

## **House Committee on Insurance**

Minutes of Meeting  
2021 Regular Session  
May 19, 2021

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

Representative Chad Brown, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Sherman Q. Mack

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

Rashida Keith, attorney  
Adam Patrick, attorney  
Alicia Powell, committee administrative assistant

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **Senate Bill No. 130 by Senator Jackson**

Senator Jackson presented Senate Bill No. 130, which provides for payment of health insurance provider claim payment claims.

Greg Waddell, Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 928-0026, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 130.

Representative Brown offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Brown offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Huval, Illg, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 130 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 130 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Huval, Illg, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

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

#### **Senate Bill No. 179 by Senator Connick**

***This is a continuation on Senate Bill No. 179 from the May 12, 2021, meeting. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on Senate Bill No. 179.***

Representative Brown offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 179, which provides for automobile insurance coverage for transportation network drivers. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 179 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Huval, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in opposition.

***Further action was taken by the committee on Senate Bill No. 179 on May 26, 2021. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on Senate Bill No. 179.***

**Senate Bill No. 54 by Senator Luneau**

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 54, which provides relative to hurricane, named storm, and wind and hail deductibles.

Jeff Albright, Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Louisiana, 18153 East Petroleum Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 236-1366, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 54.

Representative Brown offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Brown offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Huval, Jordan, and McCormick voted yea.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 54 with amendments, to which Representative Huval objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Brown, Firment, Green, Jordan, and Willard voted yea. Representatives DuBuisson, Edmonston, Frieman, Huval, Illg, and McCormick voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in opposition.

**Senate Bill No. 82 by Senator Cathey**

Senator Cathey presented Senate Bill No. 82, which provides for external review of health insurance issuers.

Representative Huval offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 82 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 82 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Huval, Illg, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individual who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support.

**Senate Bill No. 94 by Senator Harris**

Senator Harris presented Senate Bill No. 94, which provides relative to insurance cost-sharing practices.

Dr. Madelaine Feldman, Rheumatology Alliance of Louisiana, 2633 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 444-4258, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 94.

Representative Brown offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Brown offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were

adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Frieman, Green, Huval, Illg, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yeas.

Frank A. Opelka, Louisiana Department of Insurance, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-5900, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 94.

Representative Green offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 94 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 94 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Frieman, Green, Huval, Illg, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support, 3 in opposition, and 1 for information only.

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.

#### **Senate Bill No. 218 by Senator Fred Mills**

Representative Brown offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 218, which provides relative to the payment of pharmacy claims. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 218 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firmont, Frieman, Green, Huval, Illg, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, 26 in opposition, and 2 for information only.

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.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Brown announced the next meeting would be on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, or Wednesday, May 26, 2021 of next week.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Jordan offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Frieman, Green, Huval, Illg, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Chad Brown  
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: