

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2023 Regular Session
May 17, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Laurie Schlegel
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Representative Larry Selders

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Taylor Chrisman, attorney
Meah Johnson, attorney
Kristy Neubrandner, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Randall Ike, committee clerk
Nevonda Reed, division director

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Resolution No. 106 by Representative Newell**

Chairman Bagley announced that action on House Resolution No. 106, which declares racism a public health crisis and urges certain actions by the governor and specific state entities, was voluntarily deferred.

House Resolution No. 107 by Representative Freeman

On behalf of Representative Freeman, Representative Hughes presented House Resolution No. 107, which urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study the feasibility of funding a remote monitoring program for technology-dependent children.

Representative Bagley offered technical amendments. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Schlegel, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 107 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 107 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 210 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 210, which provides relative to the practice of optometry.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 210 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 210 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 by Senator Carter

Senator Carter presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20, which requests the Louisiana Department of Health to convene a task force to make recommendations regarding nursing involvement to improve maternal outcomes.

Representative Dustin Miller offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove references to the Louisiana Department of Health.
- (2) Remove the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health from the task force.
- (3) Add the president of DePaul Community Health Centers of New Orleans to the task force.
- (4) Require the Resolution to be transmitted to the DePaul Community Health Centers of New Orleans.
- (5) Make technical corrections.

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Chantel Carter Frank, LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing, 4019 Vincennes, New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 273-8285, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

Demetrice Smith, LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing, 161 Jordan Court, LaPlace, LA 70068, (504) 722-6422, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

Wendy Gerhardt, LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing, 4216 South Derbigny, New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 442-0266, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 24 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 161 by Senator Lambert

Senator Lambert presented Senate Bill No. 161, which provides for the Louisiana Small Wild Catfish Processor's Act.

Representative Bagley offered technical amendments. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Moore, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Mike Vidrine, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 226-8081, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 161.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 161 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 161 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Travis Johnson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
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Date adopted: