

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 4, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:43 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 Chad Brown
Representative Robby Carter
Representative Gregory Cromer
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Mike Huval
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Alan Seabaugh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Cedric B. Glover

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandi Cannon, attorney
Christie L. Russell, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Hunter Sikaffy, clerk
Michaela Wells, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 314 by Representative Anders

Representative Talbot offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 314, which provides for a minimum rate of reimbursement for rural health clinics. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 314 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 506 by Representative Jackson

Representative Jackson presented House Bill No. 506, which provides for the licensing of bail enforcement agents.

Representative Talbot offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 506. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 506 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

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

Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 06 on April 12, 2018. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 506.

House Bill No. 369 by Representative Talbot

Representative Talbot offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 369, which provides for mediation of the settlement of out-of-network health benefit claims involving balance billing. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 369 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Huval, and Pierre voted yea.

House Bill No. 429 by Representative Cromer

Representative Cromer presented House Bill No. 429, which provides relative to denial of claims for dental services.

Ward Blackwell, Louisiana Dental Association, 7833 Office Park Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in support of House Bill No. 429.

Representative Cromer offered amendments to House Bill No. 429, which: 1) Delineate the circumstances when a claim for a prior authorized procedure may be denied; 2) Clarify that present law applies to any claim denied pursuant to proposed law; 3) Provide for recoupment by a dental service contractor; and 4) Adds an effective date. Representative Cromer 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, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Cromer offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 429. Representative Cromer 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, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Representative Cromer offered a motion to report House Bill No. 429 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 429 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Huval, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 35 by Senator John Smith

Senator John Smith presented Senate Bill No. 35, which provides relative to the discretion vested in the commissioner of insurance to levy fines for the violation of complaint directives.

Jeff Zewe, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 35.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 35 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 35 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh 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.

Senate Bill No. 36 by Senator John Smith

Senator John Smith presented Senate Bill No. 36, which provides relative to continuing education requirements for insurance producers.

Jeff Zewe, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 36.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 36 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 36 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 37 by Senator John Smith

Senator John Smith presented Senate Bill No. 37, which provides relative to the registration of catastrophe or emergency claims adjusters.

Jeff Zewe, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 37.

Representative Chad Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 37 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 37 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh 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.

Senate Bill No. 86 by Senator John Smith

Senator John Smith presented Senate Bill No. 86, which provides relative to continuing education for insurance adjusters.

Lorie Gasior, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 86.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 86 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 86 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 87 by Senator John Smith

Senator John Smith presented Senate Bill No. 87, which provides relative to the electronic filing of documents.

Lorie Gasior, Department of Insurance, 1702 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 87.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 87 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 87 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 636 by Representative Hunter

Representative Talbot offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 636, which prohibits the use of zip codes as the sole basis for rate determinations. Without objection, House Bill No. 636 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Hollis, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 729 by Representative Marcelle

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 729, which provides relative to bail bond premium fees in certain parishes. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 729 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Hollis, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 547 by Representative LeBas

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 547, which prohibits penalties for disclosure by pharmacists of certain prescription drug cost information. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 547 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Hollis, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 272 by Senator John Smith

Senator John Smith presented Senate Bill No. 272, which provides for health insurance policy coverage of incarcerated persons prior to adjudication.

Gary Bennett, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 272.

Sheriff Doug Hebert, Allen Parish Sheriffs' Office, P.O. Box 278, Oberlin, LA, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 272.

Representative Chad Brown offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 272 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 272 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Thibaut, Abraham, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Hollis, Jordan, Pierre, and Seabaugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support. 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 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kirk Talbot
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: