melerine
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kathy Edmonston

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allison Alonzo, attorney
Jennifer Nguyen, attorney
Andrea Jerezano, committee administrative assistant
Rashida Keith, sergeant at arms

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Amelia Carman, clerk
Riley Fitzmorris, clerk
Cherly Domino, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 165 by Representative Hebert

Representative Hebert presented House Bill No. 165, a constitutional amendment which provides relative to lottery proceeds benefitting veterans.

Representative Muscarello offered an amendment to revise the ballot language. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 165, which stated that the matter could not be accomplished statutorily and would, therefore, require a constitutional amendment. Without objection, the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 165 was adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report House Bill No. 165 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 165 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 185 by Senator Pressly

Senator Pressly presented Senate Bill No. 185, which provides that nondisclosure agreements involving victims of child sexual abuse are against public policy and unenforceable.

Elizabeth Phillips, No More Victims, 3800 Shenandoah St., Dallas, TX 75205, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 185.

Jillian Edwards Coburn, 1388 Hwy 349, Arnaudville, LA 70512, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 185.

Representative Taylor offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 185 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 185 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 185.

Senate Bill No. 77 by Senator Miller

Senator Miller presented Senate Bill No. 77, which provides for effects of leases of movable property.

Professor Melissa T. Lonegrass, Louisiana State Law Institute, Room W127, LSU Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 77.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 77 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 77 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor 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.

Senate Bill No. 140 by Senator Miller

Senator Miller presented Senate Bill No. 140, which provides for multiple successions in the same proceeding.

Representative Taylor offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 140 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 140 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

House Bill No. 603 by Representative Wright

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 603, a constitutional amendment which authorizes the investment of state funds in digital assets and precious metals.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 603, which stated that the matter could not be accomplished statutorily and would, therefore, require a constitutional amendment. Without objection, the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 603 was adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report House Bill No. 603 without amendments, to which Representative Wilford Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 603 was reported without amendments by a vote of 5 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Chenevert, Glorioso, and Melerine voted yea. Representatives Wilford Carter, Larvadain, and Taylor voted nay.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 603.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
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