

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 7, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. in Room 5, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Katrina R. Jackson
Representative Mike Johnson
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Helena N. Moreno
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Thomas P. Willmott, vice chairman
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Felicie Jackson, secretary
Brandi Cannon, attorney
Drew Murray, legislative analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Dmitrus McGruder, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 by Representative Bacala**

Representative Bacala presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, which increases monthly premiums charged to families receiving services through the LaCHIP Phase V program.

Representative Hoffmann offered amendments, which reduced the monthly premium and provides for annual adjustments beginning in 2016.

Mr. Shawn Hotstream, Legislative Fiscal Office, 900 N 3rd St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 342-7169, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Ms. Karen Scallan, Special Needs & Parent Support Services of Louisiana, 3724 Ashton Dr, Desrehan, LA, 70047, (504) 430-3604, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Representative Hoffmann 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, Cox, Hensgens, Hunter, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, LeBas, Magee, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 1. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Hunter, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, LeBas, Magee, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 309 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 309, which provides for cost containment, cost sharing, and long term services and supports in the Medicaid managed care program.

Representative Cox offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 309. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 309 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Hunter, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 21 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 517 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 517, which establishes certain provider fees within the Louisiana Medicaid program.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 517. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 517 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Hensgens, Hunter, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, LeBas, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 19 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 by Representative Ivey

"Further action was taken by the committee on May 11, 2016, on House Concurrent Resolution No. 4. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Concurrent No. 4."

Representative Ivey presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, which amends administrative rules to provide for a Medicaid expansion cost containment program.

Representative Mike Johnson offered amendments which revise the specifications for the proposed program of disenrollment of newly eligible Medicaid enrollees.

Ms. Jen Steele, Department of Health and Hospitals, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 342-3030, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Mr. Steve Spires, Office of the Governor, 900 N 3rd St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 342-3392, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Ms. Alma Stewart, Healthcare for Everyone - LA, P.O. Box 82637, Baton Rouge, LA, 70884, (225) 772-7029, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Mr. David Hood, Healthcare for Everyone - LA, 16239 Woodland Trl, Baton Rouge, LA, 70817, (225) 268-1974, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4. Mr. Hood provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Ms. Linda Hawkins, League of Women Voters of LA, 22271 Main St, Abita Springs, LA, 70420, (985) 809-3983, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Ms. Joyce Plummer, The Micah Project, 1737 Progress Rd, Baton Rouge, LA, 70807, (225) 268-4845 spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Mr. Edgar Cage, Together Louisiana, 4302 Melban St, Baker, LA, 70714, no phone number provided, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Representative Willmott is in the chair.

Representative Hoffmann is in the chair.

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Hensgens, Hunter, Jackson, Mike Johnson, Dustin Miller, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 with amendments, to which Representative Moreno objected. The secretary called the roll and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas, 7 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Bagley, Horton, Mike Johnson, Dustin Miller, and Stokes voted yea. Representatives Cox, Hunter, Jackson, Robert Johnson, Moreno, Pope, and Willmott voted nay. Representative Hoffmann abstained.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 4. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hunter, Jackson, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 19 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 106 by Representative Jay Morris

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 106, which requires legislative approval of certain changes in Medicaid eligibility standards. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 106 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

House Bill No. 170 by Representative Talbot

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 170, which requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to institute Medicaid cost containment measures to the extent allowed by federal regulations. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 170 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

House Bill No. 173 by Representative Havard

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 173, which requires cost sharing for certain Medicaid-covered services and dedicates revenues derived thereof. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 173 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

House Bill No. 324 by Representative Mike Johnson

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 324, which requires a copayment in the Medicaid program for all nonemergency services provided by a hospital emergency department. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 324 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

House Bill No. 435 by Representative Hodges

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 435, which directs the Department of Health and Hospitals to institute cost sharing for certain Medicaid-covered services. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 566 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

House Bill No. 566 by Representative Richard

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 566, which requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to institute certain Medicaid cost containment measures. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 566 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

House Bill No. 492 by Representative McFarland

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 492, which authorizes the collection of certain copayments in the medical assistance program.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 492. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 492 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 28 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Frank A. Hoffmann
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted:

May 31, 2017