



LOUISIANA MOTOR
TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

2026

LEGISLATIVE LOGBOOK

Leg·is·la·tive log·book
/leje slādiv lôg book/

(Noun) A trucking logbook is a record of the hours a truck driver works. This log tracks the time a driver spends on duty, off duty, driving or resting. Like a driver's logbook, LMTA's Legislative Logbook looks at our state's legislators and how they supported this year's trucking and business legislation.

THE GOWN IS TATTERED:

LOUISIANA'S TRUCKING INDUSTRY IS ON LIFE SUPPORT

FROM LMTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - RENEE AMAR

As I look across the landscape of our industry today, I don't see the vibrant, humming engine of Louisiana's economy. I see a patient on a gurney, the heart monitor flatlining while those sworn to protect it argue over who gets to keep the equipment. Our truckers — the backbone of every small business and every household in this state — are withering away, and those in charge are too busy checking their reelection polls to notice the internal bleeding.

We are witnessing the slow, agonizing death of the small-business trucker, suffocated by a system built on unadulterated greed. The room is crowded with people claiming to "help," but their hands are deep in the pockets of an industry already gasping for air. We see clinics and doctors across our state who have traded their Hippocratic oath for a ledger, overtreating and performing unnecessary surgeries, all to squeeze every possible dime out of an insurance policy. It is a predatory cycle that treats human beings like line items.

Towering over this crisis are the vulture billboard lawyers, the architects of a "jackpot justice" culture that has turned our highways into hunting grounds. Their faces are plastered across every mile of interstate, screaming "quick check, sue for a wreck" to anyone who will listen. They are professional scavengers who suck every industry dry until there's nothing left to bleed. Yesterday, they came for oil and gas; today, they have their sights set on trucking. If they are allowed to finish off the men and women behind the wheel, we have to ask: Who is their target tomorrow? No industry is safe from a business model built on destruction.

This system is designed to ensure that while everyone else gets paid, the actual worker is left with nothing. First, there is the insurance drain — where every inflated settlement and unnecessary surgery comes back around as astronomical premiums that act like a slowacting poison, making it impossible for a small fleet to stay on the road. Then, there is the vanishing payout; by the time the lawyers take their 40 percent and the third-party funders take their high-interest cut, the "injured person" walks away with a pittance while the middlemen get fat. Finally, we see our drivers dying on the vine, working harder than ever just to pay for the "privilege" of being targeted by this litigation machine.

The diagnosis is clear. We must decide if we want a cure or a coroner. Our politicians offer us thoughts and prayers while they court the very interests that keep this life-support machine unplugged. They care about the optics of the next campaign cycle, not the reality of the empty seats at the dinner tables of our drivers. We are past the point of "monitoring the situation." Without immediate, radical intervention to stop the bleeding, the heart of Louisiana trucking will stop beating entirely.

The patient is crashing. It's time to decide if we're going to save the life of this industry or just wait for the funeral.





2026 *Legislative Session*

FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** RENEE AMAR

LMTA's 2026 Voting Record reflects another session in which the most consequential reforms for Louisiana's trucking industry never reached the point of forcing difficult decisions. In the previous two years, lawmakers at least advanced several controversial measures far enough to require tough votes. This year, the Senate did not. A few members of the House tried.

The results show up clearly in both the scores and the number of bills: when many legislators post perfect or near-perfect marks, it often means the bills that reached the floor were the least controversial—the 100-0 votes that carried little political risk and, at times, produced limited change for motor carriers. Likewise, the small number of scored bills in each chamber underscores how few meaningful or contentious measures ever made it to a vote.

These scores measure only how lawmakers voted on the bills that actually came before them. They do not reflect the proposals that never received a hearing or quietly stalled. Most of the reforms that would have made a real difference—medical-expense limits, damage caps, expert-witness transparency, litigation-financing rules, and CARE accounts—never advanced far enough to reveal true priorities.

Louisiana's justice system remains unbalanced, even in years when tough votes are avoided. More businesses may be recruited to the state, but they will eventually face the same litigation environment that every trucker and small business owner confronts today. At some point, the system must be brought into balance for the sake of fairness and stability.

We present this record with clear eyes. **The patient is still crashing.** The only path to recovery is the hard work of advancing real reform—and the hard votes required to make it happen.





VOTING RECORD

LEGISLATIVE VOTING RECORD ON TRUCKING-RELATED ISSUES

BILL LIST & DESCRIPTIONS

Votes are formatted as (yay - nays - absent).

- 1. HB 185** by Rep Melerine: Changes the definition of **independent contractors** for workers' compensation, extending coverage to certain manual labor contractors and their employees. **"Yes" vote is with LMTA. Became ACT 133.**
 - House Floor Vote Passed: 70 - 28 - 7
 - Senate Floor Vote Passed: 27 - 10 - 2
- 2. HB 380** by Rep Travis Johnson: Authorizes a pilot program through LCTCS and local school systems to promote **CDL training** and transportation careers. **"Yes" vote is with LMTA. Became Act 547.**
 - House Floor Vote Passed: 98 - 0 - 7
 - Senate Floor Vote Passed: 36 - 0 - 3
- 3. HB 437** by Rep Michael Melerine: Would have prohibited outcome-based pay for expert witnesses and required courts to evaluate expert reliability before testimony. **"Yes" vote is with LMTA. Deferred in Senate Judiciary A Committee.**
 - House Floor Vote Passed: 77 - 18 - 10
- 4. HB 456** by Rep Emily Chenevert: Restores employers' ability to use court procedures and discovery tools to investigate **workers' compensation** claims. **"Yes" vote is with LMTA. Became Act 648.**
 - House Floor Vote Passed: 67 - 30 - 8
 - Senate Floor Vote Passed: 20 - 17 - 2
- 5. HB 746** by Rep Chuck Owen: Creates a one-year **moratorium** on new local overweight and overheight permit requirements while the issue is studied. **"Yes" vote is with LMTA. Became Act 566.**
 - House Floor Vote Passed: 102 - 0 - 3
 - Senate Floor Vote Passed: 36 - 0 - 3
- 6. HB 804** by Rep Brett Geymann: Limits certain climate change-related lawsuits against Louisiana businesses. **"Yes" vote is with LMTA. Became ACT 843.**
 - House Floor Vote Passed: 83 - 17 - 5
 - Senate Floor Vote Passed: 31 - 3 - 5
- 7. HB 1089** by Rep Dennis Bamburg, CARE Account: Creates court-ordered accounts to hold future medical damage awards, with funds restricted to medical expenses. **"Yes" vote is with LMTA. Deferred in Senate Judiciary A Committee.**
 - House Floor Vote Passed: 67 - 29 - 9

SESSION SUPPORTERS

Road War·ri·ors /rōd 'wôrēers/

(Noun) *A brave soldier or fighter for the trucking industry.*

Starting in 2024, each year the LMTA names one legislator from the Louisiana House of Representatives and Louisiana State Senate, who embodies the definition of this award. These legislators are selected from the “Big Rigs” legislative group, holding the highest score for voting with the LMTA position but also serving as our biggest champions and leaders.



Rep Kellee Dickerson

R - District 64



Sen Beth Mizell

R - District 12

Rep Dickerson and Sen Mizell are receiving Road Warrior awards for their bold leadership in filing legislation that directly confronts the most critical challenge facing Louisiana truckers — soaring insurance costs and lawsuit abuse. Their decisive action on these measures demonstrates a powerful commitment to protecting and strengthening our trucking industry.

ROAD WARRIORS

SESSION SUPPORTERS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Big Rigs /big rigs' /

(Noun) A big rig, also known as a semitrailer, is a large truck with an attached trailer that is used for hauling freight. These legislators hold a 100% voting record with the LMTA, hauling through this legislative session and pulling their weight in supporting the trucking industry.

Rep Beryl Amedéew

R - District 51

Rep Tony Bacala

R - District 59

Rep Larry Bagley

R - District 7

Rep Dennis Bramburg

R - District 5

Rep "Beau" Beaulieu

R - District 48

Rep Stephanie Berault

R - District 76

Rep Beth Anne Billings

R - District 56

Rep Doyle Boudreaux

R - District 39

Rep Ryan Bourriague

R - District 47

Rep Chad Michael

Boyer

R - District 46

Rep Jacob Braud

R - District 105

Rep Reese "Skip"

Broussard

R - District 37

Rep Rhonda Gaye

Butler

R - District 38

Rep Josh Carlson

R - District 43

Rep R. Dewith Carrier

R - District 32

Rep Kim Carver

R - District 89

Rep Emily Chenevert

R - District 66

Rep Vincent Cox, III

R - District 85

Rep Raymond Crews

R - District 8

Rep Daryl Andrew

Deshotel

R - District 28

Speaker Phillip

DeVillier

R - District 41

Rep Jason Brian

DeWitt

R - District 25

Rep Jessica Domangue

R - District 53

100%

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Rep Michael Echols

R - District 14

Rep Kathy Edmonston

R - District 88

Rep Peter Egan, Sr.

R - District 74

Rep Les Farnum

R - District 33

Rep "Gabe" Firment

R - District 22

Rep Bryan Fontenot

R - District 55

**Rep Barbara Reich
Freiberg**

R - District 70

**Rep Foy Bryan
Gadberry**

R - District 15

Rep "Jay" Gallé

R - District 104

Rep Brett Geymann

R - District 35

Rep Brian Glorioso

R - District 90

Rep Troy Hebert

R - District 31

Rep Chance Henry

R - District 42

Rep Stephanie Hilferty

R - District 94

Rep Dodie Horton

R - District 9

Rep John Illg, Jr.

R - District 78

Rep Mike Johnson

R - District 27

Rep Timothy Kerner

D - District 84

Rep Jacob Landry

R - District 49

Rep Shane Mack

R - District 95

Rep Danny McCormick

R - District 1

Rep Jack McFarland

R - District 13

Rep Wayne McMahan

R - District 10

Rep Dixon McMakin

R - District 68

Rep Michael Melerine

R - District 6

100%

SESSION SUPPORTERS

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Rep Joseph Orgeron
R - District 54

Rep Charles Owen
R - District 30

Rep Neil Riser
R - District 20

Rep Paul Sawyer
R - District 69

Rep Rodney Schamerhorn
R - District 24

Rep "Vinny" St. Blanc, III
R - District 50

Rep Phillip Tarver
R - District 36

Rep Polly Thomas
R - District 80

Rep Francis Thompson
R - District 19

Rep Christopher Turner
R - District 12

Rep "Jeff" Wiley
R - District 81

Rep Mark Wright
R - District 77

Rep John Wyble
R - District 75

Rep Jerome Zeringue
R - District 52

100%

SESSION SUPPORTERS

SENATE

Big Rigs /big rigs' /

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Sen Mark Abraham

R - District 25

Sen Adam Bass

R - District 36

Sen Stewart Cathey, Jr.

R - District 33

Sen Rick Edmonds

R - District 6

Sen Michael Fesi

R - District 20

Sen Bob Hensgens

R - District 26

Sen Valarie Hodges

R - District 13

Sen Caleb Kleinpeter

R - District 17

Sen Blake Miguez

R - District 22

Sen Brach Myers

R - District 23

Sen "Bob" Owen

R - District 23

Sen Thomas Pressly

R - District 38

Sen Mike Reese

R - District 30

Sen Alan Seabaugh

R - District 30

Sen Kirk Talbot

R - District 10

Sen Glen Womack

R - District 30

100%

SESSION SUPPORTERS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Long Haulers /lông 'hôlerz/

(Noun) Drivers who cover 250+ miles per trip, spending days or weeks away from home to keep freight moving. Likewise, these legislators go the distance for Louisiana's trucking industry—with 80%+ voting records, they're the steady force behind LMTA's biggest wins.

Rep Kimberly Landry Coates

R - District 73

Rep Nicholas Muscarello

R - District 86

Rep Laurie Schlegel

R - District 82

Rep Annie Spell

R - District 45

Rep Debbie Villio

R - District 79

Rep Roger William Wilder, III

R - District 71

+80%

SENATE

Sen Robert Allain

R - District 21

Sen Heather Cloud

R - District 28

President Cameron Henry

R - District 28

Sen Eddie Lambert

R - District 18

Sen Patrick McMath

R - District 11

Sen Gregory Miller

R - District 19

Sen "Jay" Morris

R - District 35

Sen Jeremy Stine

R - District 27

Sen "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

R - District 37

+80%



HOUSE

REPRESENTATIVES RANKED BY SCORE *Sorted by LMTA voting record score.*

REP	SCORE	REP	SCORE	REP	SCORE	REP	SCORE
Amedée (R)	100.00%	Farnum (R)	100.00%	St. Blanc (R)	100.00%	Mena (D)	57.14%
Bacala (R)	100.00%	Firment (R)	100.00%	Tarver (R)	100.00%	Stagni (R)	57.14%
Bagley (R)	100.00%	Fontenot (R)	100.00%	Thomas (R)	100.00%	Young (D)	57.14%
Bamburg (R)	100.00%	Freiberg (R)	100.00%	Thompson (R)	100.00%	Boyd (D)	42.86%
Beaullieu (R)	100.00%	Gadberry (R)	100.00%	Turner (R)	100.00%	Bryant (D)	42.86%
Berault (R)	100.00%	Gallé (R)	100.00%	Wiley (R)	100.00%	Carpenter (D)	42.86%
Billings (R)	100.00%	Geymann (R)	100.00%	Wright (R)	100.00%	Green (D)	42.86%
Boudreaux (R)	100.00%	Glorioso (R)	100.00%	Wyble (R)	100.00%	LaFleur (D)	42.86%
Bourriaque (R)	100.00%	Hebert (R)	100.00%	Zeringue (R)	100.00%	Landry, T (D)	42.86%
Boyer (R)	100.00%	Henry, C. (R)	100.00%	Coates (R)	85.71%	Lyons (D)	42.86%
Braud (R)	100.00%	Hilferty (R)	100.00%	Muscarello (R)	85.71%	Walters (D)	42.86%
Broussard (R)	100.00%	Horton (R)	100.00%	Schlegel (R)	85.71%	Carter, R (D)	28.57%
Butler (R)	100.00%	Illg (R)	100.00%	Spell (R)	85.71%	Carter, W (D)	28.57%
Carlson (R)	100.00%	Johnson, M (R)	100.00%	Villio (R)	85.71%	Freeman (D)	28.57%
Carrier (R)	100.00%	Kerner (R)	100.00%	Wilder (R)	85.71%	Jordan (D)	28.57%
Carver (R)	100.00%	Landry, J (R)	100.00%	Adams (D)	71.43%	Landry, M (D)	28.57%
Chenevert (R)	100.00%	Mack (R)	100.00%	Bayham (R)	71.43%	Larvadain (D)	28.57%
Cox (R)	100.00%	McCormick (R)	100.00%	Brass (D)	71.43%	Marcelle (D)	28.57%
Crews (R)	100.00%	McFarland (R)	100.00%	Fisher (D)	71.43%	Miller (D)	28.57%
Deshotel	100.00%	McMahen (R)	100.00%	Jackson (D)	71.43%	Moore (D)	28.57%
DeVillier (R)	100.00%	McMakin (R)	100.00%	Johnson, T (D)	71.43%	Murray (D)	28.57%
DeWitt (R)	100.00%	Melerine (R)	100.00%	Ventrella (R)	71.43%	Newell (D)	28.57%
Dickerson (R)	100.00%	Orgeron (R)	100.00%	Chassion (D)	57.14%	Phelps (D)	28.57%
Domangue (R)	100.00%	Owen (R)	100.00%	Henry, D. (D)	57.14%	Taylor (D)	28.57%
Echols (R)	100.00%	Riser (R)	100.00%	Knox (D)	57.14%		
Edmonston (R)	100.00%	Sawyer (R)	100.00%	LaCombe (R)	57.14%		
Egan (R)	100.00%	Schamerhorn (R)	100.00%	Martinez (D)	57.14%		



HOUSE

REPRESENTATIVES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER *Sorted by last name.*

REP	SCORE
Adams (D)	71.43%
Amedée (R)	100.00%
Bacala (R)	100.00%
Bagley (R)	100.00%
Bamburg (R)	100.00%
Bayham (R)	71.43%
Beaullieu (R)	100.00%
Berault (R)	100.00%
Billings (R)	100.00%
Boudreaux (R)	100.00%
Bourriaque (R)	100.00%
Boyd (D)	42.86%
Boyer (R)	100.00%
Brass (D)	71.43%
Braud (R)	100.00%
Broussard (R)	100.00%
Bryant (D)	42.86%
Butler (R)	100.00%
Carlson (R)	100.00%
Carpenter (D)	42.86%
Carrier (R)	100.00%
Carter, R (D)	28.57%
Carter, W (D)	28.57%
Carver (R)	100.00%
Chassion (D)	57.14%
Chenevert (R)	100.00%
Coates (R)	85.71%
Cox (R)	100.00%

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Crews (R)	100.00%
Deshotel (R)	100.00%
DeVillier (R)	100.00%
DeWitt (R)	100.00%
Dickerson (R)	100.00%
Domangue (R)	100.00%
Echols (R)	100.00%
Edmonston (R)	100.00%
Egan (R)	100.00%
Farnum (R)	100.00%
Firment (R)	100.00%
Fisher (D)	71.43%
Fontenot (R)	100.00%
Freeman (R)	28.57%
Freiberg (R)	100.00%
Gadberry (R)	100.00%
Gallé (R)	100.00%
Geymann (R)	100.00%
Glorioso (R)	100.00%
Green (D)	42.86%
Hebert (R)	100.00%
Henry, C. (R)	100.00%
Henry, D. (D)	57.14%
Hilferty (R)	100.00%
Horton (R)	100.00%
Illg (R)	100.00%
Jackson (D)	71.43%
Johnson, M (R)	100.00%

REP	SCORE
Johnson, T (D)	71.43%
Jordan (D)	28.57%
Kerner (R)	100.00%
Knox (D)	57.14%
LaCombe (R)	57.14%
LaFleur (D)	42.86%
Landry, J (R)	100.00%
Landry, M (D)	28.57%
Landry, T (D)	42.86%
Larvadain (D)	28.57%
Lyons (D)	42.86%
Mack (R)	100.00%
Marcelle (D)	28.57%
Martinez (D)	57.14%
McCormick (R)	100.00%
McFarland (R)	100.00%
McMahen (R)	100.00%
McMakin (R)	100.00%
Melerine (R)	100.00%
Mena (D)	57.14%
Miller (D)	28.57%
Moore (D)	28.57%
Murray (D)	28.57%
Muscarello (R)	85.71%
Newell (D)	28.57%
Orgeron (R)	100.00%
Owen (R)	100.00%
Phelps (D)	28.57%

REP	SCORE
Riser (R)	100.00%
Sawyer (R)	100.00%
Schamerhorn (R)	100.00%
Schlegel (R)	85.71%
Spell (R)	85.71%
St. Blanc (R)	100.00%
Stagni (R)	57.14%
Tarver (R)	100.00%
Taylor (D)	28.57%
Thomas (R)	100.00%
Thompson (R)	100.00%
Turner (R)	100.00%
Ventrella (R)	71.43%
Villio (R)	85.71%
Walters (D)	42.86%
Wilder (R)	85.71%
Wiley (R)	100.00%
Wright (R)	100.00%
Wyble (R)	100.00%
Young (D)	57.14%
Zeringue (R)	100.00%



SENATE

SENATORS RANKED BY SCORE

Sorted by LMTA voting record score.

SEN.	SCORE
Abraham (R)	100.00%
Bass (R)	100.00%
Cathey (R)	100.00%
Edmonds (R)	100.00%
Fesi (R)	100.00%
Hensgens (R)	100.00%
Hodges (R)	100.00%
Kleinpeter (R)	100.00%
Miguez (R)	100.00%
Mizell (R)	100.00%
Myers (R)	100.00%
Owen (R)	100.00%
Pressly (R)	100.00%
Reese (R)	100.00%
Seabaugh (R)	100.00%
Talbot (R)	100.00%
Womack (R)	100.00%
Allain (R)	80.00%
Cloud (R)	80.00%
Henry (R)	80.00%
Lambert (R)	80.00%

SEN.	SCORE
McMath (R)	80.00%
Miller (R)	80.00%
Morris (R)	80.00%
Stine (R)	80.00%
Wheat (R)	80.00%
Boudreaux (D)	60.00%
Connick (R)	60.00%
Duplessis (D)	60.00%
Foil (R)	60.00%
Jackson-Andrews (D)	60.00%
Jenkins (D)	60.00%
Price (D)	60.00%
Barrow (D)	40.00%
Barthelemy (D)	40.00%
Carter (D)	40.00%
Harris (D)	40.00%
Luneau (D)	40.00%
Selders (D)	*



SENATE

SENATORS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Sorted by last name.

SEN.	SCORE
Abraham (R)	100.00%
Allain (R)	80.00%
Barrow (D)	40.00%
Barthelemy (D)	40.00%
Bass (R)	100.00%
Boudreaux (D)	60.00%
Carter (D)	40.00%
Cathey (R)	100.00%
Cloud (R)	80.00%
Connick (R)	60.00%
Duplessis (D)	60.00%
Edmonds (R)	100.00%
Fesi (R)	100.00%
Foil (R)	60.00%
Harris (D)	40.00%
Henry (R)	80.00%
Hensgens (R)	100.00%
Hodges (R)	100.00%
Jackson-Andrews (D)	60.00%
Jenkins (D)	60.00%
Kleinpeter (R)	100.00%
Lambert (R)	80.00%

SEN.	SCORE
Luneau (D)	40.00%
McMath (R)	80.00%
Miguez (R)	100.00%
Miller (R)	80.00%
Mizell (R)	100.00%
Morris (R)	80.00%
Myers (R)	100.00%
Owen (R)	100.00%
Pressly (R)	100.00%
Price (D)	60.00%
Reese (R)	100.00%
Seabaugh (R)	100.00%
Selders (D)	*
Stine (R)	80.00%
Talbot (R)	100.00%
Wheat (R)	80.00%
Womack (R)	100.00%

FULL SCORECARD AVAILABLE

VIEW SCORECARD

