

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
June 2, 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 9:12 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 Kenny R. Cox
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Robby Carter
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Resolution No. 113 by Representative Marino

Representative Marino presented House Resolution No. 113, which creates a special commission to study and make recommendations concerning medical marijuana laws and regulations.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to:

1. Update findings regarding consideration by the legislature of HB No. 391 of the 2021 R.S.
2. Revise provisions establishing that one member of the commission created by the resolution shall be the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to provide that the member shall be the chairman of this committee or his designee.
3. Revise provisions relative to staff support for the commission to authorize, rather than require, certain agencies to provide staff support.
4. Provide that the commission shall elect a chairperson from among its members at its first meeting.

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, Cox, Echols, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Judge Jules D. Edwards, III, (Ret.), P.O. Box 09443, Lafayette, LA, (337) 541-1295, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 113.

Representative Echols offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 113 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 113 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

House Resolution No. 117 by Representative Beullieu

Representative Beullieu presented House Resolution No. 117, which urges and requests the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to clarify administrative rules concerning certain nonsurgical cosmetic procedures.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to stipulate that the rule clarification requested in the resolution shall ensure physician oversight and direct involvement and shall mandate medical prescreening as directed by a physician in order to avoid medical complications or adverse reactions.

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, Cox, Crews, Echols, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Stephen Wright, Louisiana Dermatological Society, 695 Kiskatom Lane, Mandeville, LA 70471, (318) 663-3816, spoke in opposition to House Resolution No. 117 and withdrew his opposition after having conferred with Representative Beullieu.

Representative Echols offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 117 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 117 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 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.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 59 by Senator Bernard

Senator Bernard presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 59, which requests the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health to study and report relative to healthcare infrastructure needs in Louisiana.

Jennifer McMahan, Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 928-0026, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 59.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 59 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 59 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas

and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Stagni, 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Echols offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
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Date adopted: