

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
April 13, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 9:07 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 Robby Carter
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
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Dodie Horton
Braley Trabeau, committee clerk
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Danny Leming, assistant chief sergeant at arms
Nevonda Reed, division director

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 828 by Representative Horton**

This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 828 from April 6, 2022. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 828.

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 828, which increases the gross annual sales threshold under which a home-based preparer of low-risk foods may qualify for the protections of the statute known commonly as the cottage food law.

The committee stood at ease at 9:14 a.m. The committee reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

Ellen Hamlett, Institute for Justice, 901 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22204, (716) 866-8492, spoke in support of House Bill No. 828.

Representative Bagley offered an amendment to decrease the gross annual sales threshold provided in the bill from \$100,000 to \$50,000. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Michael Vidrine, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), 628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7643, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 828.

Greg Richard, LDH, 628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7643, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 828.

Representative Larvadain offered an amendment in concept to decrease the gross annual sales threshold from \$50,000 to \$30,000. Representative Larvadain offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0

nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Adam Ducote, CounterSpace Baton Rouge, 3753 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 229-3465, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 828.

Representative Travis Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 828 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 828 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 2 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: 5 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 573 by Representative McCormick

Representative McCormick presented House Bill No. 573, which provides for the prohibition of marketing to minors for medical products, procedures, and pharmaceuticals from state agencies.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to:

- (1) Prohibit schools, libraries, and state agencies from direct marketing, soliciting, encouraging, or coercing, or any attempt to directly market, solicit, encourage, or coerce, a minor into the use of any form of medication, medical treatment, or pharmaceutical unless express consent from the parent or guardian of the minor has been received.
- (2) Prohibit schools, libraries, and state agencies from utilizing monetary incentives to entice minors to receive medical treatments, excluding clinical trials and research.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Jill Hines, Health Freedom Louisiana, 1307 Mesa Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270, (904) 318-6018, spoke in support of House Bill No. 573 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Steve Russo, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 573.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 573. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 573 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support, 12 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: 97 in support and 4 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 226 by Representative Turner

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 226, which enacts the Louisiana Healthcare Workforce Training Law.

Representative Turner offered amendments to:

- (1) Delete from proposed law all references to physician training, graduate medical education, and residencies.
- (2) Change the designation of the contract program created and provided for in proposed law from a medical contract program to a healthcare workforce contract program.
- (3) Add the following as duties of the La. Healthcare Workforce Education and Training Council established by proposed law:
 - (a) Study the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and make recommendations to help the state in meeting its healthcare workforce needs including through induction of new workers into the healthcare workforce and retention of its existing healthcare workforce.
 - (b) Study on an ongoing basis and make recommendations concerning building of the strongest possible healthcare workforce.
 - (c) Study the matter of which entities have responsibility for oversight of educational programs that produce healthcare professionals and make recommendations regarding the extent to which healthcare professional

licensing boards should have influence on the structure and operation of such programs.

- (d) Study and make recommendations concerning elimination of inefficiencies in healthcare professional licensure and credentialing and elimination of impediments to increasing the number of healthcare workers produced.
- (4) Revise legislative findings.
- (5) Make technical changes.

Representative Turner 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, Adams, Cox, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Bill No. 226 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 226 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 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. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 424 by Representative Turner

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 424, which provides relative to administration of immunizations and vaccines by pharmacists and other licensees of the La. Board of Pharmacy.

Representative Bagley offered a technical amendment. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Echols, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Turner offered amendments to:

- (1) Increase the age threshold provided in proposed law above which a person may receive an immunization or vaccine, other than one for influenza, from a licensee of the La. Board of Pharmacy from age three to age seven.
- (2) Require pharmacies to display signage in immunization areas that inform parents and guardians of the importance of annual pediatric well-child visits.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Echols, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Malcolm Broussard, Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-6481, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 424.

Stacy Hall, 1922 Alexander Avenue, Arabi, LA 70032, (504) 232-9622, spoke in support of House Bill No. 424.

Laurent Gagnon, Walgreens, 3081 South Range Avenue, Denham Springs, LA 70726, (225) 664-8094, spoke in support of House Bill No. 424.

John K. Hayes, Albertsons Pharmacy, 4857 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 803-6633, spoke in support of House Bill No. 424.

Jacques Soudelier, 1344 Hickory Avenue, Apartment B, Harahan, LA 70123, no phone number provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 424.

Samantha Cartwright, 12215 Villa Park, Geismar, LA 70734, (815) 341-8908, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 424.

Jennifer Miranda, 37176 Goodwood Street, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 278-4563, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 424.

Jill Hines, Health Freedom Louisiana, 1307 Mesa Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270, (904) 318-6018, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 424.

Evelyn Griffin, 10310 The Grove Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 892-6003, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 424.

John A. Vanchiere, Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 6409 Birnamwood Road, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 865-4860, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 424.

Kathy Willis, 42386 Forest View Place, Ponchatoula, LA 70454, (985) 705-0026, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 424.

Representative Pressly offered amendments to remove from the bill all provisions relating to immunizations and vaccines other than those for influenza. Representative Pressly offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Cox objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 11 nays. Representatives Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, and Pressly voted yea. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Robert Owen, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted nay.

Representative Selders offered amendments to increase the age threshold provided in proposed law above which a person may receive an influenza immunization from a licensee of the La. Board of Pharmacy from age three to age seven, thereby reverting that threshold to the age provided in present law. Representative Selders offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Bill No. 424 with amendments, to which Representative Pressly objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 424 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea. Representatives Echols, Larvadain, McMahan, and Pressly voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support and 19 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: 3 in support and 74 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 505 by Representative Jefferson

Chairman Bagley announced that action on House Bill No. 505, which provides with respect to certified ambulance operators, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 650 by Representative Hilferty

Chairman Bagley announced that action on House Bill No. 650, which provides for Medicaid coverage of prescription breast milk, was voluntarily deferred.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 39 by Representative Butler

Chairman Bagley announced that action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 39, which requests a study and recommendations concerning barriers to hiring of direct support professionals who provide Medicaid-covered services to people with disabilities, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 384 by Representative Wheat

Representative Wheat presented House Bill No. 384, which requires pediatric day health care facilities to provide for installation and operation of cameras at their premises.

Katie Corkern, 60588 Smilin' Acres Road, Amite, LA 70422, (985) 507-8540, was present in support of House Bill No. 384 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to:

- (1) Delete proposed law authorizing access to video or audio data by a parent of a recorded child upon the parent's request. Provide instead that the parent may access the video or audio pursuant to an allegation or evidence of abuse, neglect, or injury.
- (2) Add the following to the exclusive list of parties who may access video or audio data recorded by the devices required by proposed law:
 - (a) Any member of law enforcement.
 - (b) Any party designated in a subpoena issued by a court of law.
- (3) Make a technical change.

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, Robby Carter, Cox, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Cheryl Rousseau, 20500 Palmer Lane, Ponchatoula, LA 70454, (985) 662-1178, spoke in support of House Bill No. 384.

Samantha Cartwright, 12215 Villa Park, Geismar, LA 70734, (815) 341-8908, spoke in support of House Bill No. 384.

Dan Claitor, Pediatrtrust, LLC, 7520 Perkins Road, Suite 170, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 757-0159, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 384.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 384 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 384 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 15 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. 291 by Representative Edmonds

Representative Edmonds presented House Bill No. 291, which requires all nursing homes to maintain in effect emergency preparedness plans approved by the La. Department of Health, and provided a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Stagni in the chair.

Chairman Bagley in the chair.

Jennifer Miranda, 37176 Goodwood Street, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 278-4563, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 291.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 291 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 291 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Dustin Miller, Pressly, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 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: 2 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 909 by Representative Edmonds

Representative Edmonds presented House Bill No. 909, which establishes a continuum of care program for certain pregnant women and parents of young children.

Joe Pagano, Human Coalition, 7800 North Dallas Parkway, Plano, Texas 75407, (412) 592-4957, spoke in support of House Bill No. 909.

Eric Horent, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), 627 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 223-8550, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 909.

Shavana Howard, DCFS, 627 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 400-3311, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 909.

Michelle Erenberg, Lift Louisiana, 3157 Gentilly Boulevard #2327, New Orleans, LA 70122, (504) 484-9636, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 909.

Daniel Mintz, Louisiana Budget Project, 619 Jefferson Highway, Suite 1-D, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (786) 374-6626, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 909.

Susan East Nelson, Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families, 13609 Landmark Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 229-2498, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 909.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 909 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 909 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support and 6 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: 11 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 459 by Representative Charles Owen

Representative Charles Owen presented House Bill No. 459, which enacts the Life-Sustaining Care Act.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide within the La. Insurance Code (Title 22 of present law) that no health coverage plan shall deny coverage for the provision or continuation of a directed life-sustaining procedure or service provided in accordance with proposed law.
- (2) Revise legislative findings and purpose language provided in proposed law.
- (3) Revise the definitions of "legal representative" and "life-sustaining procedure" provided in proposed law.
- (4) Revise proposed law pertaining to transfer of patients in instances in which a healthcare provider or healthcare institution is unwilling to provide a directed life-sustaining procedure pursuant to proposed law.
- (5) Stipulate that when services provided to a patient for the provision or continuation of a directed life-sustaining procedure are not covered by any public or private health insurance coverage, payment for the services provided in accordance with proposed law shall remain the obligation of the patient.
- (6) Stipulate that nothing in proposed law shall be construed to supersede a properly signed and executed living will, advance directive, declaration concerning life-sustaining procedures, or physician order for scope of treatment form prepared in accordance with applicable provisions of present law.
- (7) Provide that compliance with proposed law shall not create, or be construed or interpreted to create, a new cause of action or to create a standard of care, obligation, or duty that provides a basis for a cause of action.
- (8) Make technical changes.

Representative Bagley 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, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Turner voted yea.

Frederick J. White, 444 Evangeline Place, Shreveport, LA 71102, (318) 861-3464, spoke in support of House Bill No. 459.

Angie Thomas, Louisiana Right to Life, 200 Allen Toussaint Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70124, (504) 296-0322, spoke in support of House Bill No. 459.

Samantha Cartwright, 12215 Villa Park, Geismar, LA 70734, (815) 341-8908, spoke in support of House Bill No. 459.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 459 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 459 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Echols, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 13 in support and 2 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: 33 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 35 by Representative Bacala

Chairman Bagley announced that action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 35, which requests a study and recommendations to the legislature concerning means by which to eliminate "benefits cliffs" in public assistance programs, was voluntarily deferred.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 45 by Representative Bagley

Chairman Bagley announced that action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 45, which requests a comprehensive assessment and report on substance use disorder treatment capacity and needs statewide, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 640 by Representative Wright

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 640, which provides relative to vaccines and vaccine-related pharmaceuticals produced with aborted human fetal-derived cells or human embryonic-derived cells.

Kathleen Schmainda, Charlotte Lozier Institute, 12905 Dunwoody Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122, (262) 385-6811, spoke in support of House Bill No. 640 and provided two handouts, Exhibit D and Exhibit E, which are included in the committee records.

Ben Clapper, Louisiana Right to Life, 200 Allen Toussaint Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70124, (504) 835-6520, spoke in support of House Bill No. 640.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to require any commercial entity producing or distributing vaccines or vaccine-related pharmaceuticals within this state to provide certain phrases

on an insert provided to the consumer with the vaccine or vaccine-related pharmaceutical and on an informed consent form for vaccination or use of the vaccine-related pharmaceutical. 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, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Pressly, Selders, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Turner in the chair.

Representative Crews offered amendments to require any commercial entity producing or distributing vaccines or vaccine-related pharmaceuticals within this state to provide certain phrases on a copy of the insert provided to the consumer with the vaccine or vaccine-related pharmaceutical and on an informed consent form for vaccination or use of the vaccine-related pharmaceutical. Representative Crews offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Hughes objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, McMahan, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Turner voted yea. Representatives Robby Carter, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, and Selders voted nay.

Chairman Bagley in the chair.

John A. Vanchiere, Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 6409 Birnamwood Road, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 865-4860, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 640.

Pete Martinez, Bio, 1155 Aberdeen Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 352-5362, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 640.

Will Hall, Louisiana Baptist Office of Public Policy, 1250 MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, LA 71309, (318) 449-4348, spoke in support of House Bill No. 640.

Fiorella Trapani, Health Freedom Louisiana, 4412 Lefkoe Street, Metairie, LA 70006, (504) 957-7523, spoke in support of House Bill No. 640.

Samantha Cartwright, 12215 Villa Park, Geismar, LA 70734, (815) 341-8908, spoke in support of House Bill No. 640.

Jill Hines, Health Freedom Louisiana, 1307 Mesa Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270, (904) 318-6018, spoke in support of House Bill No. 640.

Representative Crews offered a motion to report House Bill No. 640 with amendments, to which Representative Hughes objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 640 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews,

Echols, Emerson, McMahan, Pressly, and Turner voted yea. Representatives Cox, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, and Selders voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support and 6 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: 33 in support and 5 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: