

## **House Committee on Insurance**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Regular Session  
May 3, 2016

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Mark Abraham  
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders  
Representative Chad Brown  
Representative Gregory Cromer  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Mike Huval  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative Major Thibaut, vice chairman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman  
Representative Robby Carter  
Representative Paula P. Davis  
Representative Jerome Richard  
Representative Alan Seabaugh

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms  
Hunter Sikaffy, clerk

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **Senate Bill No. 258 by Senator Luneau**

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 258, which provides for coverage for refills for prescription eye drops.

Danny Ford, LAEPS, 143 Cloud Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 247-4100, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 258.

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

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 258 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 258 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 185 by Senator Morrish**

Senator Morrish presented Senate Bill No. 185, which provides with respect to insurance premium finance companies.

Kevin Cunningham, My Smart Home, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (225) 381-0166, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 185.

Representative Cromer offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 185 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 185 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 104 by Senator John Smith**

Senator John Smith presented Senate Bill No. 104, which provides relative to credit for reinsurance for certain health, life, and annuity products.

Stewart Guerin, Louisiana Department of Insurance, 1702 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 219-3929, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 104.

Representative Thibaut offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 104, which were technical in nature. Representative Thibaut offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Chad Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 104 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 104 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 935 by Senator Hollis**

Representative Hollis presented House Bill No. 935, which requires insurers to provide policyholders written notification of any change in policy provisions at renewal.

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.

Representative Hollis offered amendments to House Bill No. 935, which proposed to: 1) Delete the requirement that insurers provide policyholders of any change in coverage at renewal and instead provide policyholders an outline of any reduction in coverage in policy provisions at renewal; and 2) Clarify that a violation of proposed law may subject insurers to administrative penalties pursuant to present law, as determined by the commissioner. Representative Hollis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Hollis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 935 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 935 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 375 by Senator John Smith**

Senator John Smith presented Senate Bill No. 375, which provides relative to enforcement of provisions prohibiting certain fraudulent insurance acts.

Cleve Franklin, IASIN, P.O. Box 66303, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 802-2901, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 375.

Representative Cromer offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 375 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 375 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

**House Bill No. 854 by Representative Huval**

Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 854, which provides relative to types of motor vehicles that are required to be covered by an automobile liability policy pursuant to the Compulsory Motor Vehicle Liability Security Law.

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.

Representative Huval offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 854. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 854 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 217 by Senator Bishop**

Senator Bishop presented Senate Bill No. 217, which provides for the confidentiality of records disclosed to or by the commissioner of insurance during the course of an insurance receivership.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 217 favorably, and recommit to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 217 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, 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 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kirk Talbot  
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: