

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
March 23, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman
Representative Mark Abraham
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Robby Carter
Representative Gregory Cromer
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Mike Huval
Representative Vincent J. Pierre

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Alan Seabaugh
Representative Major Thibaut, vice chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Marcase, attorney
Theresa H. Ray, legislative analyst
Christie L. Russell, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Hunter Sikaffy, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 273 by Representative Talbot**

Representative Talbot presented House Bill No. 273, which re-creates the Department of Insurance.

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

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 273 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 273 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 291 by Representative Glover

Representative Glover presented House Bill No. 291, which provides relative to the division of diversity and opportunity and the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity.

Patrick Bell, Louisiana Department of Insurance, 1702 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-8393, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 291.

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

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 291 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 291 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 312 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 312, which reconstitutes the Louisiana Mandated Health Benefits Commission and repeals certain provisions relative to mandated health insurance benefits.

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.

Representative Huval offered amendments to House Bill No. 312, which proposed to 1) Reconstitute and repurpose the La. Mandated Health Benefits Commission; 2) Give any health insurance issuer that issues QHPs the right to appear and be heard and to submit information to the commission; 3) Give any health insurance issuer that objects to the commission's adoption of the cost estimate of a mandate the right to file an appeal within 30 days of such adoption; and 4) Add a definition of "health insurance issuer" for purposes of proposed law.

Representative Huval offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 312 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 312 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 782 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 782, which provides relative to certain definitions in the Insurance Code used in regulation of health insurance.

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

Representative Talbot offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 782. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 782 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 782 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 341 by Representative Talbot

Representative Talbot presented House Bill No. 341, which provides relative to registration of discount medical plan organizations with the commissioner of insurance.

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

Representative Huval offered a motion to report House Bill No. 341 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 341 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 363 by Representative Talbot

Representative Talbot presented House Bill No. 363, which provides that making certain false statements to the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana is a fraudulent insurance act.

Chad Major, Professional Firefighters Association, 8011 Gusaphen Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70807, (225) 572-8483, spoke in support of House Bill No. 363.

A. J. Hebert, Property Insurance Association of Louisiana, 433 Metairie Road, Suite 400, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 836-7989, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 363.

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

Representative Glover offered amendments to House Bill No. 363, which proposed to delete from the definition of "fraudulent insurance act" certain oral statements presented to the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana. Representative Glover offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Huval offered a motion to report House Bill No. 363 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 363 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 803 by Representative Talbot

Representative Talbot presented House Bill No. 803, which corrects certain citations in the Insurance Code.

Denise Brignac, Louisiana Department of Insurance, 1702 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7276, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 803.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 803, which were technical in nature. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 803 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 803 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 519 by Representative Chad Brown

Representative Chad Brown presented House Bill No. 519, which provides relative to the maintenance of electronic records by domestic insurers and to the maintenance of their records outside the state.

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.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 519 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 519 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 520 by Representative Chad Brown

Representative Chad Brown presented House Bill No. 520, which provides for deposits made by certain foreign insurers applying for admission in Louisiana.

E. L. Henry, American United Insurance, 312 Tortway Avenue, Houston, TX, (225) 336-5200, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 520.

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

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 520, which were technical in nature. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Glover offered a motion to report House Bill No. 520 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 520 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 460 by Representative Abraham

Representative Abraham presented House Bill No. 460, which provides authority for domestic insurers to invest in certain foreign securities.

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

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 460, which were technical in nature. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 460 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 460 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kirk Talbot
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: