

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2023 Regular Session
May 23, 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 10:02 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 Raymond J. Crews
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Laurie Schlegel
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. 152 by Representative Deshotel**

Representative Deshotel presented House Resolution No. 152, which directs the Louisiana Department of Health to amend its administrative rule relative to the geographic location of a hospice provider.

Representative Echols offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 152 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 152 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 32 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32, which creates the Task Force on Alopecia Awareness.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 84 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 84, which creates the Task Force on African American Suicide Rates.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 84 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 84 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 92 by Representative Hughes

Representative Hughes presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 92, which requests study by Louisiana Department of Health to consider Medicaid coverage of gene therapy.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 92 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 92 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Lynn Winfield, Louisiana Children's Medical Center (LCMC) Children's Hospital, 200 Henry Clay Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 896-2039, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 92.

Dana LeBlanc, LCMC Children's Hospital, 200 Henry Clay Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 896-9740, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 92.

John Pourciau, LCMC Health, 1100 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70163, (225) 246-2833, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 92.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 96 by Representative Dustin Miller

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 96, which creates a task force to study the wrongful association of physical and mental health problems.

Lillian DeJean, 723 Bayou Tortue Road, Broussard, LA 70518, (337) 852-4057, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 96.

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 96 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 96 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner 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.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 100 by Representative Dustin Miller

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 100, which continues the Health Inequities and Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force.

Representative Dustin Miller offered amendments to:

- (1) Change the due date for the report of the task force from March 1, 2024, to February 1, 2024.
- (2) Make changes to continue the Health Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force created in the 2022 R.S. pursuant to HCR 44.
- (3) Make technical changes.

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Karen Wyble, P.O. Box 678, Arnaudville, LA 70512, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 100 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 100 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 100 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner 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.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Moore offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: