

## **House Committee on Insurance**

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Regular Session  
May 2, 2017

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

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **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 Paul Hollis  
Representative Mike Huval  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative Alan Seabaugh  
Representative Major Thibaut, vice chairman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Edmond Jordan

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

David Marcuse, attorney  
Shana Veade, attorney  
Christie L. Russell, secretary

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

Clementine Johnson, sergeant at arms  
Hunter Sikaffy, clerk

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **House Bill No. 428 by Representative Pugh**

Representative Talbot offered a motion to voluntarily defer House Bill No. 428, which provides for unfair trade practices by insurers and pharmacy benefit managers. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 428 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 550 by Representative Huval**

Representative Huval offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 550 which provides for an expedited rate implementation for certain lines. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 550 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 464 by Representative Robby Carter**

Representative R. Carter offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 464 which provides relative to the payment of claims on life insurance. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 464 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 643 by Representative Huval**

Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 643, which provides for license fees collected by the commissioner of insurance.

Barry Ward, Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 2021, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-5155, spoke for information only.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 643 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 643 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 435 by Representative Talbot**

Representative Talbot presented House Bill No. 435, which requires a healthcare facility to provide notice of balance billing.

Representative Cromer offered amendments to HB 435, which proposed to rewrite the balance billing notice to be given by a healthcare facility to an insured or enrollee at first registration of the insured or enrollee to clarify the likelihood of balance billing and encourage the insured or enrollee to contact his health plan provider for further information regarding which providers are in-network and which are out-of network. Representative Cromer 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, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 435 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 435 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Huval, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea. Representative Robby Carter voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not want to speak are as follows: 10 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS****V. ANNOUNCEMENTS****VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kirk Talbot  
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: