

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 17, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Katrina R. Jackson
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Helena N. Moreno
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Bob Hensgens, vice chairman
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative Jerome Richard

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Carter Broussard, page

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 314 by Representative Thomas**

"This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 314. from Wednesday, May 10, 2017. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 314."

Representative Thomas presented House Bill No. 314, which requires LSU hospitals and public-private partnership hospitals to accept certain patients transferred by other hospitals. Representative Thomas announced that she would voluntarily defer House Bill No. 314.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 56 by Representative Abraham

Representative Abraham presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 56, which directs the Dept. of Children and Family Services to study and develop a procedure by which parents who are awaiting a criminal trial or sentencing can develop a plan of care for their child.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 56 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 56 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, LeBas, Moreno, Pope, Stagni, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 by Representative Edmonds

Representative Edmonds presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 11, which memorializes the U.S. Congress to authorize investigation and prosecution of Medicaid recipient fraud by state Medicaid fraud control units.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Jackson, LeBas, Moreno, Pope, Stagni, Stokes, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Mr. Ellison C. Travis, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 N 3rd St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 326-6210, spoke to provide information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 11.

Mr. Ronnie Beaver, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 N 3rd St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 200-6702, spoke to provide information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 11.

Mr. Steve Russo, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9500, spoke to provide information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 11.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 60 by Representative Hoffmann

Representative Hoffmann presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 60, which requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study the desirability and feasibility of increasing the minimum age to purchase tobacco products to twenty-one.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 60 favorably, to which Representative Bagley objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Concurrent Resolution No. 60 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Chaney, Cox, Hunter, Jackson, LeBas, Moreno, Pope, Stagni, Stokes, and Hoffmann voted yea. Representatives Bagley and Horton voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 1 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 59 by Representative Hoffmann

Representative Hoffmann presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 59, which creates a study group to make recommendations concerning the potential establishment of an independent health professions scope of practice review committee. Representative Hoffmann announced that he would voluntarily defer House Concurrent Resolution No. 59.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Luneau

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 14, which amends the definition of "auto-injector" for purposes of emergency medical services.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 14 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 14 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Hunter, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Stokes, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 533 by Representative Hunter

Representative Hunter presented House Bill No. 533, which provides relative to drinking water standards.

Representative Hunter offered amendments, which:

1. Limit the applicable secondary drinking water standards to color, corrosivity, iron, and manganese.
2. Change the required testing frequency from monthly to the regular testing schedule established by federal and state law, rules, and regulations.
3. Specify that public notice is required in an effort to mitigate liability and provide adequate notice.
4. Change the requirement that LDH appoint a fiscal administrator to an authorization.
5. Change the required time period for the appointed fiscal administrator to consult with the chief executive from timely to within 48 hours.
6. Specify that the fiscal administrator shall limit his duties to an advisory oversight capacity for a private entity.
7. Limit applicability of proposed law.
8. Make proposed law effective upon signature of the governor.

Representative Hunter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Hunter, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stagni, Stokes, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Mr. Pat Credeur, Louisiana Rural Water Association, P.O. Box 180, Kinder, LA 70648, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 533.

Mr. Greg Gordon, St. Tammany Parish, P.O. Box 628, Covington, LA 70434, (985) 264-7101, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 533.

Mr. Patrick Kerr, Baton Rouge Water Company, P.O. Box 96016, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 928-1000, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 533.

Representative Hunter offered amendments, which limits the applicability of proposed law to Ouachita Parish and Tensas Parish by adding a population requirement.

Representative Hunter offered a motion to withdraw the amendments. No vote was taken.

Representative Hensgens is in the chair.

Representative Hoffmann is in the chair.

Mr. Colby Cook, Louisiana Public Service Commission, 602 N 5th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4427, spoke to provide information only on House Bill No. 533.

Mr. Brandon Frey, Louisiana Public Service Commission, 602 N 5th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4427, spoke to provide information only on House Bill No. 533.

Representative Chaney offered amendments which limits the applicability of proposed law to the town of St. Joseph in Tensas Parish by adding a population requirement.

Representative Chaney offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Hunter, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Stagni, Stokes, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 533 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 533 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Hunter, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Stagni, Stokes, Hensgens, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, 10 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 96 by Senator Johns

Representative LeBas presented Senate Bill No. 96 on behalf of Senator Johns, which provides relative to the prescription monitoring program.

Representative LeBas offered amendments, which make technical changes.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Chaney, Cox, Horton, Hunter, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 96 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 96 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Chaney, Cox, Horton, Hunter, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support, 0 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 224 by Senator Peterson

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on Senate Bill No. 224, which provides relative to the Health Education Authority of Louisiana, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 586 by Representative Hunter

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on House Bill No. 586, which requires certain publicly funded healthcare facilities and providers to institute policies relative to continuity of patient care, was voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Frank A. Hoffmann
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: