

## **House Committee on Insurance**

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
May 17, 2022

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

Representative Mike Huval, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Mike Huval, chairman  
Representative Delisha Boyd  
Representative Chad Brown  
Representative Mary DuBuisson  
Representative Kathy Edmonston  
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment  
Representative Lawrence "Larry" Frieman  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.  
Representative Edmond Jordan, vice chairman  
Representative Sherman Q. Mack  
Representative Matthew Willard

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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

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

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

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

### **III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

#### **Senate Bill No. 90 by Senator Robert Mills**

Senator Robert Mills presented Senate Bill No. 90, which provides relative to network adequacy for health insurer benefit plans.

Representative Huval offered a technical amendment. Representative Huval offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Illg, Mack, and Willard voted yea.

Frank Opelka, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), 1702 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-5900, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 90.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 90 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 90 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Illg, Mack, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 13 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 112 by Senator Robert Mills**

Senator Robert Mills presented Senate Bill No. 112, which requires health insurers that utilize prior authorization to reduce burdensome delays in approving and in making payments for covered healthcare services.

Representative Huval offered a technical amendment. Representative Huval offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Illg, Mack, and Willard voted yea.

Greg Waddell, Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 928-0026, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 112.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 112 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 112 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Illg, Mack, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 19 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **Senate Bill No. 32 by Senator Fred Mills**

Senator Fred Mills presented Senate Bill No. 32, which provides relative to pharmacy audits.

Don Caffery, Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association (LIPA), 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (337) 280-6687, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 32.

Kim Wixson, Cottonport Corner Drug, 169 Highway 1184, Cottonport, LA 71327, (318) 876-3665, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 32.

Ben Sims, Brookshire Grocery Company, 1600 W. Southwest Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75771, (903) 877-6894, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 32.

Jeff Zewe, LDI, 1702 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-0819, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 32.

Bernard LeBas, LIPA-Evangeline Drug Store, 10 W. Main Street, Ville Platte, LA 70586, (337) 831-7633, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 32.

David Osborn, LIPA-Schilling Pharmacy, 210 Avenue G, Kentwood, LA 70444, (985) 229-2501, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 32.

Kevin Torres, Channell Drugs, 1812 W. Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401, (985) 345-4767, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 32.

Randal Johnson, LIPA, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 308-2033, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 32.

Josh Sonnier, Louisiana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 281-3118, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 32.

Lauren Rawley, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA), 325 7th Street NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20004, (703) 300-3507, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 32.

Robert Rieger, PCMA, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 32.

Representative Firment offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 32 favorably, to which Representative Jordan objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 10 nays. Representatives Huval, Edmonston, Firment, and Illg voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Frieman, Glover, Green, Hollis, Jordan, Mack, and Willard voted nay.

Representative Huval offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 32. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 32 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Green, Hollis, Illg, Jordan, Mack, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 16 in support and 39 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: 18 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 290 by Representative Robby Carter**

Representative Robby Carter presented House Bill No. 290, which provides for a five percent insurance rate reduction for motor vehicles with a dashboard camera.

Representative Robby Carter provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

*Representative Jordan in the chair.*

Representative Jordan offered a technical amendment. Representative Jordan offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Green, Hollis, Illg, Jordan, Mack, and Willard voted yea.

*Representative Huval in the chair.*

Nicholas Lorusso, LDI, 1702 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9183, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 290 on behalf of Commissioner James Donelon, LDI.

Kevin Cunningham, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 290.

Tom Clark, Allstate, 300 Main Street, Suite 2300, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 387-4000, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 290.

Rodney Braxton, State Farm, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 290.

Representative Mack offered a motion to report House Bill No. 290 with amendments, to which Representative Frieman objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 7 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Boyd, Brown, Glover, Green, Jordan, Mack, and Willard voted yea. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Hollis, and Illg voted nay.

Representative Green offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 290. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 290 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Green, Hollis, Illg, Jordan, Mack, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in opposition and 1 for information only. 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 Illg offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Green, Hollis, Illg, Jordan, Mack, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Mike Huval  
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: