

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
March 25, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chair of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:14 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 Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.
Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Troy Jude Hebert
Representative Chance Keith Henry
Representative Dana 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 Aimee Adatto Freeman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms
Ralph Palmer, sergeant at arms
Marcellus Veal, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 577 by Representative Glorioso**

Representative Glorioso presented House Bill No. 577, which provides relative to penalties calculated on the amount found to be due from the insurer to the insured.

Luke Williamson, Louisiana Association for Justice (LAJ), 955 McClung St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 577.

Brian Katz, LAJ, 909 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 577.

Ben Riggs, Real Reform Louisiana, 1717 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 577.

Barrow Peacock, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of Commissioner Tim Temple on House Bill No. 577.

Adam Patrick, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 577.

Representative Firment offered a motion to report House Bill No. 577 favorably, to which Representative Green objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 577 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Illg, Melerine, and Wilder voted yea. Representatives Green, Dana Henry, Jordan, Mena, Murray, and Phelps voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

The committee stood at ease at 10:35 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

House Bill No. 955 by Representative Kerner

Representative Kerner presented House Bill No. 955, which creates licensure for a Cash Bail Fund Surety and a GPS Monitoring Provider.

Jill Dennis, Association of Supervised Ankle Monitor Providers, 723 S. Dupre St., New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in support of House Bill No. 955.

Representative Glorioso offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove the Cash Bail Fund Surety and GPS Monitoring Provider Licensure provisions;
- (2) Remove proposed law relative to electronic monitoring providers from Title 22 to Title 15 of the La. Revised Statutes;
- (3) Proposed law provisions relative to electronic monitoring providers provide for: definitions, registration, maintenance, certification requirements, and required disclosures; and
- (4) Authorize the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to enforce compliance and maintain the registration status of electronic monitoring providers.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 955 with amendments with recommendation that it be recommitted to the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice. Without objection, House Bill No. 955 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, 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.

House Bill No. 904 by Representative Bamburg

Representative Bamburg presented House Bill No. 904, which establishes guidelines for the regulation of captive insurance companies and risk retention groups.

Representative Firment offered an amendment to make technical changes. Representative Firment 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, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yeas.

Claire Lemoine, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 904.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 904 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 904 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yeas.

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

House Bill No. 408 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 408, which prohibits insurers from the nonrenewal of residential insurance policies when homeowners timely mitigate risks.

Jimmy Ordeneaux, Louisiana Farm Bureau Insurance Company, 2431 S. Acadian Trwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 408.

Rodney Braxton, Insurance Council of Louisiana, 543 Spanish Town Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 408.

Kellen Mathews, State Farm Insurance Company, 450 Laurel St., Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 408.

Vice Chair Illg in the chair.

Chair Firment in the chair.

Kevin Cunningham, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, 543 Spanish Town Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 408.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 408. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 408 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Jordan, Mena, Murray, and Phelps voted yeas.

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

Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 408 on April 29, 2026 and May 6, 2026. Please check for the subsequent actions to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 408.

House Bill No. 826 by Representative Green

Representative Firmant announced that action on House Bill No. 826, which provides relative to referrals for sales of insurance, was voluntarily deferred.

Vice Chair Illg in the chair.

House Bill No. 929 by Representative Firmant

Representative Firmant presented House Bill No. 929, which creates the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Glass Law.

Representative Firmant offered a motion to report House Bill No. 929 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 929 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmant, Bagley, Bamburg, Bayham, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 929.

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 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmant, Bagley, Bamburg, Bayham, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Michael "Gabe" Firment
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: