

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE REPORT

**House of Representatives
Subcommittee on Oversight of the
House Committee on Commerce
May 8, 2002**

Calcasieu River WaterwayC River Port Pilots
(LAC 46:LXXVI.Chapter 6)

Pursuant to the authority of R.S. 49:968, the Subcommittee on Oversight of the House Committee on Commerce conducted a public hearing on May 7, 2002 to review proposed Chapter 6 of Part LXXVI by the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners and Examiners, Calcasieu River Waterway, relative to the regulation of river pilots operating on the Calcasieu River. The rules were proposed by the board in a notice of intent published on February 20, 2002, and the summary report of public testimony was received by the subcommittee on April 12, 2002. The subcommittee received testimony from board members, river

pilots, industry representatives, concerned citizens, and others regarding the rules.

The members of the subcommittee expressed concerns as to the necessity and timing of promulgation of the rules and the potential liability of the State of Louisiana if certain provisions of the proposed rules were adopted. Certain opponents of the rules agreed that limited regulation is necessary but that the proposed rules are unduly burdensome for river pilots. thus, the subcommittee proposed that certain problematic sections be removed from the rules, and then by a unanimous vote, the subcommittee severed and found unacceptable the following Sections and Subsections of the proposed rule: 603.L, 607, 609, 613.A, 613.E, 617.D, 619.G, and 621.B. By a separate vote of 8 to 6, the subcommittee approved the remainder of the proposed rules.

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Chairman

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