

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
March 23, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. in Room 5, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Katrina R. Jackson
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Helena N. Moreno
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Thomas P. Willmott, vice chairman
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Mike Johnson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Felicie Jackson, secretary
Brandi Cannon, attorney
Drew Murray, legislative analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Nakia Smith, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 446 by Representative LeBas**

Representative LeBas presented House Bill No. 446, which establishes an application fee for a new marijuana pharmacy permit.

Mr. Malcolm Broussard, Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Dr, Baton Rouge, LA, 70809, (225) 925-6481, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 446.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 446 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 446 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Robert Johnson, LeBas, Magee, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann 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. 171 by Representative Hodges

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on House Bill No. 171, which requires birthing facilities to offer information to parents of newborns on shaken baby syndrome and sudden infant death syndrome, is voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 441 by Representative Jackson

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on House Bill No. 441, which provides relative to conditions for physician participation with Medicaid managed care organizations, is voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 468 by Representative Cromer

Representative Cromer presented House Bill No. 468, which requires adult residential care providers to disseminate educational information on influenza.

Mr. Derrell Cohoon, Capitol Partners, LLC, 714 N. 5th St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 336-4657, spoke in support of House Bill No. 468.

Representative Moreno offered a motion to report House Bill No. 468 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 468 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Robert Johnson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 498 by Representative Pope

Representative Pope presented House Bill No. 498, which institutes a moratorium on new pediatric day health facility licenses.

"Further action was taken by the committee on March 30, 2016, on House Bill No. 498. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 498."

Representative Pope offered amendments which deleted "2024" on page 1, line 14, and inserted "2020" in lieu thereof. Representative Pope offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Robert Johnson, LeBas, Magee, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Mr. Tommy Pittenger, Pedia Trust, 6270 Seven Oaks, Baton Rouge, LA, 70806, (225) 229-1033, spoke in support of House Bill No. 498.

Mr. Kevin Hayes, Pediatric Day Health Centers, 412 N. 4th St, Ste 328, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 268-2725, spoke in support of House Bill No. 498.

Ms. Jen Steele, Department of Health and Hospitals, 628 N. 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 342-9500, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 498.

Representative Pope offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 498. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 498 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Jackson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 394 by Representative Lopinto

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on House Bill No. 394, which authorizes the disclosure of information from a death certificate to law enforcement, is voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Frank A. Hoffmann
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted:

May 3, 2016