

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Regular Session
May 6, 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 9:00 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Ed Larvadain III
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Representative Larry Selders
Representative Joseph A. Stagni

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 164 by Representative Davis**

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 164, which provides relative to emergency medical services protocols in certain life-threatening situations.

Representative Stagni offered amendments which:

- (1) Amend present law relative to emergency medical services (EMS) practitioner students administering automated cardiac defibrillation under certain conditions to provide that protocols for this activity shall be approved by the local parish medical society, or its designee, or the EMS medical director;
- (2) Revise present law and proposed law to stipulate that, if a parish has no organized or functional local medical society, the requirements of present law and proposed law for approval of an EMS protocol may be satisfied by the EMS medical director;
- (3) Amend present law relative to licensure of ambulance providers to provide that applicants for such licensure shall include with their applications all medical protocols signed by the EMS medical director or by the parish or component medical society;
- (4) Amend present law relative to licensure of air ambulance services to provide that applicants for such licensure shall submit to and successfully complete an inspection that includes a review of medical protocols signed by the EMS medical director of the air ambulance service or the president or designee of the parish or component medical society in the service's parish of domicile; and
- (5) Make technical changes.

Dr. Beau Clark, Capital Area Medical Society, 12047 Lake Estates Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 978-1125, spoke in support of House Bill No. 164.

Representative Stagni 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, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 164 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 164 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 242 by Representative Mike Johnson

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 242, which provides relative to the student passage rate required by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 242 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 242 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 1 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 237 by Representative Wilford Carter

Representative Wilford Carter presented House Bill No. 237, which provides relative to the student passage rate required by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 237. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 237 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Dr. Jennifer Manning, LACANE, 4117 Bissonet Dr, Metairie, LA 70003, (504) 287-5257, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 237.

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

House Bill No. 243 by Representative Lyons

Representative Lyons presented House Bill No. 243, which exempts persons with disabilities from charges associated with obtaining medical records.

Representative Stagni offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 243. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 243 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 835 by Representative McMahan

Representative McMahan presented House Bill No. 835, which authorizes local hospital assessments in certain parishes to fund the nonfederal share of Medicaid costs of health care provided in those parishes.

Representative McMahan offered amendments which:

- (1) Add any parish with a population of not less than 46,000 persons and not more than 47,000 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census (Lincoln Parish) as a parish in which local hospital assessments may be instituted in accordance with proposed law;
- (2) Provide that any parishes authorized by proposed law to establish a local provider participation fund may, upon agreement of the governing authorities of each parish, establish all of the following:
 - (a) A single fund for the benefit of those parishes;
 - (b) A local hospital assessment applicable to the institutional providers, as defined in proposed law, in those parishes; and
- (3) Make technical changes.

Representative McMahan 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, Turner, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Bill No. 835 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 835 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 5 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Representative Turner in the chair.

House Bill No. 320 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 320, which provides relative to the composition of the La. State Board of Nursing.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Bill No. 320 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 320 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Jennifer McMahan, Metropolitan Hospital Council of New Orleans, 2450 Severn Ave, Ste 210, Metairie, LA 70001, (504) 837-1171, spoke in support of House Bill No. 320.

Karen Lyon, Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 755-7576, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 320.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support and 1 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 702 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 702, which provides with respect to the practice of physician assistants.

Sarah Deyo, Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants, 542 E Woodruff Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 284-9315, spoke in support of House Bill No. 702.

Representative Cox offered amendments which delete provisions of proposed law that would have required physicians to collaborate with physician assistants in providing healthcare services and requires only physician assistants to review the duties of a licensed practical nurse. Representative Cox offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 702 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 702 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 792 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 792, which provides for delivery of medical marijuana to patients by marijuana pharmacies.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 792 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 792 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

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

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 819 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 819, which authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana for treating traumatic brain injuries and concussions.

Representative Bagley offered amendments which add conditions qualifying a patient for treatment with medical marijuana. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, and Selders voted yea.

Representative Bagley offered amendments which provide that any physician licensed by and in good standing with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners may recommend medical marijuana. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 819 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 819 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Representative Bagley in the chair.

House Bill No. 371 by Representative Turner

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 371, which provides relative to the comprehensive sports injury management program for student athletics.

Cary Berthelot, Louisiana Athletics Trainers' Association, 2836 Steamship Cir, Unit D, New Orleans, LA 70123, (985) 634-8550, spoke in support of House Bill No. 371.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 371 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 371 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 20 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 460 by Representative Turner

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 460, which provides relative to direct to consumer laboratory services for patients.

Don Caffery, American & Louisiana Association of Orthodontists, 543 Spanish Town Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (337) 280-6687, spoke in support of House Bill No. 460.

Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, no address provided, (504) 251-2558, spoke to provide information only on House Bill No. 460.

Representative Turner offered amendments which clarify that such clinical examination may include an evaluation of the occlusal relationship of the teeth. Representative Turner 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, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 460 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 460 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 5 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 619 by Representative Turner

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 619, which authorizes the La. Board of Pharmacy to charge fees for permitting of pharmacy benefit managers and provides for the frequency with which the board may assess other fees.

Representative Turner offered amendments which provide that the reporting requirements for pharmacy benefit managers to be promulgated by the La. Board of Pharmacy shall pertain to permit renewals. Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Bill No. 619 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 619 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 321 by Representative Echols

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 321, which establishes a minimum generic dispensing rate requirement in Medicaid managed care.

Representative Echols offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 321. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 321 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 4 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 324 by Representative Echols

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 324, which sets standards for Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care services.

Representative Echols offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 324. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 324 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 326 by Representative Echols

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 326, which provides for certain data and other material to be included in the Healthy Louisiana Claims Report.

Kathy Kliebert, Louisiana Managed Medicaid Association, 168 N Lake Drive, Thibodaux, LA 70301, (985) 791-7637, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 326.

Michael Boutte, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill 326.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 326 favorably, to which Representative Stagni objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas, 9 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Crews, Echols, McMahan, Robert Owen, and Pressly voted yea. Representatives Turner, Adams, Cox, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Selders, and Stagni voted nay. Representative Bagley abstained.

Representative Echols offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 326. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 326 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 327 by Representative Echols

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 327, which provides relative to Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans for persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

Representative Echols offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 327. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 327 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 449 by Representative Echols

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 449, which provides relative to behavioral health services delivered via telehealth.

Karen Stubbs, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 449.

Representative Turner in the chair.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 449 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 449 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Bagley in the chair.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 864 by Representative Ivey

Representative Bagley announced that action on House Bill No. 864, which provides relative to advanced practice registered nursing, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 589 by Representative Echols

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 589, which provides for Medicaid policies and procedures concerning telehealth services.

Michael Boutte, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 589.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Bill No. 589 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 589 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

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

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 553 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 553, which provides relative to remote patient monitoring.

Michael Boutte, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 553.

Representative Bagley offered amendments which:

- (1) Add references to behavioral health services alongside references to other healthcare services;
- (2) Delete the following conditions for participation in remote patient monitoring:
 - (a) A requirement that the patient's diagnosis shall have occurred within the previous 18 months;
 - (b) A requirement that the patient have a recent history of costly service use due to one or more chronic conditions as evidenced by two or more hospitalizations, including emergency room visits, in the last 12 months;
- (3) Provide that the remote patient monitoring management plan shall encompass all provisions listed in proposed law rather than one or more of those provisions;
- (4) Revise a reference to telemedicine to refer instead to telehealth;
- (5) Provide that remote patient monitoring services through telehealth shall include the ability to monitor multiple chronic diseases simultaneously, including behavioral health conditions;

(6) Require that telemedicine and other telehealth services related to remote patient monitoring shall be covered services in the state Medicaid program in addition to the remote patient monitoring services themselves; and

(7) Make technical changes.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Pressly offered amendments in concept to delete the requirement provided in proposed law that remote patient monitoring shall be a covered service in the state Medicaid program. Representative Pressly offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 553. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 553 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

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

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 2 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 591 by Representative Larvadain

Representative Larvadain presented House Bill No. 591, which provides relative to the membership of the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 591 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 591 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

House Bill No. 616 by Representative Stagni

Representative Stagni presented House Bill No. 616, which provides for disclosure of prescription drug cost information.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 616. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 616 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 665 by Representative Cormier

Representative Cormier presented House Bill No. 665, which reestablishes the Louisiana Toxic Mold Task Force.

Representative Echols offered amendments which make technical changes. Representative Echols 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, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 665 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 665 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni 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.

House Bill No. 312 by Representative D. Miller

"Further action was taken by the committee on May 13, 2020, on House Bill No. 312. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 312."

Representative Bagley announced that action on House Bill No. 312, which exempts retired volunteer dentists from continuing education requirements, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 804 by Representative McMahan

Representative Bagley announced that action on House Bill No. 804, which provides relative to treatment facilities for mental health patients, was voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Turner offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: October 20, 2020