

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 14, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chair of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chair
Representative Dennis Bamburg, Jr.
Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.
Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso
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 Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 241 by Senator Hodges**

Representative Firment announced that action on Senate Bill No. 241, which requires the inclusion of the license number of adjusters and appraisers in all written communications, was voluntarily deferred.

Vice Chair Illg in the chair.

House Bill No. 1117 by Representative Firment

Representative Firment presented House Bill No. 1117, which provides relative to certain insurer contractual payments and prescriptive period.

Kevin Cunningham, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, 543 Spanish Town Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1117.

Adam Patrick, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1117.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1117 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1117 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bayham, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 943 by Representative Firment

Representative Firment presented House Bill No. 943, which directs insurers to conduct data matches and withhold certain insurance and settlement payments to satisfy child support obligations.

Representative Firment offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Firment offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Firment offered an amendment to the substitute bill to revise the definition of recipient. Representative Firment offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Charles Watkins, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, 627 N. Fourth St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 943.

Tim Temple, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 943.

Representative Firment offered a motion to report House Bill No. 943 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 943 was reported by substitute by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

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

Chair Firment in the chair.

House Bill No. 1162 by Representative Glorioso

Representative Glorioso presented House Bill No. 1162, which provides relative to the verification of contractors.

Luke Williamson, 955 McClung St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1162.

Representative Firment offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1162 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1162 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamberg, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, 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.

House Bill No. 408 by Representative Jordan

Representative Firment announced that action on House Bill No. 408, which prohibits insurers from the nonrenewal of residential insurance policies when homeowners timely mitigate risk, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 1180 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 1180, which provides with respect to the denial of life insurance following suicide.

Representative Firment offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1180 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1180 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

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 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Michael "Gabe" Firment
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Date adopted: