

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 17, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter
Representative Mike Huval

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandi Cannon, attorney
Christie L. Russell, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michaela Wells, sergeant at arms
Hunter Sikaffy, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 729 by Representative Marcelle

Representative Talbot offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 729 House Bill No. 729, which provides relative to bail bond premium fees in certain parishes. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 729 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 241 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 241, which provides relative to pharmacist communication with patients.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 241 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 241 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 153 by Senator Morrish

Senator Morrish presented Senate Bill No. 153, which provides relative to the insurance fraud investigation unit within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 153 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 153 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 282 by Senator Mills

Senator Mills presented Senate Bill No. 282, which provides relative to prescription drug pricing.

Tommy Teague, Office of Group Benefits, P.O. Box 49036, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 282.

Pete Martinez, PhRMA, 830 North Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 282.

Robert Popuian, Pfizer, Inc., 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20004, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 282.

Tangela Feemster, Express Scripts, 1 Express Way, St. Louis, MO, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 282.

Lauren Rowley, PCMA, 325 7th Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20004, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 282.

Representative Talbot offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 282. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 282 with amendments, to which Representative Seabaugh objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 282 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas, 2 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea. Representatives Cromer and Seabaugh voted nay. Representative Talbot abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 18 in support and 12 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 283 by Senator Mills

Senator Mills presented Senate Bill No. 283, which provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers.

Pete Martinez, PhRMA, 830 North Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 283.

Robert Popuian, Pfizer, Inc., 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20004, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 283.

Tangela Feemster, Express Scripts, 1 Express Way, St. Louis, MO, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 283.

Robert Reiger, Adams and Reese, LLP, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 283.

Lauren Rowley, PCMA, 325 7th Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20004, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 283.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 283, which change the time period for reporting price increases from not less than 30 days prior to the increase to not more than 30 days after the increase. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 283. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 283 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 283 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Chad Brown, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 17 in support, 12 in opposition, and 1 for information purposes. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 547 by Representative LeBas

Representative Talbot offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 547, which prohibits penalties for disclosure by pharmacists of certain prescription drug cost information. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 547 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Chad Brown, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kirk Talbot
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: