

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
May 10, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 9:31 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 Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Katrina R. Jackson
Representative Mike Johnson
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Thomas P. Willmott, vice chairman
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Helena N. Moreno

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Dmitris McGruder, clerk
Cameron Murray, page
Evans Fitzpatrick, page

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Concurrent Resolution No. 107 by Representative Willmott**

Representative Willmott presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 107, which establishes a consortium of emergency care facilities designated in the Safe Haven Law and provides for a registry of such facilities.

Walter Fahr, Department of Children and Family Services, 627 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 342-6832, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 107.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 107 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 107 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Jackson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Willmott is in the chair.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 108 by Representative Hoffmann

Representative Hoffmann presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 108, which requests the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to create a Medicaid transformation plan.

Representative Hoffmann offered amendments, which added the Louisiana Hospital Association as a task force member organization, and made technical changes. Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Jackson, Robert Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Willmott offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 108 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 108 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Jackson, Robert Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

There were no witness cards submitted in support, opposition, nor for information.

Representative Hoffmann is in the chair.

House Bill No. 1017 by Representative Norton

Representative Norton presented House Bill No. 1017, which creates the Bullying Awareness and Treatment Task Force.

Mary Feduccia, Louisiana Counseling Association, 5927 Riverbend, Baton Rouge, LA, 70820, (225) 939-0360, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1017.

Dr. James Hussey, Department of Health and Hospitals, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 342-2550, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1017.

L. Lawrence Brandon, Praise Temple, 4725 Greenwood Rd, Shreveport, LA, 70119, (318) 631-5683, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1017.

Representative Willmott is in the chair.

Representative Hoffmann is in the chair.

Joaquina Winslow, Pure Entertainment International, 301 Main St, Ste 2210, Baton Rouge, LA, 70801, (225) 205-1737, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1017.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1017 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1017 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hunter, Jackson, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 790 by Representative Leger

Representative Hoffmann announced that House Bill No. 790, which provides for implementation of a Medicaid managed long term services and supports system, is voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 497 by Representative Norton

Representative Norton presented House Bill No. 497, which requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to implement the Medicaid health home option for persons with serious mental illness.

Kevin Hayes, Community Providers Association, 412 N 4th St, Ste 328, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 268-2725, spoke in support of House Bill No. 497.

Representative Miller offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill to House Bill No. 497. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hunter, Mike Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 497 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 497 was reported by substitute by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hunter, Mike Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, 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.

Senate Bill No. 238 by Senator Thompson

Senator Thompson presented Senate Bill No. 238, which establishes procedure for certain nursing home surveys.

Joe Donchess, Louisiana Nursing Home Association, 7844 Office Park Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA, 70809, (225) 927-5642, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 238.

Representative Hensgens offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 238 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 238 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Hensgens, Horton, Mike Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 187 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 187, which provides relative to advanced practice registered nursing.

Representative Barrow provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Sattaria Dilks, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, 1901 E. Rosedown Dr, Lake Charles, LA, 70605, (337) 842-5611, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 187.

Kathy Baldrige, Nurse Practitioners, 105 Vit Rd, Pineville, LA, 71360, (318) 201-4690, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 187.

Lisa Bayhi, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, P.O. Box 1359, Thibodaux, LA, 70302, (225) 288-3360, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 187 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Andrew Muhl, American Association of Retired Persons, 301 Main St, Ste 1012, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 276-1941, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 187.

Representative Willmott is in the chair.

Tiffany Roy, Duson Family Healthcare, 9023 Cameron St, Duson, LA, 70529, (337) 873-8244, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 187.

Representative Hoffmann is in the chair.

Patricia Pearce, 5912 St Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA, 70115, (205) 541-8988, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 187.

Gary Chaney, 19065 N Joor Rd, Zachary, LA, 70791, (225) 235-9302, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 187.

Dr. Dollen Licciardi, Louisiana State Medical Society, 6767 Perkins Rd, Baton Rouge, LA, 70808, (225) 763-8500, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 187.

Dr. Rose Kuplesky, Louisiana State Medical Society/Country Clinic, 314 Christine Ln, Simmesport, LA, (318) 613-8390, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 187.

Dr. Delia Morgan, 7721 Sycamore St, New Orleans, LA, 70118, (504) 952-9658, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 187.

Dr. Ronald A. Slipman, Louisiana Association of Family Practitioners and EJGH Family Medicine, 4228 Houma Blvd, Ste 230, Metairie, LA, 70006, (318) 792-6527, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 187.

Representative Willmott is in the chair.

Dr. Jule Assercq, Louisiana Association of Family Practitioners, 1401 N Foster Dr, Baton Rouge, LA, 70806, (225) 987-9090, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 187.

Representative Dustin Miller provided two handouts, Exhibits C and D, which are included in the committee records.

Representative Hoffmann is in the chair.

Dr. Larry C. Daniels, Louisiana Medical Association, 9322 Milbank Dr, Shreveport, LA, 71115, (318) 946-8709, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 187.

Lena Sevin, Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants, 101 Meadow Lake Dr, Youngsville, LA, 70592, (337) 349-3865, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 187.

Dr. James Taylor, Louisiana of Academy Family Physicians, 919 Tara Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA, 70806, (225) 923-3313, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 187 and provided a handout, Exhibit E, which is included in the committee records.

Dr. Wayne Gravois, Louisiana Academy Family Medicine, 1215 Mills Pointe, Zachary, LA, 70791, (225) 938-0355, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 187.

Joe Mapes, Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians, 731 Lakeland Dr, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 268-8572, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 187.

Representative Robert Johnson offered a motion to call the question on Senate Bill No. 187, to which Representative Hunter objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea. Representatives Hunter, Jackson, and Stokes voted nay.

Representative Robert Johnson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 187 favorably, to which Representative Bagley objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 187 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Robert Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, and Willmott voted yea. Representatives Bagley, Hunter, Jackson, Mike Johnson, Magee, and Hoffmann voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 30 in support, 36 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 107 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 107, which provides for the re-creation of the Department of Health and Hospitals and to change the name to Department of Health.

Michelle Alletto, Department of Health and Hospitals, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 342-9500, spoke to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 107.

Representative Hoffmann offered amendments, which made technical changes. Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Jackson, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 107 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 107 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Jackson, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 236 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 236, which provides relative to admissions by emergency certificate of persons suffering from mental illness and substance abuse.

Dr. William Clark, East Baton Rouge Coroner's Office, 4030 TB Herndon Ave, Baton Rouge, LA, 70807, (225) 389-3047, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 236.

William Credo, III, Louisiana State Coroner's Association, 1900 Division St, Metairie, LA, 70001, (504) 382-0423, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 236.

Representative Willmott offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 236 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 236 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Jackson, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 210 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 210, which provides relative to behavioral health services.

Mary Olsan, Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, 8631 Summa Ave, Baton Rouge, LA, 70809, (225) 892-9815, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 210.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 210 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 210 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 313 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 313, which provides relative to the Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Makesha Judson, Department of Children and Family Services, 627 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 773-7754, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 313.

Representative Hoffmann offered amendments, which:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Insert the following language:

Section 4.(A) The legislature hereby finds that supporting kinship caregivers such as grandparents who raise grandchildren contributes greatly to family preservation and enhances the well-being of children of this state.

(B) This Act shall be known and may be cited as the State Representative Rodnette "Ronnie" Bethley Edwards Act.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Robert Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 313 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 313 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Robert Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, 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.

Senate Bill No. 117 by Senator Mills

Senator Mills presented Senate Bill No. 117, which provides for the Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 117 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 117 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Jackson, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3 by Senator Mills

Senator Mills presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, which requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a report by October 1, 2016, and to add Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) to the newborn screening panel no later than August 1, 2017.

Representative Hensgens offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Jackson, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65 by Senator Mills

Senator Mills presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65, which creates a task force to study meaningful oversight of the professional healthcare licensing boards statutorily created within the Department of Health and Hospitals.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Horton, Jackson, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

There were no witness cards submitted in support, opposition, nor for information.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Frank A. Hoffmann
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: