

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2023 Regular Session
April 26, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Mike Huval, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Mike Huval, chairman
Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Lawrence "Larry" Frieman
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Edmond Jordan, vice chairman
Representative Sherman Q. Mack
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Paul Hollis

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cydney Jones, legislative analyst
Rashida Keith, attorney
Alicia Powell, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 41 by Representative Frieman

Representative Frieman presented House Bill No. 41, which provides relative to health coverage plan benefits for occupational therapy services delivered via telehealth.

Dawn Sonnier, Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association, P.O. Box 317, Watson, LA 70786, (225) 572-6187, spoke in support of House Bill No. 41.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 41 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 41 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Illg, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 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.

House Bill No. 383 by Representative Amedee

Representative Huval announced that action on House Bill No. 383, which requires each insurer subject to the Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association Law to provide for a data transfer plan and file such plan with the commissioner of insurance, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 604 by Representative Garofalo

Representative Huval announced that action on House Bill No. 604, which provides for the appraisal process, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 186 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 186, which provides relative to health insurance coverage for standard fertility preservation services.

Julie Stokes, Louisiana Oncology Society, 246 Garden Rd., River Ridge, LA 70123, (504) 250-8113, spoke in support of House Bill No. 186.

Neil Chappell, 500 Rue de la Vie, Suite 510, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (318) 366-1146, spoke in support of House Bill No. 186.

Mercy Jones-Jacob, 4011 Willow Ln., Madisonville, LA 70447, (504) 417-2714, spoke in support of House Bill No. 186.

Victoria Van Breemen, 102 Drifting Sands Ln., Lafayette, LA 70503, (337) 335-8080, spoke in support of House Bill No. 186.

Gabrielle Deslatte, 200 Bridle Way, Lafayette, LA 70503, (225) 385-9060, spoke in support of House Bill No. 186.

Morgan Rees, 1817 Blanchet Dr., Lafayette, LA 70501, (337) 298-1802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 186.

Lauren White, 15415 Magnolia Way, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 677-9095, spoke in support of House Bill No. 186.

Representative Huval offered amendments to:

- (1) Add that proposed law does not apply to plans offered through the office of group benefits until proposed law has been studied and the legislature specifies an appropriation; and
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Huval offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Firment, Glover, Illg, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Boyd offered a motion to report House Bill No. 186 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 186 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Firment, Glover, Illg, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 18 in support, 1 in opposition, and 1 for information only. 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: 8 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 235 by Representative Moore

Representative Moore presented House Bill No. 235, which provides relative to the guaranteed issue of Medicare supplement policies.

Representative Mack offered a motion to report House Bill No. 235 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 235 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, Firment, Glover, Illg, Mack, McCormick, and Willard 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.

House Bill No. 262 by Representative Green

On behalf of Representative Green, Frank Opelka, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-5900, presented House Bill No. 262, which provides relative to the sale of annuity products.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 262 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 262 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, Firment, Glover, Illg, Mack, McCormick, and Willard 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 Bill No. 272 by Representative Willard

Representative Willard presented House Bill No. 272, which provides relative to maternity support services of doulas.

Representative Willard offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 272. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 272 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, Firment, Glover, Illg, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 18 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 272 on May 2, 2023. Please check for the subsequent actions to complete the record of discussions and motions on House Bill No. 272.

House Bill No. 468 by Representative Pressly

Representative Pressly presented House Bill No. 468, which provides relative to utilization review standards and approval procedures for healthcare service claims submitted by healthcare providers.

Lauren Bailey, Louisiana State Medical Society, 5555 Hilton Ave., Suite 420, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 235-2865, spoke in support of House Bill No. 468.

Jamie Kuo, Louisiana Physicians for Patients, 6229 Milne Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70124, (337) 654-3446, spoke in support of House Bill No. 468.

Richard Bridges, Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians, 705 Sherri Dr., Amite, LA 70422, (985) 474-2167, spoke in support of House Bill No. 468.

Jeff Drozda, Louisiana Association of Health Plans, 450 Laurel St., Suite 1430, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 256-2955, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 468.

Representative Huval offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Huval offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, DuBuisson, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Frieman offered a motion to report House Bill No. 468 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 468 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, DuBuisson, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 36 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 579 by Representative DuBuisson

Representative DuBuisson presented House Bill No. 579, which provides relative to pet insurance.

Representative DuBuisson offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative DuBuisson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Tom Travis, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2136, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 579.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 579 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 579 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Firment, Glover, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 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 Illg offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Boyd, Brown, DuBuisson, Firment, Glover, Illg, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Mike Huval
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: