

After reading the article in Saturday's paper concerning the **Crescent City Connection** toll panel I was a little confused. Let me see if I understand this.

First, our Legislature appoints a panel of people to do the job they should be doing. Second, these individuals are meeting biweekly and are not even sure what their authority is. Third, they prudently ask House Legislative Services to clarify their authority.

Fourth, Legislative Services quickly punts the ball to DOTD. Fifth, state transportation officials refer them to someone they introduce as a "senior attorney" who actually turned out to have forfeited his law license under threat of disbarment. Sixth, the state employee then tells them to "do whatever you want."

I commend Rep. **Patrick Connick**. I have no clue how he deals with things like this all day long.

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