

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 15, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Katrina R. Jackson
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Dustin Miller, vice chairman
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Christopher Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ty Marchand, attorney
Drew Murray, legislative analyst
Felicie Jackson, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms
Chris Butler, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 127 by Senator Long**

Senator Long presented Senate Bill No. 127, which provides for a direct primary care agreement with a dental practice.

Ward Blackwell, Louisiana Dental Association, 7833 Office Park, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, no phone number provided, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 127.

Representative McMahan offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 127 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 127 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Chaney, Cox, Hoffmann, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pope, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25 by Senator Peacock

Senator Peacock presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25, which requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study the use of scrambler therapy as an opioid alternative for the treatment of pain.

Senator Peacock presented a handout, a Scrambler Technology pamphlet, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Reggie Greening, 9003 Hayden Dr, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 572-4880, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Chaney, Cox, Hoffmann, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pope, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

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

Representative Miller is in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 184 by Senator Milkovich

Senator Milkovich presented Senate Bill No. 184, which prohibits the abortion of an unborn human being with a detectable heartbeat.

Ben Clapper, Louisiana Right to Life, 200 Robert E Lee Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70124, (504) 835-6520, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 184.

Mike Bourgeois, 537 Myrtle Hill Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 767-7875, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 184.

Jennifer McCoy, 4120 S Heather Rd, Derby, KS 67037, (316) 871-0612, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 184, and submitted a handout, a packet of information pertaining to her pregnancy and misdiagnosis, Exhibit B, and is included in the committee records.

Amy Irvin, New Orleans Abortion Fund, P.O. Box 77017, New Orleans, LA, no zip code or phone number provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 184.

Michelle Erenberg, Lift Louisiana, 1024 Elysian Fields, New Orleans, LA 70116, (504) 484-9636, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 184.

Dr. Vrishali Suman, 4864 Jackson St, Monroe, LA 71202, no phone number provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 184.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 184 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 184 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Jackson, Hoffmann, Robert Johnson, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pope, and Stokes voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 16 in support, 13 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Hoffmann is in the chair.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 78 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 78, which requests the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to report on the number of advanced practice registered nurses and the number of physician assistants that provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in Louisiana.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 78 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 78 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Hoffmann, Jackson, Robert Johnson, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pope, and Stokes voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 99 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 99, which provides relative to Board of Pharmacy member qualifications.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 99 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 99 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Hoffmann, Robert Johnson, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pope, Stokes, and Turner voted yea.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16 by Senator Hewitt

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16, which requests the La. Department of Health to add Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) to the state's newborn screening panel.

Brandon Callais, 2019 Green Ct, Mandeville, LA 70448, (985) 231-9070, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16.

Krista Scurria, 36461 Hidden Oaks Ct, Prarieville, LA 70769, (225) 937-0725, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16.

Cassie Callais,

2019 Green Ct, Mandeville, LA 70448, (985) 290-8835, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Chaney, Cox, Hoffmann, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pope, Stokes, and Turner voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 240 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 240, which provides relative to the provision of medication-assisted treatment (MAT).

Dr. Vincent Culotta, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, 630 Camp St, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 905-2719, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 240.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 240 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 240 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Hoffmann, Robert Johnson, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pope, Stokes, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 0 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 32 by Senator Fannin

Senator Fannin presented Senate Bill No. 32, which provides relative to criminal background checks for certified nurse aide trainees.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 32 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 32 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Hoffmann, Robert Johnson, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pope, Stokes, and Turner voted yea.

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House Concurrent Resolution No. 71 by Representative Dustin Miller

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 71, which requests the Louisiana Department of Health to issue regulations to allow the establishment of new opioid treatment programs and methadone dosing sites.

Karen Stubbs, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 71.

Andrew Whitacre, The Pew Charitable Trusts, 901 E St NW, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 738-3499, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 71.

Representative Jackson offered amendments which revises language to include rural health clinics in the consideration of expanding new opioid treatment programs. Representative Jackson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Hoffmann, Jackson, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pope, Stokes, and Turner voted yea.

Representative LeBas offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 71 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 71 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Hoffmann, Jackson, LeBas, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pope, Stokes, and Turner voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 51 by Senator Hewitt

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 51, which provides relative to the qualifications for certified medication attendants.

Sharon Gomez, Evergreen Life Services, 1015 11th St, Lake Charles, LA 70601, (337) 309-7064, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 51.

Suzanne Bourgeois, STARC of Louisiana, 1101 Rue Orleans, Slidell, LA 70458, (985) 290-8271, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 51.

Julie Foster-Hagan, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 51.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 51 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 51 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Chaney, Cox, Hoffmann, Jackson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pope, Stokes, and Turner voted yea.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Frank A. Hoffmann
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: