

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
March 14, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman
Representative Major Thibaut, vice chairman
Representative Mark Abraham
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Mike Huval
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Vincent J. Pierre

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Chad Brown
Representative Robby Carter
Representative Gregory Cromer
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Alan Seabaugh

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandi Cannon, attorney
Christie L. Russell, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms
Hunter Sikaffy, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 206 by Representative Anders

Representative Anders presented House Bill No. 206, which permits the employment of a convicted felon in the business of insurance in certain circumstances.

Barry Ward, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 206.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 206 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 206 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Davis, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 267 by Representative Anders

Representative Anders presented House Bill No. 267, which provides relative to prohibited acts for insurers and insurance producers.

Barry Ward, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 267.

Representative Talbot offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 267. 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, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Davis, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 267 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 267 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Davis, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 134 by Representative Anders

Representative Anders presented House Bill No. 134, which provides for identification of health plan coverage type.

Ward Blackwell, Louisiana Dental Association, 7833 Office Park Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in support of House Bill No. 134.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 134 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 134 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Davis, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 169 by Representative Talbot

Representative Talbot presented House Bill No. 169, which provides for notice of the cancellation of an insurance policy.

Rodney Braxton, State Farm Insurance Company, 543 Spanish Town, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 169.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 169 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 169 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 247 by Representative Huval

Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 247, which provides relative to types of coverage available under surplus lines insurance.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 247, which specify that a property and casualty or health and accident insurance producer may qualify for licensure as a surplus lines broker. Representative Talbot 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, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 247 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 247 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 363 by Representative Huval

Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 363, which provides relative to the registration of controlling persons for business entities acting as insurance producers.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 363 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 363 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 551 by Representative Huval

Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 551, which provides relative to the Louisiana Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 551, which 1) Exclude a policy or contract providing healthcare benefits pursuant to Medicare Parts A and B; 2) Exclude Medicaid managed care organizations; 3) Delete the definition for health benefit plan; 4) Authorize the association to hold an executive session for matters regarding abatement or deferral of an assessment; 5) Delete proposed law relative to offsets for paid assessments; 6) Exclude any health maintenance organization that is insolvent or impaired or unable to fulfill its contractual obligations before Aug. 1, 2018; and 7) Repeal present law authorizing the board of directors to request an examination of any member insurer which may be an impaired or insolvent insurer and requiring the board to prepare a report containing information in its possession relative to the history and causes of the insolvency. Representative Talbot 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, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered technical amendments to House Bill 551. 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, Thibaut, Abraham, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 551 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 551 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 330 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 330, which provides for insurance producer prelicensing program requirements.

Barry Ward, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 330.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 330 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 330 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 366 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 366, which provides relative to nonprofit funeral service associations.

Caroline Brock, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 366.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 366 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 366 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 641 by Representative Pierre

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 641, which provides relative to the licensing and regulation of insurance producers.

Barry Ward, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 641.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 641 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 641 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 642 by Representative Pierre

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 642, which provides relative to the Bail Bond Apprentice Program.

Barry Ward, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 642.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill 642 which 1) Lengthen the time period for reporting changes to registration information from 3 days to 15 days; and 2) Lengthen the time period for reporting an incomplete apprenticeship from 3 days to 15 days. Representative Talbot 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, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Talbot 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 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Anders, Davis, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Pierre voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kirk Talbot
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: