

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 29, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chair of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:15 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 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:

Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, 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. 192 by Senator Foil**

Senator Foil presented Senate Bill No. 192, which provides for the method of dental reimbursement or payments.

Representative Illg offered amendments to:

- (1) Revise the definition of "express acceptance" to clarify that the agreement pertains to a selected payment method, rather than "the terms of" a direct agreement;
- (2) Remove the language requiring that the dental plan's communication of the payment method be made in writing to the dentist;
- (3) Clarify that express acceptance may be given through electronic, digital signatures, checking a confirmation box, or other electronic acknowledgments;
- (4) Broaden the scope of applicability of proposed law to apply to policies that are newly issued, amended, or renewed; and
- (5) Remove redundant language from proposed law to maintain consistency with existing statutory format.

Representative Illg offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yeas.

Representative Firment offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 192 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 192 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Dana Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 84 by Senator Myers

Senator Myers presented Senate Bill No. 84, which provides relative to health insurance coverage for prostate cancer screening.

Representative Firment offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide that any coverage required pursuant to proposed law shall not be subject to any cost-sharing amount, including deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, or similar out of pocket expenses; and
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Firment offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Freeman, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Alice Kline, American Cancer Society, 397 S. Ardenwood Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 84.

Josh Sonnier, Ironworkers Local 623, 6153 Airline Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70805, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 84.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 84 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 84 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Dana Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, 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.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 84.

Senate Bill No. 275 by Senator Myers

Senator Myers presented Senate Bill No. 275, which provides for reimbursement rates of services provided by CRNAs within their lawful scope of practice.

Colby LaFleur, Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists, 7401 W. Congress St., Duson, LA 70529, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 275.

Representative Hebert offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 275 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 275 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bagley, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 13 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 401 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Bill No. 401, which provides for a Prescription Drug Affordability Board.

Representative Firment offered an amendment to provide that brand name drugs, certain biologic, and certain biological products are not considered for placement on the prescription drug list. 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, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Chance Henry offered amendments to:

- (1) Define certain terms;
- (2) Add provisions for manufacturer reporting which provides for manufacturer reporting requirements, manufacturer's obligation, and exemption from public inspection;
- (3) Add provisions for confidentiality which provides that all information and data obtained by the department pursuant to proposed law, that is not otherwise publicly available is considered to be a trade secret and confidential and proprietary information and such information is not subject to disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Law;
- (4) Prohibit the publishing or disclosing of certain manufacturer information pursuant to proposed law;
- (5) Authorize the department, board, and interested parties to impose confidentiality protections of proposed law on any third party;
- (6) Remove provision of proposed law, which provide for the disclosure of prescription drug price information; and

- (7) Make technical changes.

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

Jason Young, Americans for Lower Drug Prices, 36 Boulder Rd., Manchester, VT 05255, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 401.

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, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, and Wilder voted yeas.

Representative Bamburg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 401 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 401 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, and Wilder voted yeas.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 401.

Senate Bill No. 169 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Bill No. 169, which provides relative to biomarker testing.

Representative Firment offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove language relative to clinical utility from proposed law; and
- (2) Make technical changes.

Julie Stokes, Louisiana Oncology Society/Ellevest, 246 Garden Rd., River Ridge, LA 70123, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 169.

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, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Dana Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, and Wilder voted yeas.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 169 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 169 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, and Wilder voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 387 by Senator Bass

Senator Bass presented Senate Bill No. 387, which provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers.

Representative Illg offered amendments to:

- (1) Define "net acquisition cost";
- (2) Clarify that pharmacy benefit manager service fees may be assessed on a per-prescription or per-event basis, in addition to existing structures;
- (3) Authorize the commissioner of insurance to share confidential pharmacy benefit manager information with a Prescription Drug Affordability Board established pursuant to present law and proposed law;
- (4) Adjust a statutory reference from 2027 to 2028, effectively delaying implementation of the affected provision by one year;
- (5) Refine formulary language to require that comparable drugs be offered within the same formulary tier and cost-sharing structure;
- (6) Establish a phase-in by applying proposed law to new plans starting January 1, 2028, and requiring existing plans to comply by renewal, no later than January 1, 2029; and
- (7) Make technical changes.

Representative Illg offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Freeman, Glorioso, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Illg, Jordan, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Josh Sonnier, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, 429 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 387.

Jason Young, Americans for Lower Drug Prices, 36 Boulder Rd., Manchester, VT 05255, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 387.

Heath Williams, Office of Group Benefits, 1201 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 387.

Laurie Adams, East Baton Rouge Parish Metropolitan Council, 222 St. Louis St., Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 387.

Phil Christofanelli, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, 505 9th St. NW, 10th Fl., Washington, DC 20004, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 387.

Representative Bamburg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 387 with amendments, to which Representative Freeman objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 387 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Firmment, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Chance Henry, Dana Henry, Melerine, Murray, and Wilder voted yea. Representatives Freeman, Green, Mena, and Phelps voted nay.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 387.

Representative Green in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 241 by Senator Hodges

On behalf of Senator Hodges, Representative Firmment presented Senate Bill No. 241, which requires the inclusion of the license number of adjusters and appraisers in all written communications.

Representative Firmment offered amendments to:

- (1) Revise the present law statutes to limit disclosure requirements to claims adjusters, public adjusters, and appraisers; and
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Firmment offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firmment, Bamburg, Freeman, Galle, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Dana Henry, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Representative Firment offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 241 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 241 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Freeman, Galle, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Dana Henry, Melerine, Mena, Murray, Phelps, and Wilder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 1 for information. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Chair Firment in the chair.

The committee stood at ease at 11:04 a.m. The committee reconvened at 11:12 a.m.

House Bill No. 408 by Representative Jordan

This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 408 from March 25, 2026. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 408.

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

Representative Glorioso offered amendments to:

- (1) Replace the term "fail to renew" with "cancel"; and
- (2) Add language providing that the provisions of this section do not apply to surplus line carriers.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Freeman, Galle, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Dana Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Phelps voted yea.

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

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Mena offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Galle, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Dana Henry, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Phelps voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Michael "Gabe" Firment
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: