

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Second Extraordinary Session
October 14, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Chad Brown, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Chad Brown, chairman
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Lawrence "Larry" Frieman
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Mike Huval
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Sherman Q. Mack
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Edmond Jordan, vice chairman
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Paul Hollis

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rashida Keith, attorney
Charlotte Cravins, attorney
Christie L. Russell, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, Sergeant At Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 56 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Bill No. 56, which provides relative to health maintenance organizations.

Jim Donelon, Commissioner of Insurance, 1702 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 56.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 56 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 56 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Huval, Illg, Mack, McCormick, and Willard 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. 87 by Representative Brown

Representative Brown presented House Bill No. 87, which provides relative to emergency powers of the commissioner of insurance

Kevin Cunningham, APCIA, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 56.

Jeff Drozda, LAHP, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1850, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 87.

Jennifer McMahon, Louisiana Hospital Association, no address given, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 87.

Representative Brown offered amendments to House Bill No. 87 which proposed to: 1) Remove certain limitations dealing with insurance law; 2) Allows the governor to transfer his authority to suspend certain regulatory procedures in regard to insurance law; and 3) Makes technical changes. Representative Brown offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Huval, Illg, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 87 with amendments, to which Representative Frieman objected. Representative Frieman offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer House Bill No. 87. The administrative assistant called the roll on the substitute

motion and House Bill No. 87 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 1 nay. Representatives DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Huval, Illg, Mack, and McCormick voted yea. Representative Brown voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only and 17 in opposition. 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 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Chad Brown
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: April 22, 2021