

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 27, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman
Representative Mark Abraham
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Robby Carter
Representative Gregory Cromer
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Mike Huval
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Alan Seabaugh
Representative Major Thibaut, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jerome Richard

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Marcase, attorney
Theresa H. Ray, legislative analyst
Christie L. Russell, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 348 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 348, which provides relative to payment of claims on life insurance.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 348. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 348 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Robby Carter, Davis, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 412 by Representative Thibaut

Representative Thibaut presented House Bill No. 412, which provides relative to reimbursement of noncontracted healthcare providers of emergency medical services.

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 412. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 412 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 27 by Senator John Smith

Senator John Smith presented Senate Bill No. 27, which provides relative to motor vehicle rental insurers.

Alexis Hoover, Enterprise Holdings, 3525 I-10 Service Road, Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 416-3773, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 27.

Randy Haynie, Enterprise Holdings, P.O. Box 44021, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 336-4143, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 27.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 27 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 27 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 266 by Senator Long

Senator Long presented Senate Bill No. 266, which provides for licensing of insurance claims adjusters.

Jim Donelon, Louisiana Department of Insurance, 1702 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7256, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 266.

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

Representative Cromer offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 266 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 266 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Robby Carter, Cromer, Hollis, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 935 by Representative Hollis

Representative Hollis presented House Bill No. 935, which provides relative to notice to policyholders of policy changes at renewal.

Lou Fey, Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana, 8064 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA (225) 766-7770, spoke in support of House Bill No. 935.

Jeff Albright, Independent Insurance Agents of Louisiana, Bluebonnet Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 819-8007, spoke in support of House Bill No. 935.

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

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 935. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 935 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 849 by Representative Robert Johnson

Representative Robert Johnson presented House Bill No. 849, which provides a time frame for appeals of adverse determinations made regarding the medical necessity of prescription drugs and intravenous infusions.

Andrew Baer, MS Society, 17003 Abita Avenue, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 938-0131, spoke in support of House Bill No. 849.

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

Representative Thibaut offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill to House Bill No. 849. Representative Thibaut offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Huval, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 849 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 849 was reported by substitute by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 1031 by Representative Chad Brown

Representative Chad Brown presented House Bill No. 1031, which provides relative to certain investments in Real Estate Investment Trusts by domestic insurers.

Cheryl McCormick, LAHP, 763 North Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 387-5960, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1031.

David Lavergne, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana, 5525 Reitz Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 298-1532, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1031.

Representative Chad Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1031 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1031 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 352 by Representative Huval

Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 352, which provides for the retention of certain insurance records by producers and adjusters.

Lou Fey, Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana, 8064 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA (225) 766-7770, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 352.

E. L. Henry, State Farm Insurance, 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 336-5200, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 352.

Chuck McMains, Pilot Catastrophe Association, 8555 United Plaza Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 248-2000, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 352.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 42 in opposition and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 352, which proposed for an insurance producer of record to maintain a complete record, including all work papers and written communications in his possession, of each policy. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Davis offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 352. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 352 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kirk Talbot
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: