

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
April 24, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:09 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 Aimee Adatto Freeman
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 Edmond Jordan
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Shaun Raphael Mena
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Roger William Wilder, III
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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. 337 by Senator Boudreaux**

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 337, which provides for a premium discount for certain military personnel.

Representative Firment offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide an effective date of Jan. 1, 2025; and
- (2) 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, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Freeman, Galle, Hebert, Henry, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Firment offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 337 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 337 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Freeman, Galle, Hebert, Henry, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 338 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 338, which requires health coverage plans to include alternative imaging methods to mammography.

Gabrielle Kees, Susan G. Komen Foundation, 304 Laurel St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 338.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 338 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 338 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Freeman, Galle, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 219 by Senator McMath

Senator McMath presented Senate Bill No. 219, which provides relative to conversion requirements for health insurers.

Representative Firmert offered a technical amendment. Representative Firmert offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmert, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Freeman, Galle, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 219 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 219 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmert, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Freeman, Galle, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mena, Wilder, and Willard 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.

Senate Bill No. 367 by Senator Bass

On behalf of Senator Bass, Adam Patrick, Louisiana Department of Insurance, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, presented Senate Bill No. 367, which provides for the boards and commissions within the Department of Insurance.

Representative Firmert offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Firmert offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmert, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Freeman, Galle, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mena, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 367 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 367 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmert, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Freeman, Galle, Hebert, Illg, Mike Johnson, Mena, Phelps, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 48 by Senator Talbot

On behalf of Senator Talbot, Julie Stokes, Louisiana Oncology Society (LOS)/Survivors Cancer Action Network (SCAN), 246 Garden Rd., River Ridge, LA 70123, presented Senate Bill No. 48,

which provides for health insurance coverage of genetic testing for diseases and other medical conditions.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 48 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 48 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmint, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Freeman, Galle, Hebert, Illg, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Mena, Phelps, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 58 by Senator Talbot

On behalf of Senator Talbot, Julie Stokes, LOS/SCAN, 246 Garden Rd., River Ridge, LA 70123, presented Senate Bill No. 58, which provides for patient's right to prompt coverage.

Margarita Perez, 103 Ardenwood Dr., Lafayette, LA 70508, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 58.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 58 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 58 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmint, Bagley, Bamburg, Brown, Freeman, Galle, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mike Johnson, Mandie Landry, Phelps, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 270 by Senator Talbot

On behalf of Senator Talbot, Mary-Patricia Wray, Louisiana Housing Council, 711 N. Sixth St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, presented Senate Bill No. 270, which provides relative to volunteer board members of certain interlocal risk management agencies.

Representative Firmint offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 270 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 270 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmint, Bagley, Bamburg, Brown, Freeman, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mike Johnson, Mandie Landry, Mena, Phelps, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 344 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 344, which requires an applicant or an existing insured regarding a homeowner's insurance policy to disclose to their insurer the property is to be used or is being used as a group home.

Representative Firmint offered a technical amendment. Representative Firmint offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 14

yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Brown, Freeman, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mike Johnson, Mandie Landry, Mena, Phelps, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 344 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 344 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Brown, Freeman, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Mandie Landry, Mena, Phelps, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 345 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 345, which provides for an extension for premiums due for homeowners' policies.

Representative Wilder offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 345 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 345 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Freeman, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mike Johnson, Jordan, Mandie Landry, Mena, Phelps, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 242 by Senator Bouie

On behalf of Senator Bouie, Representative Willard presented Senate Bill No. 242, which provides for the use of satellite photos when inspecting a property that has been issued an insurance policy.

Tom Clark, Allstate Insurance Company, 301 Main St., Ste. 2300, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 242.

Kellen Mathews, State Farm Insurance Company, 450 Laurel St., Ste. 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 242.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 242 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 242 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Freeman, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Mike Johnson, Mena, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in opposition. 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 Brown offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Braud, Brown, Freeman, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Mike Johnson, Mena, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Michael "Gabe" Firment
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: September 6, 2024