

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
March 18, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chair of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chair
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Dennis Bamburg, Jr.
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Troy Jude Hebert
Representative Chance Keith Henry
Representative John R. Illg, Jr., vice chair
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Michael Melerine
Representative Shaun Raphael Mena
Representative Ed Murray
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Roger William Wilder, III

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.
Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adraiana Johnson, legislative analyst
Trinity A Johnson, legislative analyst
Alicia Powell, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Jabari Williams, sergeant at arms
Blaine Sylvester, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 739 by Representative Berault**

Representative Berault presented House Bill No. 739, which provides relative to insurance fraud.

Adam Patrick, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 739.

Representative Firmont offered an amendment to provide that appeals of actions taken under proposed law shall be governed by present law in R.S. 22:2191. Representative Firmont offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmont, Bagley, Bamburg, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yeas.

Luke Williamson, Louisiana Association for Justice, 955 McClung St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 739.

Representative Firmont offered an amendment to amend the definition of "Business of Insurance" to clarify that the provisions of proposed law do not apply to certain persons engaged in the practice of law. Representative Firmont offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmont, Bagley, Bamburg, Freeman, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yeas.

Representative Firmont offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Firmont 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, Freeman, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yeas.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report House Bill No. 739 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 739 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmont, Bagley, Bamburg, Freeman, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 739.

House Bill No. 413 by Representative Carver

Representative Carver presented House Bill No. 413, which prohibits an insurer from utilizing a rating factor in an automobile insurance rate filing.

Adam Patrick, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 413.

Tim Temple, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 413.

Representative Henry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 413 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 413 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Freeman, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yeas.

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

House Bill No. 234 by Representative Firment

Representative Firment presented House Bill No. 234, which re-creates the Department of Insurance.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 234 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 234 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Freeman, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yeas.

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

House Bill No. 850 by Representative Firment

Representative Firment presented House Bill No. 850, which provides relative to cancellation notice requirements in the Standard Fire Policy.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report House Bill No. 850 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 850 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Freeman, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yeas.

House Bill No. 174 by Representative Firment

Representative Firment presented House Bill No. 174, which permits the impoundment of out-of-state vehicles not covered by compulsory liability insurance.

Representative Firment offered motion to introduce a substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Freeman, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Firment offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Firment offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Freeman, Glorioso, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Lance Kennedy, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 174.

Robyn Temple, Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles, 7979 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 174.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report House Bill No. 174 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 174 was reported by substitute by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Freeman, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 174.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Jordan offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Freeman, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Michael "Gabe" Firment
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: