

Joint Interim Commission on 21st Century Firearm Laws
Organizational Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2017

Meeting was called to order by: Chairman Allen Farley

Time: 9:34 a.m.

Place: Room 200

Representative Allen Farley gave opening comments and requested the roll be called. All members were either present or accounted for.

Representative Farley recognized Speaker McCutcheon for opening remarks. Speaker McCutcheon thanked the task force for their service and outlined the directives given by HJR110.

Senator Holtzclaw nominated Senator Brewbaker and Representative Farley to be co chairmen. The nominations were closed and the nomination was approved unanimously.

Chairman Farley explained that due to the deadline spelled out in HJR110, the task force would be unable to meet their obligations in a timely manner. Therefore, Speaker McCutcheon was recognized for a motion on the Task Force on 21st Century Firearm Laws. (attachment #1). Representative Drummond seconded and Senator Holtzclaw asked that the motion be read. The motion was approved on voice vote with Mr. Art Thomm, Ms. Shanna Chamblee, and Mr. Barry Cleland opposing the motion.

Chairman Farley recognized the task force members for introductions.

Chairman Farley recognized Deputy Director of Legislative Services Agency John Treadwell for a presentation on the overview of firearm laws. (attachment#2)

Chairman Farley asked Mr. Treadwell for clarification on Alabama gun laws governing the use of long guns. Mr. Treadwell stated that if a person meets all the qualifications to carry a gun then they would not be in violation of the law by carrying a long gun in public. Mr. Art Thomm asked if Mr. Treadwell was aware of any documented cases supporting Chairman Farley's statements. Mr. Treadwell stated he was not aware.

Chairman Brewbaker asked if Mr. Treadwell could research how many Alabamians take advantage of the state's current gun permit system. Chairman Farley added if Mr. Treadwell could also research how many guns are sold in the state. Mr. Treadwell agreed to do the research.

Mr. Art Thomm stated that they (NRA-ILA) had submitted information on permit and permitless carry states to the legislature last session.

Senator Holtzclaw asked for clarification on the change from a task force to a commission. Mr. Treadwell stated it would provide the committee more time to complete its work but would research it further.

Senator Holtzclaw asked Chairman Farley about his plan to meet the directives set by HJR110. Chairman Farley stated that as the commission continues to meet they may divide into subcommittees to make sure the objectives are met and potentially develop legislation to present to the Alabama Legislature. Also, Senator Holtzclaw requested that Mr. Treadwell make his presentation available online. Mr. Treadwell agreed to the request.

Chairman Farley set the next meeting for Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 9:30 am in Room 200.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:38 a.m.

Senator Dick Brewbaker, Chairman

Representative Allen Farley, Chairman

Clerk: Natasha L. Nettles