

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
May 11, 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 9:08 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 Raymond J. Crews
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Representative Laurie Schlegel
Representative Larry Selders
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Braley Trabeau, committee clerk
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 342 by Senator Jackson**

Chairman Bagley announced that action on Senate Bill No. 342, which provides relative to the application of abortion statutes, was voluntarily deferred.

Senate Bill No. 388 by Senator Hewitt

Chairman Bagley announced that action on Senate Bill No. 388, which prohibits the sale of certain abortion-inducing drugs without a prescription and provides for criminal penalties, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 941 by Representative Illg

Representative Illg presented House Bill No. 941, which provides requirements and limitations relative to certain procedures performed on the spine.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 941. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 941 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 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: 4 in support and 41 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 62 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 62, which provides relative to the state central registry.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 62 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 62 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 104 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 104, which provides relative to telephone access in outpatient abortion facilities.

Susan Raborn, 1323 Chippenham Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 978-1490, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 104.

Petrice Sams-Abiodun, Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, 4636 South Claiborne Avenue, Suite 100, New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 228-1317, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 104 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Melissa Flournoy, 10,000 Women Louisiana, 650 North Sixth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 936-7200, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 104.

Deneen Robinson, National Birth Equity Collaborative, 5914 Hunters View Lane, Dallas, TX 75232, no phone number provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 104.

Ellie Schilling, 909 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 680-6050, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 104.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 104 favorably, to which Representative Hughes objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 104 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea. Representatives Hughes and Larvadain voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support and 48 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: 8 in support and 23 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 147 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 147, which provides for sexual assault survivors to have access to certain documents from the forensic medical exam.

Melissa Flournoy, 10,000 Women Louisiana, 650 North Sixth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 936-7200, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 147.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 147 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 147 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 21 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.

Senate Bill No. 268 by Senator Mizell

Representative Turner in the chair.

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 268, which provides relative to opioid treatment programs for pregnant women.

Angela Adkins, 14620 Richardson Drive, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739, (225) 324-0094, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 268.

Representative Crews offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 268 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 268 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Adams, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 23 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. 1045 by Representative Freeman

Representative Turner announced that action on House Bill No. 1045, which provides relative to funding for certain substance abuse services, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 673 by Representative Jordan

Representative Turner announced that action on House Bill No. 673, which provides relative to the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers, was voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS**Examination of practices by pharmacy benefit managers and of regulation of those entities**

Errol Duplantis, Lloyd's Remedies Pharmacy, 3696 West Main Street, Gray, LA 70359, (318) 578-1096, spoke for information only.

Randal Johnson, Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 308-2030, spoke for information only.

Jeff Zewe, Louisiana Department of Insurance/Pharmacy Benefit Manager Advisory Council, 1702 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-0819, spoke for information only.

Diane Milan, Chateau Drugs, 3544 West Esplanade Avenue, Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 889-2300, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

T.J. Woodard, Prescriptions to Geaux, 313 Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 241-7563, spoke for information only.

Minh Nguyen, Independent Pharmacies, 2138 Bayou Blue Road, Houma, LA 70364, (985) 772-4088, spoke for information only.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 2 for information only. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: