

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 11, 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 Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Michael Melerine
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Josh Carlson
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Ed Larvadain, III, vice chair

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 466 by Senator Seabaugh

Senator Seabaugh presented Senate Bill No. 466, which provides relative to expropriation by foreign entities.

Representative Melerine offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 466 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 466 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Melerine 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 Bill No. 986 by Representative Kerner

Representative Kerner presented House Bill No. 986, which requires child support payments by persons convicted of vehicular homicide.

Representative Melerine offered a motion to report House Bill No. 986 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 986 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Melerine voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 123 by Senator Morris

On behalf of Senator Morris, Representative Glorioso presented Senate Bill No. 123, a constitutional amendment to require the governor to certify a legislative address removing certain judges for cause.

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 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Melerine voted yea.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to Senate Bill No. 123, 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 Senate Bill No. 123 was adopted by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Melerine voted yea.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 123 with amendments, to which Representative Wilford Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 123 was reported with amendments by a vote of 5 yeas and 1 nay. Representatives

Muscarello, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Melerine voted yea. Representative Wilford Carter 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.

Senate Bill No. 97 by Senator Morris

On behalf of Senator Morris, Representative Glorioso presented Senate Bill No. 97, a constitutional amendment to require the prosecutor's consent for a defendant to waive his right to a trial by jury.

Representative Muscarello offered an amendment to change the ballot language. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Melerine voted yea.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to Senate Bill No. 97, 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 Senate Bill No. 97 was adopted by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Melerine voted yea.

Chris Alexander, Louisiana Citizen Advocacy Group, P.O. Box 64952, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 97.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 97 with amendments, to which Representative Wilford Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 97 was reported with amendments by a vote of 5 yeas and 1 nay. Representatives Muscarello, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Melerine voted yea. Representative Wilford Carter voted nay.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 97.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35 by Senator Foil

On behalf of Senator Foil, David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35, which urges and requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the use of remote online notarization for executing certain authentic acts.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Melerine 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.

The committee stood at ease at 10:28 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

House Bill No. 1098 by Representative McFarland

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 1098, which provides with respect to a limitation of liability for aerospace entities.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1098 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1098 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, and Melerine voted yea.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 1098.

The committee stood at ease at 10:34 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:39 a.m.

House Bill No. 375 by Representative Freeman

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 375, which establishes a limitation of liability relative to regional transit operations. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 375 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
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