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**EIGHTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Twenty-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, May 20, 1998

The Senate was called to order at 4:00 o'clock P.M., by Hon. Randy Ewing, President of the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**PRESENT**

Mr. President	Dyess	Lambert
Bagneris	Ellington	Landry
Bajoie	Fields W	Lentini
Barham	Greene	Malone
Bean	Hainkel	Robichaux
Branch	Heitmeier	Schedler
Cain	Hines	Siracusa
Campbell	Hollis	Smith
Cox	Irons	Theunissen
Cravins	Johnson	Ullo
Dardenne	Jones	
Dean	Jordan	
Total—34		

**ABSENT**

Casanova	Romero	Tarver
Fields C	Short	
Total—5		

The President of the Senate announced there were 34 Senators present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

The prayer was offered by Senator Dyess, following which the Senate joined in pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Reading of the Journal**

On motion of Senator Dyess, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of yesterday was adopted.

**Morning Hour**

**Petitions, Memorials and  
Communications**

The following petitions, memorials and communications were received and read:

BOB ODOM  
Commissioner of Agriculture & Forestry

May 19, 1998

Honorable Randy Ewing  
President of the Senate  
P.O. Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Senator Ewing:

I have appointed the following persons listed below to boards and commissions under my direction and I am submitting them for confirmation:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT DATE</u>	<u>VICE</u>
Jerry Johnston 108 Fair Avenue Winnsboro, LA 71295	Agriculture Commodities Commission	3/9/98-Concurrent	None
Bill Fuller P.O. Box 1200 Kinder, LA 70648	Livestock Sanitary Board	11/1/97-Concurrent	Kovac
Judy Myles 1444 Church Street Zachary, LA 70791	Weights and Measures Commission	4/8/98-9/6/2000	None

I feel that these people meet all of the qualifications required by law and will serve the State of Louisiana and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to the best of their ability.

The Senate's consideration to confirm these appointments is respectfully requested. Should you need or desire any other information from me, please advise at anytime.

Thanking you for your usual cooperation and assistance, I am

Sincerely,  
Bob Odom  
Commissioner

BOB ODOM  
Commissioner of Agriculture & Forestry

May 19, 1998

Honorable Randy Ewing  
President of the Senate  
P.O. Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Senator Ewing:

I have appointed the following person listed below to the position of Assistant Commissioner of Management and Finance and I am submitting them for confirmation:

Edward H. "Skip" Rhorer, Jr., Assistant Commissioner of Management and Finance.

I feel that Skip meets all of the qualifications required by law and will serve the State of Louisiana and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to the best of their ability.

The Senate's consideration to confirm this appointment is respectfully requested. Should you need or desire any other information from me, please advise at anytime.

Thanking you for your usual cooperation and assistance, I am

Sincerely,  
Bob Odom  
Commissioner

**Messages from the House**

The following Messages from the House were received and read as follows:

Message from the House

CONCURRING IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 20, 1998

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32— BY SENATOR HINES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate and proclaim the week of May 17 through 23, 1998 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted, ALFRED W. SPEER Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 20, 1998

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5— BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 20 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, to provide procedures for and deadlines relative to legislative instruments recommitted due to fiscal impact; and to prohibit the recommitment of certain legislative instruments with a fiscal impact.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13— BY REPRESENTATIVE FARVE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to redesignate R.S. 9:2949 as Paragraph B of Civil Code Article 477, as enacted in Acts 1995, No. 640 of the Louisiana Legislature.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63— BY REPRESENTATIVE CLARKSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Margaret Bass "Meg" Alsfield upon the occasion of her graduation from eighth grade.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64— BY REPRESENTATIVES JENKINS, BOWLER, DANIEL, DIMOS, DONELON, FARVE, HOPKINS, JETSON, LANCASTER AND MCCALLUM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the governing authorities of public high schools to allow students who have completed the required minimum units of credit for graduation and all other graduation requirements as mandated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education but failed to pass the high school graduation exit exam to participate in all senior graduation activities and ceremonies except actual receipt of a diploma.

Respectfully submitted, ALFRED W. SPEER Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Concurrent Resolutions

Senator Bagneris asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following House Concurrent Resolutions just received from the House which were taken up, read a first and second time by their titles and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5— BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 20 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, to provide procedures for and deadlines relative to legislative instruments recommitted due to fiscal impact; and to prohibit the recommitment of certain legislative instruments with a fiscal impact.

On motion of Senator Bagneris, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13— BY REPRESENTATIVE FARVE A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to redesignate R.S. 9:2949 as Paragraph B of Civil Code Article 477, as enacted in Acts 1995, No. 640 of the Louisiana Legislature.

On motion of Senator Bagneris, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary A.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63— BY REPRESENTATIVE CLARKSON A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Margaret Bass "Meg" Alsfield upon the occasion of her graduation from eighth grade.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Johnson moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names like Mr. President, Bajoie, Barham, etc., and their corresponding counts.

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Absent, Total. Lists names like Bagneris, Fields C, etc., and their corresponding counts.

The Chair declared the Senate had concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES JENKINS, BOWLER, DANIEL, DIMOS, DONELON,  
FARVE, HOPKINS, JETSON, LANCASTER AND MCCALLUM  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the governing authorities of public high schools to allow students who have completed the required minimum units of credit for graduation and all other graduation requirements as mandated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education but failed to pass the high school graduation exit exam to participate in all senior graduation activities and ceremonies except actual receipt of a diploma.

On motion of Senator Bagneris, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Education.

**Reports of Committees**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION**

Senator Greene, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

May 20, 1998

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Education to submit the following report:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—**  
BY SENATOR ELLINGTON  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the development and implementation of career options beginning in the ninth grade with a course of study for students planning immediate post secondary education and a course of study for students planning immediate entry into the work force, with both options receiving the same diploma and meeting the same requirements for all state- sponsored scholarship and other student financial assistance programs.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to consider differences in the cost of living throughout the state when developing, adopting, and recommending to the legislature the formula used to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program of education in all public elementary and secondary schools and to equitably allocate funds to city and parish school systems.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS A. GREENE  
Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND WELFARE**

Senator Hines, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Health and Welfare, submitted the following report:

May 20, 1998

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Health and Welfare to submit the following report:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request Louisiana State University Medical Center to establish an internship program for undergraduate college students who would not ordinarily have an opportunity to work directly in administrative or managerial positions in the medical field to allow such students to be exposed to the administrative and managerial functions involved in the delivery of health care services.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES PRATT AND DEWITT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the effect of obesity in both adults and children on costly health complications such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and stroke, and health complications in children, and to make recommendations for improvement in awareness of the problem of obesity and suggested treatment modalities, and to report the findings of such study and recommendations to the legislature prior to the convening of the 1999 Regular Session.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
DONALD E. HINES  
Chairman

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
on Second Reading**

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**SENATE BILL NO. 120 (Substitute for Senate Bill 81 by  
Senator Landry)—**  
BY SENATOR LANDRY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1003(4), relative to gross receipts tax; to exempt certain contract carriers from such tax; to provide for effective date; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Landry, the bill was read by title and ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**Senate and Concurrent Resolutions  
on Second Reading  
Reported by Committees**

The following Senate and Concurrent Resolutions reported by Committees were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—**  
BY SENATOR LAMBERT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Transportation and Development to install flashing lights and "slow-school zone" signs at highways adjacent to the entrance of all schools.

May 20, 1998

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5 by Senator Lambert

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" change "direct" to "urge and request"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "all" add "public and private, elementary and secondary"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, after "attend" add "elementary and secondary"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the beginning of line 13, change "directs" to "urges and requests"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, at the end of line 14, add "public and private, elementary and secondary"

On motion of Senator Landry, the committee amendment was adopted.

The resolution was read by title.

Senator Lambert moved to adopt the amended Senate Concurrent Resolution.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. President	Dyess	Landry
Bajoie	Ellington	Lentini
Barham	Fields W	Malone
Bean	Greene	Romero
Branch	Hainkel	Schedler
Cain	Heitmeier	Siracusa
Campbell	Hines	Smith
Casanova	Hollis	Theunissen
Cox	Johnson	Ullo
Dardenne	Jordan	
Dean	Lambert	
Total—31		

**NAYS**

Total—0

**ABSENT**

Bagneris	Irons	Short
Cravins	Jones	Tarver
Fields C	Robichaux	
Total—8		

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the amended Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it engrossed and sent to the House.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on  
Third Reading  
and Final Passage**

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on third reading and final passage were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**SENATE BILL NO. 32—**

BY SENATOR MALONE

**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 21(H) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem property tax exemptions; to authorize the State Board of Commerce and Industry to enter into tax exemption contracts, subject to the approval of the governor and the local governing authority, with a property owner who proposes the expansion, restoration, improvement, or development of an existing structure or structures in a downtown district, primarily to develop structures for residential use, for an initial term of five years after completion of the work and up to two five-year renewals for a total of fifteen years; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

The bill was read by title. Senator Malone moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. President	Dyess	Lambert
Bajoie	Ellington	Landry
Barham	Fields W	Lentini
Bean	Greene	Malone
Branch	Hainkel	Schedler
Cain	Heitmeier	Siracusa
Campbell	Hines	Smith
Casanova	Hollis	Theunissen
Cox	Johnson	Ullo
Dardenne	Jones	
Dean	Jordan	
Total—31		

**NAYS**

Total—0

**ABSENT**

Bagneris	Irons	Short
Cravins	Robichaux	Tarver
Fields C	Romero	
Total—8		

The Chair declared the bill was passed. The title was read and adopted. Senator Malone moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

**SENATE BILL NO. 40—**

BY SENATOR ROMERO

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2716 and 2716.2(A) and to enact R.S. 47:301(10)(s), relative to sales and use or rental and lease taxation; to exclude from certain state and/or political subdivision sales and use and lease or rental taxation certain sales to, and use, lease, and rentals by, construction contractors and subcontractors; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Bagneris, the bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

SENATE BILL NO. 41—  
BY SENATOR GREENE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:306(B)(10), relative to taxation; to exempt drop shipment sales by a manufacturer to a wholesaler without a "W" number if the property is subsequently transferred to a wholesaler with a "W" number; to provide for evidence of such sale; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments Sent Up

Senator Greene sent up floor amendments which were read.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Theunissen to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 41 by Senator Greene

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 14, after "dealer" insert "in building materials"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 16, after "if" change "the" to "such"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 1, after "dealer" insert "in building materials"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 3, after "and" change "the" to "such"

On motion of Senator Greene, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Greene moved final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Dean	Lambert
Bagneris	Dyess	Landry
Bajoie	Ellington	Lentini
Barham	Fields W	Malone
Bean	Greene	Robichaux
Branch	Hainkel	Schedler
Cain	Heitmeier	Siracusa
Campbell	Hines	Smith
Casanova	Hollis	Theunissen
Cox	Johnson	Ullo
Cravins	Jones	
Dardenne	Jordan	
Total—34		

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Fields C	Romero	Tarver
Irons	Short	
Total—5		

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed. The title was read and adopted. Senator Greene moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 64—  
BY SENATOR MALONE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305.41 and 305.43(A), relative to sales taxation of Bass Life; to provide an exemption from state and local sales and use tax for Bass Life or any of its chapters; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments Sent Up

Senator Bagneris sent up floor amendments which were read.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Bagneris on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 64 by Senator Malone

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 12, following "of" and before the end of the line change "its" to "their"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 14, following "of" and before "chapters" change "its" to "their"

On motion of Senator Bagneris, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Malone moved final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Bagneris	Dean	Lambert
Bajoie	Dyess	Landry
Barham	Ellington	Lentini
Bean	Fields W	Malone
Branch	Greene	Robichaux
Cain	Heitmeier	Schedler
Campbell	Hines	Siracusa
Casanova	Hollis	Smith
Cox	Johnson	Theunissen
Cravins	Jones	Ullo
Dardenne	Jordan	
Total—32		

NAYS

Hainkel  
Total—1

ABSENT

Mr. President	Irons	Short
Fields C	Romero	Tarver
Total—6		

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed. The title was read and adopted. Senator Malone moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 103—  
BY SENATOR LANDRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:820.4, relative to funding; to provide for the duration of the TIMED program; to provide relative to the refunding of bonds issued for such program; and to provide for related matters.

May 20, 1998

Floor Amendments Sent Up

Senator Landry sent up floor amendments which were read.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Landry to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 103 by Senator Landry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, at the end of line 1, change "sooner" to "later"

On motion of Senator Landry, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Landry moved final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Dean Lambert
Bagneris Dyess Landry
Bajoie Ellington Lentini
Barham Fields W Malone
Bean Greene Robichaux
Branch Hainkel Schedler
Cain Heitmeier Siracusa
Campbell Hines Smith
Casanova Hollis Theunissen
Cox Johnson Ullo
Cravins Jones
Dardenne Jordan
Total—34

NAYS

Irons
Total—1

ABSENT

Fields C Short
Romero Tarver
Total—4

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed. The title was read and adopted. Senator Landry moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 115—

BY SENATOR LANDRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(10)(o), relative to sales and use tax; to exclude from such tax the sale or purchase of equipment used in firefighting by fire departments; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Landry moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Dardenne Jones
Bagneris Dean Jordan
Bajoie Dyess Lambert

Barham Ellington Landry
Bean Fields W Lentini
Branch Greene Malone
Cain Hainkel Schedler
Campbell Heitmeier Siracusa
Casanova Hines Theunissen
Cox Hollis Ullo
Cravins Johnson
Total—32

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Fields C Romero Tarver
Irons Short
Robichaux Smith
Total—7

The Chair declared the bill was passed. The title was read and adopted. Senator Landry moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 119 (Substitute for Senate Bill 113 by Senator Schedler)—

BY SENATOR SCHEDLER AND REPRESENTATIVE STELLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(s), relative to the exemption for medical devices used by the patient; to provide relative to such exemption and application thereof; to provide for the effect of the Act; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments Sent Up

Senator Schedler sent up floor amendments which were read.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Schedler to Original Senate Bill No. SB 119 by Senator Schedler

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 5, change "registered" to "licensed"

On motion of Senator Schedler, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments Sent Up

Senator Schedler sent up floor amendments which were read.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Schedler to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 119 by Senator Schedler and Representative Stelly

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 7 through 12.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 13, change "Section 3." to "Section 2." and on line 17, change "Section 4." to "Section 3."

On motion of Senator Schedler, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Schedler moved final passage of the amended bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. President	Dean	Jordan
Bagneris	Dyess	Lambert
Bajoie	Ellington	Landry
Barham	Fields W	Lentini
Bean	Greene	Malone
Branch	Hainkel	Robichaux
Cain	Heitmeier	Schedler
Campbell	Hines	Siracusa
Casanova	Hollis	Smith
Cox	Irons	Theunissen
Cravins	Johnson	Ullo
Dardenne	Jones	
Total—35		

**NAYS**

Total—0

**ABSENT**

Fields C	Short
Romero	Tarver
Total—4	

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed. The title was read and adopted. Senator Schedler moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage**

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on third reading and final passage were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 43—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO  
**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 47:287.95(J), relative to the corporation income tax; to provide for common paymaster situations with respect to salary, wages, and other compensation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Barham moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. President	Dyess	Jordan
Bagneris	Ellington	Lambert
Bajoie	Fields W	Landry
Barham	Greene	Lentini
Bean	Hainkel	Malone
Branch	Heitmeier	Robichaux
Cain	Hines	Schedler
Casanova	Hollis	Siracusa
Cravins	Irons	Smith
Dardenne	Johnson	Theunissen
Dean	Jones	Ullo
Total—33		

**NAYS**

Total—0

**ABSENT**

Campbell	Fields C	Short
Cox	Romero	Tarver
Total—6		

The Chair declared the bill was passed. The title was read and adopted. Senator Barham moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 44—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO  
**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1031, relative to the natural gas franchise tax; to provide that the tax is imposed on the exercise of a corporation franchise or charter or the continuance of such franchise or charter; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Barham moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. President	Dyess	Jordan
Bagneris	Ellington	Lambert
Bajoie	Fields W	Landry
Barham	Greene	Lentini
Bean	Hainkel	Malone
Branch	Heitmeier	Robichaux
Cain	Hines	Schedler
Casanova	Hollis	Siracusa
Cravins	Irons	Smith
Dardenne	Johnson	Theunissen
Dean	Jones	Ullo
Total—33		

**NAYS**

Total—0

**ABSENT**

Campbell	Fields C	Short
Cox	Romero	Tarver
Total—6		

The Chair declared the bill was passed. The title was read and adopted. Senator Barham moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 56—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO  
**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.11(A), relative to corporation income tax; to provide that any entity taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes will also be taxed as a corporation for state income tax purposes; to provide for the applicability of such provision; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Barham, the bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 57—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.732(A) and to enact R.S. 47:287.732(C) and 287.732.1, relative to the state income tax liability of S corporations and qualified Subchapter S subsidiary corporations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Barham, the bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 109—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:606(F), relative to corporation franchise tax; to provide for the allocation of property and net sales when a corporation merges; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Barham moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Dean Jordan
Bagneris Dyess Lambert
Bajoie Ellington Landry
Barham Fields W Lentini
Bean Greene Malone
Branch Hainkel Robichaux
Cain Heitmeier Schedler
Campbell Hines Siracusa
Casanova Hollis Smith
Cox Johnson Theunissen
Dardenne Jones Ullio
Total—33

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Cravins Irons Short
Fields C Romero Tarver
Total—6

The Chair declared the bill was passed. The title was read and adopted. Senator Barham moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 110—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:601, 606(C), and 611, relative to the corporation franchise tax; to repeal the minimum tax; to provide for a one-time initial corporation franchise tax; to exempt certain corporations from the tax; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments Sent Up

Senator Barham sent up floor amendments which were read.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Barham to Engrossed House Bill No. HB 110 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Amendment No. 1 proposed by the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and adopted by the Senate on May 13, 1998, on line 2, change "one hundred twenty-five" to "two hundred twenty-five"

Senator Barham moved adoption of the amendments.

Senator Dardenne objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Cravins Jones
Bagneris Dyess Lentini
Bajoie Hainkel Schedler
Barham Heitmeier Theunissen
Bean Hines
Cain Johnson
Total—16

NAYS

Branch Fields W Robichaux
Campbell Hollis Siracusa
Casanova Irons Smith
Dardenne Jordan Ullio
Dean Landry
Ellington Malone
Total—16

ABSENT

Cox Lambert Tarver
Fields C Romero
Greene Short
Total—7

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

On motion of Senator Barham, the bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 226—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDONALD AND SENATOR BARHAM
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:7, Subpart C-1 of Part 1 of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, composed of R.S. 47:85 through 89, 284, 305(C)(1), 305.12, 305.21, 305.24, 305.27, 305.29, 305.34, 305.35, 317, 614, 615, 633.1(A), (B), and (D), 644, 648.11, 868(A), 1009, 1039, and Chapter 16 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, composed of R.S. 47:1301 through 1351, relative to certain tax dedications, exemptions, credits, and special rate taxes; to repeal certain dedications; to repeal certain tax exemptions, credits, and special rate severance taxes for which an exclusion has been enacted or which are no longer effective because of their terms; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Barham moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Dean Jordan
Bagneris Dyess Lambert
Bajoie Ellington Landry

Barham	Fields W	Lentini
Bean	Greene	Malone
Branch	Hainkel	Robichaux
Cain	Heitmeier	Schedler
Campbell	Hines	Smith
Casanova	Hollis	Theunissen
Cox	Irons	Ullo
Cravins	Johnson	
Dardenne	Jones	
Total—34		

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Fields C	Short	Tarver
Romero	Siracusa	
Total—5		

The Chair declared the bill was passed. The title was read and adopted. Senator Barham moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Bagneris asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of reverting to the Morning Hour.

**Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

Senator Bagneris asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions a first and second time and acting upon them as follows:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—**  
BY SENATOR JORDAN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To suspend R.S. 47:331(L) as enacted in that Act which originated as House Bill 126 of the 1998 Regular Session relative to the exemptions against the one percent sales and use tax levied pursuant to Chapter 2-B of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Bagneris, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—**  
BY SENATORS JOHNSON, CAIN, LENTINI, SMITH, THEUNISSEN AND SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide with respect to a joint committee to study the entire tax system in order to make recommendations in the areas of tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, credits, and refunds and to create an advisory committee and provide for an expert to assist the joint committee.

On motion of Senator Bagneris, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

**Messages from the House**

The following Messages from the House were received and read as follows:

**Message from the House**  
**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN**  
**HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

May 20, 1998

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC  
AN ACT

Making appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive branch of state government, pensions, public schools, public roads, public charities, and state institutions and providing with respect to the expenditure of said appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions**

Senator Bagneris asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions just received from the House which were taken up, read a first and second time by their titles and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC  
AN ACT

Making appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive branch of state government, pensions, public schools, public roads, public charities, and state institutions and providing with respect to the expenditure of said appropriations.

On motion of Senator Bagneris, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Jordan asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of recalling Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 from the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—**  
BY SENATOR JORDAN  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To suspend all sales and use tax exemptions against the tax levied pursuant to Chapter 2-A of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999; to provide for certain exemptions which are not suspended; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Jordan, the resolution was read by title and withdrawn from the files of the Senate.

**Reports of Committees**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON**  
**REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS**

Senator Barham, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 14—  
BY SENATOR BEAN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:462(B)(9) and 463(A)(4), relative to motor vehicles; to provide relative to license plates for trucks and private passenger vehicles; to require credit for time remaining on such plates under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 57—  
BY SENATOR ELLINGTON AND REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(8)(c), relative to the state sales and use tax; to define person to exclude a contractors or subcontractors designated as the agent of a public entity in a public works contract; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 67—  
BY SENATOR ELLINGTON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(7)(f), 8(d)(iv), 10(q)(ii), and 18(e)(ii) and Section 2 of Act 15 of the 1996 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to sales and use tax of the state and its political subdivisions; to extend and broaden such sales tax exclusions for certain parochial and private schools and certain churches and synagogues; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 69—  
BY SENATOR BAGNERIS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:120.37 (B) and (D), and to enact R.S. 47:120.37 (E), (F), and (G), relative to revenue and taxation; to lower the minimum threshold for organizations to remain on the Louisiana Income Tax Donation Schedule; to require the annual rotation of organization names on the donation schedule; to allow organizations to provide an informational telephone number next to their name; to allow organizations removed from the income tax donation schedule due to the current minimum donation requirement to apply to be placed back on the donation schedule if they would have satisfied the lowered donation requirement during the past five years; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT J. BARHAM  
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

SENATE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senator Dardenne, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

May 20, 1998

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3—  
BY SENATOR HOLLIS  
A RESOLUTION

To adopt Senate Rule No. 1.4 of the Rules of Order of the Senate, relative to auditory and video recordings; to prohibit such recordings within the Senate Chamber; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the immediate ejection and barring reentry into the Chamber for one year.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—  
BY SENATOR DARDENNE  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to function as a joint committee to study the feasibility of mandating a reporting system which requires certain candidates for a statewide office to disclose a contributor's occupation and employer.

Reported favorably.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26—  
BY SENATOR SHORT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to pass and submit to the state legislatures an amendment to the United States Constitution to allow the freedom of religion in public places.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 39—  
BY SENATOR MALONE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:402(F)(8), relative to elections; to provide that local ad valorem tax elections shall be held on the same date as the congressional primary elections; to provide for an emergency exception; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAY DARDENNE  
Chairman

Senate Resolutions  
on Second Reading  
Reported by Committees

Senator Dardenne asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following Senate Resolutions just reported by Committees.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3—  
BY SENATOR HOLLIS  
A RESOLUTION

To adopt Senate Rule No. 1.4 of the Rules of Order of the Senate, relative to auditory and video recordings; to prohibit such recordings within the Senate Chamber; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the immediate ejection and barring reentry into the Chamber for one year.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Resolution No. 3 by Senator Hollis

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "auditory" delete "and video"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, after "Audio" delete "and video"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 13, after "any" insert "non-disclosed" and after "audio" delete " , video, or other electronic"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 1, after "Senate Chamber" delete the remainder of the line and line 2 and insert "for the remainder of that legislative day."

On motion of Senator Dardenne, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended resolution was read by title and ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
on Second Reading  
Reported by Committees**

Senator Dardenne asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions just reported by Committees.

**SENATE BILL NO. 14—  
BY SENATOR BEAN**

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 47:462(B)(9) and 463(A)(4), relative to motor vehicles; to provide relative to license plates for trucks and private passenger vehicles; to require credit for time remaining on such plates under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Bean

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 14, after "(9)" insert "(a) Effective July 1, 2000,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 14, change "Any" to "any"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 7 and 8, add:

"(b) In order to receive the credit authorized under the provisions of this Paragraph, a person shall present to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, the following documents or items:

(c) In the case of a transfer to an individual, the license plate which was removed under the provisions of R.S. 47:505; a copy of the bill of sale, act of donation, or other comparable document indicating the transfer; and a copy of the last registration for the motor vehicle transferred.

(d) In the case of a transfer to a motor vehicle dealer, a copy of the bill of sale, act of donation, or other comparable document indicating the transfer; and a copy of the last registration for the motor vehicle transferred.

(e) The Office of Motor Vehicles shall bear no responsibility to produce the documents or items enumerated in this Paragraph.

(f) Not later than July 1, 2000, the Office of Motor Vehicles shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Paragraph."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 4, after "(4)" insert "(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 25, add:

"(b) In order to receive the credit authorized under the provisions of this Paragraph, a person shall present to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, the following documents or items:

(c) In the case of a transfer to an individual, the license plate which was removed under the provisions of R.S. 47:505; a copy of the bill of sale, act of donation, or other comparable document indicating the transfer; and a copy of the last registration for the motor vehicle transferred.

(d) In the case of a transfer to a motor vehicle dealer, a copy of the bill of sale, act of donation, or other comparable document indicating the transfer; and a copy of the last registration for the motor vehicle transferred.

(e) The Office of Motor Vehicles shall bear no responsibility to produce the documents or items enumerated in this Paragraph.

(f) Not later than July 1, 2000, the Office of Motor Vehicles shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Paragraph."

On motion of Senator Barham, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**SENATE BILL NO. 39—  
BY SENATOR MALONE**

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 18:402(F)(8), relative to elections; to provide that local ad valorem tax elections shall be held on the same date as the congressional primary elections; to provide for an emergency exception; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 39 by Senator Malone

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" delete "enact R.S. 18:402(F)(8)" and insert "amend and reenact R.S. 18:402(F)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, before "congressional primary" insert " gubernatorial primary and" and after "elections;" insert "to provide for a January election date in certain years;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, change "(8) is hereby enacted" to " is hereby amended and reenacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 13 through 16 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 3 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(1) The second to last Saturday on October of any year in which a gubernatorial primary election is held as provided in R.S. 18:402(A)(1).

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(2) The first Saturday in October of any year in which a congressional primary election is held as provided in R.S. 18:402(B)(1), or as otherwise provided by law.

(3) The third Saturday in January in any year in which there is no gubernatorial or congressional primary election.

(4) In case of an emergency, upon application to and approval by the State Bond Commission by two-thirds vote of its total membership, and with approval of the governor, the governing authority of a parish, of a municipality, or of a parish or city school board may conduct a bond or tax election on a Saturday which is not provided for in this Subsection."

On motion of Senator Dardenne, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**SENATE BILL NO. 57—**  
BY SENATOR ELLINGTON AND REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(8)(c), relative to the state sales and use tax; to define person to exclude a contractors or subcontractors designated as the agent of a public entity in a public works contract; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 57 by Senator Ellington

AMENDMENT NO. 1  
On page 1, line 2, between "state" and "sales" insert:

"and its political subdivisions"

AMENDMENT NO. 2  
On page 2, at the end of line 6, after the period "." add:

"Any agent so designated shall not be subject to the provisions of the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1551, et seq, if the public work is properly let under the provisions of the Public Bid Law, R.S. 38:2211, et seq.."

On motion of Senator Barham, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**SENATE BILL NO. 67—**  
BY SENATOR ELLINGTON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(7)(f), 8(d)(iv), 10(q)(ii), and 18(e)(ii) and Section 2 of Act 15 of the 1996 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to sales and use tax of the state and its political subdivisions; to extend and broaden such sales tax exclusions for certain parochial and private schools and certain churches and synagogues; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 67 by Senator Ellington

AMENDMENT NO. 1  
On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 2  
On page 1, line 3, between "Act" and "15" insert "No."

AMENDMENT NO. 3  
On page 1, line 5, after "subdivisions;" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 6

AMENDMENT NO. 4  
On page 1, line 7, delete "synagogues" and insert in lieu thereof: "to remove the July 1, 1998 termination date of Act No. 15 of the 1996 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature relative to purchases by churches and synagogues of bibles, song books, or literature used for religious instruction classes"

AMENDMENT NO. 5  
On page 1, delete lines 9 through 16 and delete page 2

AMENDMENT NO. 6  
On page 3, delete lines 1 through 13

AMENDMENT NO. 7  
On page 3, at the beginning of line 14, change "Section 2." to "Section 1." and between "Act" and "15" insert "No."

AMENDMENT NO. 8  
On page 3, at the end of line 16, insert:  
"This Act shall become null and void on July 1, 2000."

AMENDMENT NO. 9  
On page 3, line 18, change "Section 3." to "Section 2."

On motion of Senator Barham, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**SENATE BILL NO. 69—**  
BY SENATOR BAGNERIS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:120.37 (B) and (D), and to enact R.S. 47:120.37 (E), (F), and (G), relative to revenue and taxation; to lower the minimum threshold for organizations to remain on the Louisiana Income Tax Donation Schedule; to require the annual rotation of organization names on the donation schedule; to allow organizations to provide an informational telephone number next to their name; to allow organizations removed from the income tax donation schedule due to the current minimum donation requirement to apply to be placed back on the donation schedule if they would have satisfied the lowered donation requirement during the past five years; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs. On motion of Senator Barham, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**Message from the House**

**SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 20, 1998

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a study, working in cooperation with the state librarian, to determine the need for the erection of signs on Louisiana highways directing interested persons to Louisiana's public libraries.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCMAINS, FAUCHEUX, AND MCCALLUM

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Office of the Judicial Administrator and the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana to work and communicate with, and advise the Louisiana Legislature on pending bills that affect the court system and the judiciary.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TOOMY

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Louisiana commissioner of insurance to permit the collection of premium fees on all criminal bail bonds written in the Twenty-fourth Judicial District Court as is provided by law and to clarify the provisions of Act No. 824 of the 1997 Regular Session relative to the imposition of premium fees on criminal bail bonds in the Twenty-fourth Judicial District Court.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE THERIOT

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to install a traffic light at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 1 and the access road to Louisiana Highway 3235 in Cut Off, Louisiana, Lafourche Parish.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHOT

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to erect appropriate signage on certain Louisiana highways designating a route for the "Mississippi River Trail" for cycling.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ODINET AND WARNER

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as necessary to amend the Highway Beautification Act of 1965 to revise provisions relating to the lighting requirements of outdoor advertising signs, displays, and devices in areas adjacent to the Interstate System and the Federal-Aid primary system.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ODINET AND WARNER

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the United States Department of Transportation to renegotiate or modify their agreement relative to control of outdoor advertising in areas adjacent to the national system of Interstate and Defense Highways and the Federal-Aid Primary System in order to allow outdoor advertising signs in zoned and unzoned commercial and industrial areas which contain, include, or are illuminated by flashing, intermittent, or moving light or lights.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to post signs on both sides of Interstate 20 near the city of Grambling, Louisiana, indicating available food establishments.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Sergeant Joseph Day for being selected "Correctional Officer of the Year" in Louisiana for the year 1996.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILKERSON AND PRATT AND SENATOR BAJOIE

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for its achievements and designate May 19, 1998, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Legislative Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To declare July 5, 1998, to be Future Homemakers of America Day in the state of Louisiana.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAMICO AND SENATOR ULLO

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Mrs. Anna Federico Jourdan, the well-known volunteer founder of the Jefferson Parish Council on Aging.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CLARKSON

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Ms. Dione Harmon for her unequalled and unheralded dedication, devotion, and commitment to revitalization, restoration, and preservation efforts within the Algiers community and the city of New Orleans and to express an appreciation for the interest that she has sparked throughout the state of Louisiana.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To recognize and commend the village of Parks upon the occasion of its one hundredth birthday and centennial celebration in July, 1998.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MURRAY, ALARIO, A. ALEXANDER, R. ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, BARTON, BAUDOIN, BAYLOR, BOWLER, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, CARTER, CHAISSON, CLARKSON, COPELIN, CRANE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DEVILLE, DEWITT, DIEZ, DIMOS, DONELON, DOWNER, DUPRE, DURAND, FARVE, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FONTENOT, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREAUX, GLOVER, GREEN, GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HOLDEN, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HUNTER, ILES, JENKINS, JETSON, JOHNS, KENNARD, KENNEY, LANCASTER, LANDRIEU, LEBLANC, LONG, MARIONNEAU, MARTINY, MCCAIN, MCCALLUM, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, MICHOT, MITCHELL, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MORRISH, ODINET, PERKINS, PIERRE, PINAC, POWELL, PRATT, QUEZAIRE, RIDDLE, ROMERO, ROUSSELLE, SALTER, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SCHWEGMANN, SHAW, JACK SMITH, JOHN SMITH, STELLY, STRAIN, THERIOT, THOMAS, THOMPSON, THORNHILL, TOOMY, TRAVIS, TRICHE, VITTER, WADDELL, WALSWORTH, WARNER, WELCH, WESTON, WIGGINS, WILKERSON, WILLARD, WINDHORST, WINSTON, AND WRIGHT AND SENATOR JOHNSON

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Mr. James Bruce McConduit of New Orleans.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY AND IRONS

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Mr. Ross "Teddy" Vaughn, Sr. of New Orleans.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILKERSON AND PRATT

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Dr. Dorothy I. Height upon her retirement at age 85 from the presidency of the National Council of Negro Women, concluding 60 years of activism and extraordinary leadership in the arena of civil rights.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALSWORTH  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Christine Clampit Owens of West Monroe on the occasion of being named Louisiana Mother of the Year in recognition of the qualities and service that have made her a role model for her children, her community, and her state.

and asked that the President of the Senate affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

The House Concurrent Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.

**Privilege Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs**

**ENROLLMENTS**

Senator Dardenne, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

May 20, 1998

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—**

BY SENATOR LANDRY  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To continue the Atchafalaya and Tech-Vermilion Flood Control Advisory Commission, as created by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76 of the 1997 Regular Session, to study and make recommendations relative to solutions to the flood problems in the parishes of Rapides, Avoyelles, St. Landry, Evangeline, Lafayette, St. Martin, Vermilion, Iberia, and St. Mary.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—**

BY SENATORS ULLO, BAGNERIS, BAJOIE, BARHAM, BEAN, BRANCH, CAIN, CAMPBELL, CASANOVA, COX, CRAVINS, DARDENNE, DEAN, DYESS, ELLINGTON, EWING, C. FIELDS, W. FIELDS, GREENE, HAINKEL, HEITMEIER, HINES, HOLLIS, IRONS, JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, LAMBERT, LANDRY, LENTINI, MALONE, ROBICHAUX, ROMERO, SCHEDLER, SHORT, SIRACUSA, SMITH, TARVER AND THEUNISSEN AND REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, ANSARDI, BOWLER, BRUNEAU, CLARKSON, COPELIN, DAMICO, DONELON, FARVE, GREEN, HEATON, LANCASTER, LANDRIEU, MARTINY, MORRELL, MURRAY, ODINET, PRATT, ROUSSELLE, SCALISE, SCHWEGMANN, THERIOT, TOOMY, VITTER, WILLARD AND WINDHORST  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Paul Atkinson on thirty-three years of service as a newspaper reporter with the Times-Picayune.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAY DARDENNE  
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

**Privilege Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs**

**ENROLLMENTS**

Senator Dardenne, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

May 20, 1998

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

The following Senate Resolution has been properly enrolled:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10—**

BY SENATOR DYESS  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Coach Billy Allgood on his thirty-seven years of service in the fields of education and athletics as professor, athletic director, and coach at Louisiana College.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAY DARDENNE  
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Resolution was signed by the President of the Senate and presented to the Secretary of State by the Secretary.

**Message to the Secretary of State**

**SIGNED**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 20, 1998

To the Honorable Secretary of State:

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have signed the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—**

BY SENATOR IRONS  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the month of May 1998 as "The More You Know About Teen Pregnancy" Awareness and Prevention Month.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—**

BY SENATOR BRANCH  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to lower the speed limit to forty-five miles per hour on Louisiana Highway 964 from its intersection with Louisiana Highway 61 north to the East Baton Rouge Parish line.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—**

BY SENATORS JONES, BAGNERIS, BAJOIE, CRAVINS, C. FIELDS, W. FIELDS, IRONS, JOHNSON, AND TARVER, AND REPRESENTATIVES ALEXANDER, BAYLOR, COPELIN, CURTIS, FARVE, GLOVER, GREEN, GUILLORY, HOLDEN, HUDSON, HUNTER, JETSON, MITCHELL, MORRELL, MURRAY, PIERRE, PRATT, QUEZAIRE, WELCH, WESTON, WILKERSON, AND WILLARD  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the considerable accomplishments of Marilyn Joy Clemons and to extend heartfelt condolences to her family on the occasion of her death.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—**  
BY SENATORS HINES, BAGNERIS, BAJOEI, BARHAM, BEAN, BRANCH,  
CAIN, CAMPBELL, CASANOVA, COX, CRAVINS, DARDENNE, DEAN,  
DYESS, ELLINGTON, EWING, C. FIELDS, W. FIELDS, GREENE, HAINKEL,  
HEITMEIER, HOLLIS, IRONS, JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, LAMBERT,  
LANDRY, LENTINI, MALONE, ROBICHAUX, ROMERO, SCHEDLER,  
SHORT, SIRACUSA, SMITH, TARVER, THEUNISSEN AND ULLO AND  
REPRESENTATIVE RIDDLE

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To designate May 15th as National Police Officers Day.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—**  
BY SENATOR LAMBERT

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon  
the death of Caleb J. Mire, war hero, college graduate,  
accomplished businessman, community leader, and friend.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—**  
BY SENATORS C. FIELDS AND W. FIELDS AND REPRESENTATIVES  
JETSON AND WELCH

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the condolences of the legislature upon the death of Leroy  
M. Smith, Sr.

Respectfully submitted,  
MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

**Leaves of Absence**

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

C. Fields	1 Day	Short	1 Day
Romero	1 Day	Tarver	1 Day

**Adjournment**

Senator Bagneris moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday,  
May 26, 1998 at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned until  
4:00 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, May 26, 1998.

MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

GAYE F. HAMILTON  
Journal Clerk