

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 12, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment, chair of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:12 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 Dana Henry
Representative John R. Illg, Jr., vice chair
Representative Michael Melerine
Representative Shaun Raphael Mena
Representative Ed Murray
Representative Roger William Wilder, III

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Chance Keith Henry
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Tammy T. Phelps

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nevonda Reed Dobard, division director
Trinity A Johnson, legislative analyst
Alicia Powell, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
Ralph Palmer, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 341 by Senator Edmonds**

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 341, which provides for the Louisiana Churches and Nonprofit Religious Organizations Self-Insured Fund.

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, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Illg, Melerine, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Adam Patrick, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 341.

Representative Wilder offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 341 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 341 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Illg, Melerine, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 509 by Senator Cloud

Senator Cloud presented Senate Bill No. 509, which provides relative to bank-owned life insurance.

Representative Firment offered an amendment to clarify that the proposed law does not limit or alter existing state or federal consent requirements.

Frank Opelka, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 509.

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, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Illg, Melerine, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

Tom Clark, American Council of Life Insurers, 301 Main St., Ste. 2300, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 509.

Jeff Butler, no address provided, Brownsboro, TX 75756, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 509.

Representative Firment offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 509. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 509 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

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

Further action was taken by the committee on Senate Bill No. 509 on May 19, 2026. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on Senate Bill No. 509.

Senate Bill No. 464 by Senator Barrow

Presenting on behalf of Senator Barrow, Ryan Haynie, Bariatric Surgery Association of Louisiana, P.O. Box 44032, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, presented Senate Bill No. 464, which provides relative to coverage for severe obesity treatment.

Frank Opelka, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 464.

Representative Murray offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 464 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 464 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Galle offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Firment, Bamburg, Bayham, Galle, Glorioso, Hebert, Illg, Melerine, Mena, Murray, and Wilder voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Michael "Gabe" Firment
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Date adopted: