

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
April 30, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:42 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 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 Edmond Jordan
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Shaun Raphael Mena
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Roger William Wilder, III
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Dennis Bamburg, Jr.
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rashida Keith, attorney
Alicia Powell, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms
Burnell Thompson, III, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 369 by Senator Bass**

On behalf of Senator Bass, Adam Patrick, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, presented Senate Bill No. 369, which provides venue options for insurance fraud and for the allocation of the insurance fraud assessment fund.

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 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmert, Bagley, Braud, Brown, Galle, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Jordan, Mandie Landry, Mena, Phelps, Wilder, and Willard voted yea.

Nathan Strebeck, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 369.

Jeff Traylor, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 369.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 369 with amendments, to which Representative Green objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 369 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Firmert, Bagley, Braud, Brown, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mike Johnson, and Wilder voted yea. Representatives Green, Mena, and Willard voted nay.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 369 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

Senate Bill No. 463 by Senator Wheat

Senator Wheat presented Senate Bill No. 463, which creates the Louisiana Dental Loss Ratios for Dental Healthcare Services Plans Act.

Representative Firmert offered amendments to:

- (1) Clarify a community expenditure as a "community benefit expenditure";
- (2) Require the department's rule promulgation to be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; and
- (3) Make technical changes.

Representative Firment offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Braud, Brown, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mike Johnson, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

Annette Droddy, Louisiana Dental Association, 5637 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 463 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 463 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 463 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Braud, Brown, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 148 by Senator Mizell

On behalf of Senator Mizell, Pete Martinez, Sage Therapeutics, 1155 Aberdeen Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, presented Senate Bill No. 148, which provides relative to postpartum depression.

Representative Firment offered amendments to:

- (1) Modify proposed law to authorize a prescribing practitioner to request an override if the required prescription drug for postpartum depression under a step therapy or fail first protocol is not indicated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for postpartum depression on the prescription drug's approved labeling.

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, Brown, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 148 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 148 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Firment, Bagley, Braud, Brown, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mena, and Wilder 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.

Senate Bill No. 200 by Senator Duplessis

On behalf of Senator Duplessis, Representative Mena presented Senate Bill No. 200, which provides for out-of-state health insurance coverage when the governor declares a state of emergency.

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, Braud, Brown, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 200 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 200 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Brown, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

The committee stood at ease at 10:33 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

House Bill No. 957 by Representative Jordan

Representative Brown offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 957, which prohibits vehicle manufacturers and distributors from sharing driver information without the driver's consent. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 957 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Braud, Brown, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 957 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

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 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Braud, Brown, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Michael "Gabe" Firment
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: September 6, 2024