

House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 2, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, chairman of the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, 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 Patrick O. Jefferson, chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Royce Duplessis
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Ed Larvadain III
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez, vice chairman
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Alan Seabaugh
Representative Scott M. Simon

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shayla Cockerm, attorney
Shenae Graves, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Ebony Ward, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 362 by Representative Lyons

Representative Lyons presented House Bill No. 362, which grants certain workers' compensation benefits to members of the classified fire service.

Frank Bruno, Injured Workers, 807 Howard Ave., New Orleans, LA 70113, (504) 503-3593, spoke in support of House Bill No. 362.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 362. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 362 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Miguez, Amedee, Bagley, Crews, Duplessis, Falconer, Larvadain, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Simon voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support, 4 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 571 by Representative Seabaugh

Representative Seabaugh presented House Bill No. 571, which provides with respect to plastic and metallic implants or non-autogenous graft.

Denis Paul Juge, Juge Napolitano Law Firm, 231 Mattingly Lane, Madisonville, LA, (504) 831-7270, spoke in support of House Bill No. 571, and provided two handouts, Exhibit A and B, which are included in the committee records.

Representative Seabaugh offered amendments which add "in accordance with the specifications of the surgeon regarding the type, number, and manufacturer of the implants" and "once rebates and discounts, if any, have been removed, plus twenty percent."

Representative Seabaugh offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Miguez, Amedee, Bagley, Crews, Falconer, Larvadain, Seabaugh, and Simon voted yea.

Sheral Kellar, OWCA, 1001 N. 23rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7561, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 571.

Representative Seabaugh offered amendments which add "in accordance with the specifications of the surgeon regarding the type, number, and manufacturer of the implants" and "once rebates and discounts, if any, have been removed, plus twenty percent."

Representative Seabaugh offered a motion to withdraw the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were withdrawn where by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Miguez, Amedee, Bagley, Crews, Duplessis, Falconer, Larvadain, Seabaugh, and Simon voted yea.

Representative Seabaugh offered amendments which add "in accordance with the specifications of the surgeon regarding the type, number, and manufacturer of the implants."

Representative Seabaugh offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Miguez, Amedee, Bagley, Crews, Duplessis, Falconer, Larvadain, Seabaugh, and Simon voted yea.

Representative Seabaugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 571 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 571 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Miguez, Amedee, Bagley, Crews, Duplessis, Falconer, Larvadain, Seabaugh, and Simon voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 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 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Patrick O. Jefferson
House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations

Date adopted: