

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 13, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 Dodie Horton
Representative Bob Hensgens
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:

Representative Marcus L. Hunter

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Dmitrus McGruder, clerk
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Concurrent Resolution No. 24 by Representative Berthelot**

Representative Berthelot presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 24, which urges the office of behavioral health to raise awareness of addictive disorders involving abuse of inhalants.

Ms. Cathy Stanley, 13634 Bayou Terrance Dr, St Amant, LA, 70774, (225) 939-5550, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 24.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 24 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 24 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 579 by Representative Robert Johnson

Representative Robert Johnson presented House Bill No. 579, which provides relative to the delivery of nutrition services.

Representative Robert Johnson offered amendments which made technical and substantive changes. Representative Robert Johnson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Ms. Kristen Gradney, Louisiana Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics, 8550 United Plaza Blvd, Ste 1001, Baton Rouge, LA, 70809, (225) 922-4570, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 579.

Ms. Jennifer Marusak, Louisiana State Medical Society, 6767 Perkins Rd, Ste 100, Baton Rouge, LA, 70808, (225) 763-8500, spoke to withdraw opposition to House Bill No. 579.

Representative Robert Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 579 with amendments, to which Representative Bagley objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 579 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention. Representatives Cox, Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, and Willmott voted yea. Representative Bagley voted nay. Representative Hoffmann abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, 2 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 595 by Representative Robert Johnson

Representative Robert Johnson presented House Bill No. 595, which provides relative to the delivery of nutrition services through telehealth.

Representative Robert Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 595 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 595 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted from individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 642 by Representative Robert Johnson

Representative Robert Johnson presented House Bill No. 642, which provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition.

Ms. Claire Miller, Louisiana Board of Examiners in Nutrition & Dietetics, 713 Wordsworth Dr, Baton Rouge, LA, 70810, (225) 614-7441, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 642.

Ms. Kristen Gradney, Louisiana Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics, 8550 United Plaza Blvd, Ste 1001, Baton Rouge, LA, 70809, (225) 922-4570, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 642.

Representative Robert Johnson offered amendments which made technical changes. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Robert Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 642 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 642 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hensgens, Jackson, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann 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.

House Bill No. 918 by Representative Willmott

Representative Willmott presented House Bill No. 918, which provides relative to background checks for persons applying for licensure by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

Representative Willmott offered amendments, which made technical changes and revised current law requiring applicants to provide written consent to the La. State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners to request and obtain state and national criminal history record information to require instead that applicants provide written consent for such criminal history record information to be obtained by an unspecified party.

Ms. Lynn Ansardi, Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurses Examiners, 131 Airline Dr, Metairie, LA, 70001, (504) 239-4360, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 918.

Mr. John Becknell, Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurses Examiners, 3445 N Causeway Blvd, Ste 736, Metairie, LA, 70002, (504) 833-7325, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 918.

Representative Willmott offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, LeBas, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Willmott offered a motion to report House Bill No. 918 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 918 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, LeBas, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann 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.

House Bill No. 969 by Representative Cox

Representative Cox presented House Bill No. 969, which requires adult residential care providers and nursing homes to disseminate information on shingles and pneumonia immunizations.

Representative Cox offered amendments, which require the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to provide the educational information to licensed nursing homes and adult residential care providers, limit the minimum required content of the educational material provided by DHH, and make technical changes.

Representative Willmott is in the chair.

Mr. Joe Donchess, Louisiana Nursing Home Association, 7844 Office Park Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA, 70809, (225) 927-5642, spoke in support of House Bill No. 969.

Ms. Kim Humbles, Department of Health and Hospitals, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 342-9500, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 969.

Representative Cox 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, Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, LeBas, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 969 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 969 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, LeBas, Magee, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

No other witness cards were submitted in support, opposition, nor for information. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Hoffmann is in the chair.

House Bill No. 947 by Representative Pope

Representative Pope presented House Bill No. 947, which requires the Department of Health and Hospitals and Department of Children and Family Services to report to the legislature information concerning administration of the departments.

Representative Pope offered amendments, which specify that the secretaries of the Department of Health and Hospitals and Department of Children and Family Services may submit the report required by proposed law in electronic format.

Representative Pope offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, LeBas, Magee, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Pope offered a motion to report House Bill No. 947 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 947 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, LeBas, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, and Hoffmann voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 174 by Representative Hoffmann

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on House Bill No. 174, which provides for the method of collection of the pharmacy education support fee by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, is voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 283 by Representative Emerson

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on House Bill No. 283, which requires screening of newborns for Krabbe disease, is voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 531 by Representative Falconer

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on House Bill No. 531, which provides for access to prescription monitoring information by speciality courts, is voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 487 by Representative Robert Johnson

Representative Robert Johnson presented House Bill No. 487, which provides relative to reimbursements by Medicaid managed care organizations for prescription drugs.

Mr. Errol Duplantis, Louisiana Pharmacy Association, 3696 W Main St, Houma, LA, 70359, (318) 578-1096, spoke in support of House Bill No. 487.

Mr. Jeff Reynolds, Department of Health and Hospitals, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 342-9500, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 487.

Mr. Randal Johnson, Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association, 637 St Ferdinand St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 381-0166, spoke in support of House Bill No. 487.

Representative Robert Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 487 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 487 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, LeBas, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 17 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1043 by Representative Magee

Representative Magee presented House Bill No. 1043, which provides relative to the licensure of therapeutic marijuana dispensing pharmacies.

Representative Magee offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 1043. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 1043 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Hensgens, Mike Johnson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Moreno, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 3 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 570 by Representative Schroder

Representative Schroder presented House Bill No. 570, which provides relative to the practice of telemedicine.

Ms. Claudia Tucker, Teladoc, 713 Indian Creek, Amherst, VA, 24521, (434) 277-9212, spoke in support of House Bill No. 570.

Mr. Derrell Cohoon, Capitol Partners for Teladoc, 714 N 5th St, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 336-4657, spoke in support of House Bill No. 570.

Representative Magee offered a motion to report House Bill No. 570 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 570 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Robert Johnson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 13 in support, 4 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 by Representative Smith

On behalf of Representative Smith, Representative Cox presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 22, which continues the study committee to evaluate the statewide system of healthcare delivery created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the 2015 R.S.

Representative Miller offered amendments, which added the chief executive officer of the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance or his designee as a study committee member.

Representative Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Robert Johnson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Horton, Robert Johnson, Magee, Dustin Miller, Pope, Stokes, Willmott, and Hoffmann voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 732 by Representative Abramson

Representative Hoffmann announced that action on House Bill No. 732, which requires all private and public facilities to report psychiatric inpatient and crisis stabilization beds at least once daily, is voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Frank A. Hoffmann
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted:

May 31, 2017