

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
March 31, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chair of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. in Room 4, 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 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 Roger William Wilder, III

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Tammy T. Phelps

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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 826 by Representative Green**

On behalf of Representative Green, Kevin Cunningham, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, 543 Spanish Town Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, presented House Bill No. 826, which provides relative to referrals for sales of insurance.

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 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Melerine, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 826 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 826 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

House Bill No. 591 by Representative Green

Representative Green presented House Bill No. 591, which creates the Paid Family Leave Insurance Act.

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, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Firment offered an amendment to provide that payment of benefits under any policy or rider providing paid family leave benefits shall not be deemed wages in lieu of workers' compensation benefit nor interrupt prescription for any claim arising under present law (R.S. 23:1020.1 et. seq.). 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, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Green offered a motion to report House Bill No. 591 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 591 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Glorioso, Green, 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: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 591.

House Bill No. 625 by Representative Jordan

Representative Firment announced that action on House Bill No. 625, which requires peer-to-peer car sharing programs to maintain physical damage coverage for shared vehicles during the car sharing period, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 751 by Representative Taylor

Representative Firment announced that action on House Bill No. 751, which requires insurers or business entities promoting term life insurance policies to provide certain notices to applicants, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 771 by Representative Taylor

Representative Firment announced that action on House Bill No. 771, which provides relative to Medicare as the secondary payer for retirees with employer-sponsored health insurance, was voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Bamburg offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Michael "Gabe" Firment
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Date adopted: