

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 1, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chair of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 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 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:

None

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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 866 by Representative DeWitt**

Representative Firment announced that action on House Bill No. 866, which prohibits pharmacy benefit managers and managed care plans from reducing pharmacy reimbursements, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 938 by Representative Turner

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 938, which provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers.

Representative Firment offered amendments to:

- (1) Revise the effective date reference by changing "2026" to "2025" to ensure statutory accuracy;
- (2) Remove redundant language from proposed law to maintain consistency with existing statutory format;
- (3) Implement a conflict-of-interest provision that prohibits any consultants or advisors who were compensated for PBM procurement activities between 2016 and 2025, from engaging in the selection process or operation of the PBM reverse auction platform;
- (4) Clarifies statutory references of prior legislative acts to repeal Section 5 of Act 474 of the 2025 Regular Session; and
- (5) Make technical changes.

Representative Firment 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, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Josh Sonnier, Ironworkers Local #623, 6153 Airline Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70805, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 938.

Kristy Copeland, National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals Louisiana, P.O. Box 8765, Metairie, LA 70011, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 938.

Phil Christofanelli, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, 505 9th St., NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20004, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 938.

Chad Major, Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana, 1339 Highway 67, Slaughter, LA 70777, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 938.

Representative Firment offered a motion to report House Bill No. 938 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 938 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support and 8 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 870.

Vice Chair Illg in the chair.

House Bill No. 870 by Representative Turner

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 870, which provides relative to formulary placement and cost-sharing requirements for certain generic drugs and biosimilars.

Representative Illg offered amendments to revise and implement a set of technical definitions for the following terms: "Biosimilar", "Brand drug", "Formulary", "Generic drug", "Reference listed drug", "Reference product", and "Wholesale acquisition cost".

Representative Illg offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Brett Michelin, Association for Accessible Medicines, 601 New Jersey Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001, spoke in support of House Bill No. 870.

Milam Ford, Louisiana Blue, 5525 Reitz Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 870.

Mollie Carby, Louisiana Blue, 5525 Reitz Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 870.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report House Bill No. 870 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 870 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 870.

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 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Michael "Gabe" Firment
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Date adopted: