

## **House Committee on Health and Welfare**

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 Regular Session  
March 11, 2020

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman  
Representative Roy Daryl Adams  
Representative Robby Carter  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Michael Charles Echols  
Representative Jason Hughes  
Representative C. Travis Johnson  
Representative Ed Larvadain III  
Representative Wayne McMahan  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen  
Representative Thomas A. Pressly  
Representative Larry Selders  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman  
Representative Julie Emerson  
Representative Dustin Miller

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Shayla Cockerm, attorney  
Drew Murray, legislative analyst  
Felicie Jackson, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Russell Skidmore, clerk  
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms  
Clarence Russ, sergeant at arms  
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms

**III. OTHER BUSINESS****1. Introduction of the Committee Members and Staff**

Chairman Bagley introduced the members and staff of the Health and Welfare committee.

**2. Presentation from the Louisiana Department of Health**

Chairman Bagley announced that there would be no presentation from the Louisiana Department of Health at today's meeting.

**3. Presentation from the Department of Children and Family Services**

Chairman Bagley announced that there would be no presentation from the Department of Children and Family Services at today's meeting.

**4. Adoption of Committee Rules**

Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the committee rules. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

**5. Approval of the Committee Minutes of Regular Session 2019**

Representative Cox offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

**IV. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 91 by Representative Bagley**

*Representative Stagni is in the chair.*

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 91, which re-creates the Louisiana Department of Health.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 91 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 91 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni 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.

#### **House Bill No. 601 by Representative Bagley**

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 601, which designates Act No. 492 of the 2014 Regular Session as "Leyna's Law".

Dozer Reed, 8070 Colquitt Rd, Keithville, LA 71047, (318) 272-2563, spoke in support of House Bill No. 601.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Bill No. 601 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 601 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni 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.

*Chairman Bagley is in the chair.*

#### **House Bill No. 171 by Representative Hughes**

Representative Hughes presented House Bill No. 171, which provides a limited authorization for the Department of Children and Family Services to obtain copies of birth and death certificates of certain children and adults.

Candice LeBlanc, Department of Children and Family Services, 627 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-6930, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 171.

Representative Robby Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 171 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 171 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni 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.

### **House Bill No. 240 by Representative Hughes**

Representative Hughes presented House Bill No. 240, which authorizes the Louisiana Department of Health office of behavioral health to conduct reviews of deaths of persons served by the office.

Karen Stubbs, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 240.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 240 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 240 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni 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.

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: