

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
May 8, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 9:36 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 Katrina R. Jackson
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Bob Hensgens, vice chairman
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Joseph A. Stagni

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bethany Blackson, attorney
Drew Murray, legislative analyst
Felicie Jackson, secretary
Malik Smith, committee clerk

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 556 by Senator Carter**

Senator Carter and Representative Stokes presented Senate Bill No. 556, which provides relative to information and access to breast reconstructive surgery.

Representative Cox offered amendments, which adds the following language on page 2, line 15, "consistent with information developed by the Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Fund Board and circulated to providers and patients by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners".

Representative Cox 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, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Chontel Carter, 4019 Vincennes Pl, New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 273-8285, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 556.

Jennifer Williams, 1822 Homer St, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 874-0468, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 556.

Jennifer Catalanotto, Tandon Md, 1223 Friscoville Ave, Arabi, LA 70032, (251) 458-0364, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 556.

Kim Sport, United Way & Breastoration, Inc., 2525 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 453-3313, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 556.

Representative Chaney offered amendments, which change the effective date of this bill from August 1, 2018 to upon signature of the governor. Representative Chaney 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, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 556 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 556 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, 0 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 81 by Representative Amedee

Representative Amedee presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 81, which requests a study of cost-effective means by which to facilitate emergency access to epinephrine at public places.

Representative Hoffmann offered amendments, which inserts the following language on page 2, between lines 12 and 13:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to examining costs and benefits of facilitating emergency access to epinephrine at public places, the office of public health shall also examine and report on the following matters relating to epinephrine:

- (1) Appropriate dosages of epinephrine based upon different persons' age, weight, and other physiological characteristics.
- (2) The duration for which epinephrine auto-injectors can be stored; and"

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, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Christian Christoffersen, Louisiana State University College Republicans, 222 E. Boyd Dr, Apt 204, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (202) 722-5358, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 81.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 81 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 81 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Horton, Jackson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Pope, and Hoffmann voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 325 by Senator Milkovich

Representative Pope presented Senate Bill No. 325, which provides relative to abortion clinics and services on behalf of Senator Milkovich.

Mike Bourgeois, 537 Myrtle Hill Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 767-7875 spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 325.

Jamie Johnson, 8209 Odeal Williams Ln, Ethel, LA 70730, no phone number provided, galatians5verse6@hotmail.com, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 325.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 325 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 325 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Jackson, LeBas, Pope, and Hoffmann voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Frank A. Hoffmann
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: