

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
May 25, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 10:04 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 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 Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter
Representative Larry Selders

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meah Johnson, attorney
Drew Murray, legislative analyst
Kristy Neubrandner, committee administrative assistant

Nevonda S. Reed, division director

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Mia Ditta, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 87 by Representative Robert Owen

Representative Robert Owen presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 87, which creates the Louisiana Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force.

Representative Larvadain offered an amendment to add to the membership of the task force a representative from the Southern University School of Nursing. Representative Larvadain offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 87 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 87 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

James Yegge, National Kidney Foundation, 5131 O'Donovan Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 767-4893, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 87.

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: 3 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Resolution No. 106 by Representative Robert Owen

Representative Robert Owen presented House Resolution No. 106, which requests a study regarding potential costs, benefits, and public health impacts of Louisiana joining the interstate compact known as the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases.

Representative Robert Owen offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 106 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 106 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 by Representative Bishop

On behalf of Representative Bishop, Maria Bowen, Louisiana State Medical Society, 6767 Perkins Road, Suite 100, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 763-2319, presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 94, which authorizes and directs healthcare professional licensing boards to evaluate potential models for an independent scope of practice review program for this state.

Representative Bagley offered technical amendments. Representative Bagley 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, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Karen Lyon, Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 755-7576, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 94.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 with amendments, to which Representative Stagni objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 2 yeas and 10 nays. Representatives Echols and Pressly voted yea. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Stagni, and Turner voted nay.

Representative Travis Johnson offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 94. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 103 by Representative Duplessis

Representative Duplessis presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 103, which requests that certain state agencies address the impacts of maternal depression and anxiety and provide evidence-based preventive care, early identification, and treatment services.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 103 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 103 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, and Turner 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 105 by Representative Duplessis

Representative Duplessis presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 105, which establishes the Louisiana Maternal Mental Health Task Force for the purposes of advancing education and treatment and improving services relating to maternal mental health.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 105 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 105 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, and Turner 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.

Representative Dustin Miller in the chair.

House Resolution No. 107 by Representative Magee

On behalf of Representative Magee, Representative Bagley presented House Resolution No. 107, which requests the La. Department of Health to ensure that Medicaid managed care organizations cover and pay for certain respiratory panels.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 107 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 107 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, and Turner voted yea.

Chairman Bagley in the chair.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32 by Senator Barrow

On behalf of Senator Barrow, Representative Dustin Miller presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32, which re-creates and continues the work of the task force to study and make recommendations concerning health services delivery and financing in the Baton Rouge region.

Representative Bagley offered technical amendments. 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, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Dustin Miller, and Robert Owen voted yea.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Dustin Miller, and Robert Owen voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 133 by Senator Barrow

On behalf of Senator Barrow, Representative Dustin Miller presented Senate Bill No. 133, which provides relative to the prioritization of health equity by the Louisiana Department of Health.

Kim Hood, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 133.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 133 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 133 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, and Robert Owen voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 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. A copy of this statement is included in the committee records.

House Resolution No. 90 by Representative Kerner

Chairman Bagley announced that action on House Resolution No. 90, which requests an efficiency audit of the state Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, was voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: