

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
April 17, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chairman
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Dennis Bamburg, Jr.
Representative Jacob Braud
Representative Chad Brown, vice chairman
Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Troy Jude Hebert
Representative Chance Keith Henry
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Shaun Raphael Mena
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Roger William Wilder, III
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Mandie Landry

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rashida Keith, attorney
Alicia Powell, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms
Ralph Palmer, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 323 by Senator Talbot**

Senator Talbot presented Senate Bill No. 323, which provides for fair claims processing.

Representative Firment offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Firment offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Braud, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

Jimmy Ordeneaux, Louisiana Farm Bureau Insurance Company, 701 Poydras St., Ste. 3800, New Orleans, LA 70139, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 323.

Tim Temple, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 323.

Representative Henry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 323 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 323 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Braud, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Mena, Phelps, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 27 in support, 1 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 323 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

Senate Bill No. 370 by Senator Bass

Senator Bass presented Senate Bill No. 370, which provides for the termination of certain property, casualty, or liability policies.

Representative Firment offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Firment offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Braud, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Mena, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

Tim Temple, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 370.

Jimmy Ordeneaux, Louisiana Farm Bureau Insurance Company, 701 Poydras St., Ste. 3800, New Orleans, LA 70139, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 370.

Representative Henry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 370 with amendments, to which Representative Willard objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 370 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Firmont, Bagley, Bamburg, Brown, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Mike Johnson, and Wilder voted yea. Representatives Braud, Green, Mena, and Willard voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 24 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 370 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

Vice Chairman Brown in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 295 by Senator Cloud

On behalf of Senator Cloud, Representative Firmont presented Senate Bill No. 295, which provides for rate filing procedures and requirements for rate making.

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 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmont, Bagley, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Mike Johnson, Mena, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 295 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 295 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmont, Bagley, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Mike Johnson, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 27 in support, 1 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 295 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Green offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamberg, Braud, Brown, Galle, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Mike Johnson, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Michael "Gabe" Firment
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: September 6, 2024