

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2020 First Extraordinary Session
June 10, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Chad Brown, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Chad Brown, chairman
Representative Edmond Jordan, vice chairman
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Lawrence "Larry" Frieman
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Mike Huval
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Sherman Q. Mack

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rashida Keith, attorney
Charlotte Cravins, attorney
Christie L. Russell, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 24 by Representative James

Representative James presented House Bill No. 24, which provides relative to legislative authorization for any waiver under the Omnibus Premium Reduction Act of 2020 (Item #40).

Richard Piazza, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only.

Jim Donelon, Commissioner of Insurance, 1702 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition of House Bill No. 24.

Kevin Cunningham, Liberty Mutual Insurance, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 24.

Rodney Braxton, State Farm Insurance, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 24.

Representative Jordan offered amendments to House Bill No. 24 which would: (1) Change the approval of the House and Senate Insurance Committees from two-thirds of the members to a majority of the House and Senate Insurance Committees, provided a quorum is present; and (2) Removes requirement that approval is required by two-thirds of the House and Senate. Representative Jordan offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, Jordan, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Hollis, Huval, Illg, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Green offered a motion to report House Bill No. 24 with amendments, to which Representative Frieman objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Brown, Jordan, Green, and Willard voted yea. Representatives DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Hollis, Huval, Illg, and McCormick voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in opposition. 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 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Chad Brown
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: