Gov. Jindal signs bills

In this Legislative session, bills of interest that were signed by Gov. Bobby Jindal include:

SB273 which deals with the Louisiana Public Service Commission requirement that any governing authority (e.g. City of Shreveport or City of Bossier City) that imposes a franchise fee upon a public utility which is passed through to the citizens that the bill shall specify and clearly detail the entire franchise fee; SB531 which provides for forfeiture of and payment to the conservation fund for wildlife killed in the course of trespassing on private property; and SB746 which allows limited liability companies to be able to convert their state of origin from another state to Louisiana or vice versa if laws in the other state allow that also.

SB746 permits non-resident vendors of recreational products to exhibit at such recreational trade shows as the Bassmaster Classic.

Senator Peacock serves on the Retirement Committee and on the Labor & Industrial Relations Committee. He is also a member of the Oversight of the Gulf Coast Claims Facility Committee dealing with the BP Settlement.

Anyone in Shreveport-Bossier who feels economically affected should go to http://www.deepwaterhorizonsettlements.com or call 866-992-6174.

Bridge included in capital outlay

Priority two capital outlay money in the amount of $1.3 million in HB2 for the painting, lighting and resurfacing of the Jimmie Davis Bridge was obtained in the session. The Bond Commission must approve the appropriation.
LSUS Commitment Plan filed

A resolution passed the Legislature to endorse the Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan, as adopted by the LSU Board of Supervisors, and has been filed with the Secretary of State.

The plan will enhance and expand programs to meet higher education needs in the region and says that an implementation group will monitor the plan.

It requires the Board of Supervisors to provide a written report on the progress of implementing the plan to the Senate and House committees on education semi-annually for the next five academic years.

LSUS needs a mix of baccalaureate, master's, professional and targeted doctoral programs to cultivate the managerial, educational, technical and scientific work-force needs of the metro area.

The implementation group will consist of two representatives of the LSU System selected by the chairman of the Board of Supervisors of LSU, two representatives of the Board of Regents selected by the chairman of the board, two representatives selected by the LSU-Baton Rouge chancellor and two from the LSUS chancellor.

The group must hold hearings on the LSUS campus regarding the implementation and status of the plan, including courses and programs added or dropped, and the total enrollment numbers at the beginning and end of each semester of LSUS for the added courses and programs.

This will allow local input without having to travel to Baton Rouge. The written report must include student enrollment and completion data as well as income from tuition, fees, state and other sources.

This Legislative team, including Senator Peacock, won first place in a fundraiser for the Black Caucus. Rep. Roy Burrell is at left.
Senator Peacock has given post-Legislative updates to several area groups, with more booked in the coming weeks.

They included the local chambers of commerce Legislative wrap-up session, Bossier Optimist Club, Bossier Lions Club, Republican Women of Bossier and Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group.

Upcoming reports are to the Professional Republican Women of Caddo on July 17, Mid-City Rotary on July 18, North Shreveport Lions Club on July 19, Broadmoor Neighborhood Association on July 24, Sons of the American Revolution on Aug. 21, We the People on Aug. 28 and Shreveport Kiwanis Club on Sept. 20.

Around the district...

Several ribbon cuttings should be of interest to constituents in District 37.

We attended those for Margaritaville Casino; Holy Angels' newly renovated Smith Home for very low-income, special needs individuals; Ronpak; Sudden Link; Boom or Bust Byway and Gabriel's Closet, all providing jobs or services to local residents.

Congratulations offered to many

Taylor Cox, the first LSU Student Government Association president from Bossier Parish, was among constituents receiving Senatorial commendations during the session.

Cox was president of the Airline High School SGA and is a junior studying mass communications at LSU. He will be the voice of more than 29,000 students.

Other commendations went to Georgia Hilburn upon being named Louisiana 2012 Elementary School Student of the Year; Harris LeBlanc, Louisiana Non-public 8th Grade Student of the Year (inset); Angelo Roppolo for a long list of political accomplishments; area residents who turned 100 and were recognized by the Caddo Council on Aging; and Kathy Barberousse, retiring principal of Fairfield Elementary School on her distinguished career as an educator.
Great to see people from home at Capitol during session

Courtney Elizabeth Stahl and Senator Peacock

Various groups and organizations visited the Capitol during the Legislative session.

They included representatives from the Caddo and Bossier libraries, 4-H, Shreveport Regional Arts Council and Bossier Parish Community College.

If you are going to be in Baton Rouge during the 2013 Legislative session, please set up an appointment to let Senator Peacock know when you are going to be there.

2013 is a fiscal session dealing with taxes and fees. Dates are April 8 to June 6, 2013.

'Senate in the Classroom' educational for students

As part of the Senate in the Classroom program, Senator Peacock spoke at Fairfield Elementary and Elm Grove Middle School in the spring.

In the News...

Senator Peacock was interviewed numerous times by statewide news media and other outlets, including stories in The Republic in Columbus, Ind., and marketwatch.com. Below he is seen on Pat Simon's News Maker segment.
Summertime treat down the street

Be sure and check out the tomatoes for sale at the LSU AgCenter Red River Research Station under the direction of Dr. Hanna Y. Hanna.

Enjoy Louisiana's birthday

A incredible cake was in the Rotunda on April 30 to celebrate Louisiana's 200th anniversary of statehood.

The 250-pound cake included all of the qualities that make Louisiana a unique state.

Be sure to watch the LPB documentary, *Louisiana: 200 Years of Statehood*. It shows the history, commerce and culture of our great state.

Presidential election Nov. 6

Please vote in the Presidential election Nov. 6.

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