

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
May 20, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Dustin Miller, chair of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Dustin Miller, chair
Representative Stephanie H. Berault
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler, vice chair
Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.
Representative Adrian Fisher
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Annie Spell
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Christopher Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Steven Jackson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Taylor Chrisman, attorney
Nya Bryant, legislative analyst
Kristy Neubrander, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms
Nevonda Reed, division director

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 104 by Senator Price**

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 104, which provides relative to the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Council.

Representative Miller offered amendments to add one member representing Ellevate Louisiana. Representative 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 Miller, Berault, Butler, Chassion, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, McMahan, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 104 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 104 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chassion, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, McMahan, 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 Bill No. 70 by Senator Myers

Senator Myers presented Senate Bill No. 70, which provides relative to remote patient monitoring services.

Representative Berault offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 70 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 70 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chassion, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, McMahan, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 10 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 10, which provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners.

Representative Fisher offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 10 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 10 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chassion, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, McMahan, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 17 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 17, which repeals the termination date of the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council.

Susan Nelson, Palliative Care Advisory Council, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans, LA 70121, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 17.

Representative Berault offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 17 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 17 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chassion, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, McMahan, Stagni, and Turner 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.

Senate Bill No. 26 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 26, which provides relative to diabetes information.

Representative Miller offered technical amendments. Representative 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 Miller, Berault, Butler, Chassion, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, McMahan, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Richie Edmonds, JDRF/Breakthrough T1D, 15415 Manchac View Court, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 26.

Juliette Saussy, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 26.

Representative Butler offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 26 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 26 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chassion, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, McMahan, Spell, 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Chassion offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chassion, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, McMahan, Spell, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Dustin Miller
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: