

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 6, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:38 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
Representative Alan Seabaugh
Representative Major Thibaut, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jerome Richard

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 798 by Representative Talbot

Representative Talbot presented House Bill No. 798, which provides for limited lines licensing to sell property coverage for property that is self-stored in self-storage facilities.

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 798. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 798 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Robby Carter, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 613 by Representative Thibaut

Representative Thibaut presented House Bill No. 613, which provides relative to genetic information obtained by health insurers.

David Lavergne, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana, 5525 Reitz Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA (225) 298-1532, spoke in support of House Bill No. 613.

Darrell Langlois, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana, 5525 Reitz Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA (225) 295-3307, spoke in support of House Bill No. 613.

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

Representative Davis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 613 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 613 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea. Representatives Robby Carter, Cromer, and Pierre voted nay. Representative Glover abstained.

House Bill No. 932 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 932, which provides relative to certain exemptions from the continuing education requirements for producers.

Jeff Albright, Independent Insurance Agents of Louisiana, Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 975-7171, spoke in support of House Bill No. 932.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Huval offered a motion to report House Bill No. 932 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 932 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 816 by Representative Talbot

Representative Talbot presented House Bill No. 816, which provide relative to certificates of creditable coverage.

David Lavergne, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana, 5525 Reitz Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA (225) 298-1532, spoke in support of House Bill No. 816.

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

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 816, which proposed to delete the requirement that certificates of coverage be provided when requested and instead require that such certificates be sent within 20 days of request. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 816 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 816 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 694 by Representative Moreno

Representative Moreno presented House Bill No. 694, which provides relative to required coverage for reconstructive surgeries following mastectomies.

Norma Grace, 27 Allard Blvd., New Orleans, LA (504) 488-5664, spoke in support of House Bill No. 694.

Kim Sport, United Way, 2515 Canal, New Orleans, LA (504) 453-3313, spoke in support of House Bill No. 694.

Alan Stolier, M.D., 1711 St. Charles, New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 232-5621, spoke in support of House Bill No. 694.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 694, which proposed to add unforeseen medical complications which may require additional reconstruction in the future to the definition of "breast reconstruction". Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 694 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 694 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 612 by Representative Talbot

Representative Talbot presented House Bill No. 612, which allows vehicle mechanical breakdown insurers to file audited consolidated financial statements with the commissioner of insurance.

Tom Clark, Adams and Reese and Allstate Insurance Company, 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200, spoke in support of House Bill No. 612.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 612, which proposed to restore language in present law that require the audited statements submitted to the commissioner of insurance by vehicle mechanical breakdown insurers are financial statements. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 612 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 612 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 184 by Representative Stokes

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 184, which requires provision of certain claims information to insureds.

Jeff Albright, Independent Insurance Agents of Louisiana, Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 975-7171, spoke in support of House Bill No. 184.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 184 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 184 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kirk Talbot
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: