

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 23, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chair of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:25 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 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 Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.
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
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
Marcellus Veal, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 1142 by Representative Martinez**

Representative Firment announced that action on House Bill No. 1142, which requires the Department of Insurance to issue an annual market accountability report, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 1187 by Representative Sawyer

Representative Sawyer presented House Bill No. 1187, which provides for emergency assessments of the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.

Representative Firment offered an amendment to make a technical change. Representative Firment offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Glorioso, Hebert, Dana Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Tim Temple, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1187.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1187 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1187 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, 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: 2 in support and 4 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1210 by Representative Dana Henry

Representative Dana Henry presented House Bill No. 1210, which creates a mandatory pre-suit claim review process relative to residential property insurance.

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

Adam Patrick, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1210.

Richard Newberry, Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance, 1 Galleria Blvd., Ste. 720, Metairie, LA 70001, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1210.

Luke Williamson, Louisiana Association for Justice, 955 McClung St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1210.

Representative Firment offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 1210. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 1210 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 2 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1199 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 1199, which provides relative to health insurance coverage for genetic testing and the treatment of SCN2A-associated medical conditions.

Representative Jordan offered an amendment to clarify the coverage requirement by mandating that services must be ordered by a provider and also deemed medically necessary by the health coverage plan to qualify for coverage. Representative Jordan 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, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Jaclyn Dedon, 8598 Tina Ln., Maringouin, LA 70757, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1199.

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Representative Phelps offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1199 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1199 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Glorioso, Green, Illg, Jordan, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 880 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 880, which creates the Louisiana Artificial Intelligence Insurance Fairness 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 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Glorioso, Hebert, Illg, Jordan, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Jordan provided a handout entitled "Resolution Affirming U.S. State-Based Regulation of Artificial Intelligence in Insurance Consistent with the McCarran-Ferguson Act", Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 880. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 880 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Illg, Jordan, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

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House Bill No. 920 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 920. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 920 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Illg, Jordan, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

House Bill No. 1221 by Representative Amedee

Presenting on behalf of Representative Amedee, Shirley Bowler, 705 Maximillian St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, presented House Bill No. 1221, which provides for policy data exemptions of information collected for the Louisiana Fortified Homes Program Fund and provided a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Michael Bowler, 705 Maximillian St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1221.

Matthew Stewart, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1221.

Tim Temple, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1221 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Green offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1221 favorably, to which Representative Hebert objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Green, Illg, Jordan, Mena, Murray, and Phelps voted yea. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, and Chance Henry voted nay.

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

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.

House Bill No. 869 by Representative Lyons

This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 869 from April 15, 2026. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 869.

Representative Lyons presented House Bill No. 869, which provides relative to expand glucose-improving medications coverage to individuals based on body mass index.

Representative Mena offered amendments to:

- (1) Make a technical change;
- (2) Remove the Office of Group Benefits from proposed law; and
- (3) Require health plans to pay twenty-five percent of the cost of covered glucose improving medications after all discounts and policy benefits are applied when prescribed by a licensed healthcare provider, regardless of the medication's form.

Frank Opelka, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 869.

Representative Mena offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Illg, Jordan, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

Jeff Drozda, Louisiana Association of Health Plans, 450 Laurel St., Ste. 1430, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 869.

Representative Firment offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 869. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 869 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Galle, Hebert, Chance Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

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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 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Galle, Hebert, Chance Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Michael "Gabe" Firment
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: