

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 25, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 10:16 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 John F. "Andy" Anders
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Alan Seabaugh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Mark Abraham
Representative Gregory Cromer
Representative Robby Carter
Representative Mike Huval

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandi Cannon, attorney
Christie L. Russell, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Hunter Sikaffy, clerk
Myrtis Jarreau, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 285 by Senator Gary Smith

Senator Gary Smith presented Senate Bill No. 285, which prohibits a health insurance issuer from denying a nonopioid prescription in favor of an opioid prescription.

Fred Dufrancesch, 2840 W. Airline Highway, Suite A, LaPlace, LA, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 285.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 285, which authorize an insurer to recommend an alternative prescription which requires an increased number of pills per prescription if the recommended substitution is consistent with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention prescribing guidelines for opioids. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Anders, Chad Brown, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 285 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 285 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Thibaut, Anders, Chad Brown, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 47 by Representative Talbot

Representative Talbot presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 47, which requests the Department of Insurance to assemble a task force to address the high automobile insurance rates in the state.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 47 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 47 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Thibaut, Anders, Chad Brown, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Jordan, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. 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 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kirk Talbot
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: