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STATE OF LOUISIANA**

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Thirty-Seventh Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Thursday, March 13, 2008

The Senate was called to order at 5:00 o'clock P.M., by Hon. Joel T. Chaisson II, President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

PRESENT

Mr. President	Dupre	Mount
Adley	Erdey	Murray
Alario	Gray	Quinn
Broome	Heitmeier	Riser
Cassidy	Jackson	Scalise
Cheek	Kostelka	Shaw
Cravins	LaFleur	Shepherd
Crowe	Long	Smith
Donahue	Marionneaux	Thompson
Dorsey	Michot	Walsworth
Duplessis	Morrish	
Total - 32		

ABSENT

Amedee	Hebert	Nevers
Gautreaux B	Martiny	
Gautreaux N	McPherson	
Total - 7		

The President of the Senate announced there were 32 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Pastor Timmy Straight, 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 Smith, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of March 12, 2008, was adopted.

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**

March 13, 2008

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. 10—
BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the players, statisticians, and coaches of the 2007-2008 Calvin High School Lady Cougars Basketball Team on winning the Girls Class C High School Basketball State Championship.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—
BY SENATORS ADLEY AND SCALISE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service and the Congress of the United States to take action to provide that refundable credits received by Louisiana homeowners to offset Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Assessments on their homeowner's insurance premiums because of the unprecedented damage and destruction of homes in the recent hurricanes shall not be considered as income for federal tax purposes.

Reported without amendments.

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

**Introduction of Senate Bills
and Joint Resolutions**

Senator Broome asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time and referring them to committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 20—
BY SENATOR SHAW
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:32(A) and 293(3), relative to individual income tax; to provide for a reduction of rates and brackets; to restore the full deduction for excess federal itemized personal deductions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title; lies over under the rules.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY SENATOR MARTINY
A RESOLUTION

To commend Sheriff Harry Lee for his years of public service and commitment to Crimestoppers, Inc. ("Crimestoppers") and to acknowledge the creation of the Sheriff Harry Lee Criminal Justice Award.

The resolution was read by title; lies over under the rules.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

March 13, 2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Senator Derrick D. T. Shepherd, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs, submitted the following report:

March 13, 2008

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to submit the following report:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45— BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD AND TUCKER AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.27, relative to the Algiers Development District; to provide relative to the status of the district and its actions; to provide relative to the appointment and terms of the members of the board of commissioners; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to plans for public improvements, facilities, and services; to provide relative to all acts by and on behalf of the district since its creation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted, DERRICK D. T. SHEPHERD Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

Senator Robert M. Marionneau, Jr., Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, submitted the following report:

March 13, 2008

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1— BY REPRESENTATIVES GREENE, ST. GERMAIN, AUSTIN BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BURRELL, CARTER, DANAHAY, MICKEY GUILLOREY, HENRY, HOFFMANN, HONEY, NOWLIN, PERRY, RICHARD, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, JANE SMITH, TEMPLET, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, BOBBY BADON, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, CARMODY, CAZAYOUX, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, ELBERT GUILLOREY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HILL, HINES, HOWARD, HUTTER, MICHAEL JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONToucET, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PONTI, POPE, RICHARDSON, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, PATRICIA SMITH, TALBOT, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATOR WALSWORTH AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(10)(x) and to enact R.S. 47:321(K), relative to the sales and use tax; to provide for an exclusion for all purchases of certain fuels and gases; to provide for the effectiveness and applicability of the exemptions for electric power or energy, natural gas, water, and steam; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 9— BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHMOND, GREENE, TUCKER, AND ABRAMSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6016(B)(1)(c), (E), (G), (H), and (I), relative to the new markets tax credit; to increase the total aggregate amount of the credit; to reduce the maximum amount of credit for businesses that do not meet certain criteria; to provide enhanced credits for certain target industries; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18— BY REPRESENTATIVES GREENE, AUSTIN BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, CARTER, DANAHAY, MICKEY GUILLOREY, HENRY, HOFFMANN, HONEY, NOWLIN, PERRY, RICHARD, RICHMOND, ROBIDEAUX, JANE SMITH, AND TEMPLET AND SENATOR WALSWORTH AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:293(4)(c), relative to the individual income tax; to provide that certain federal income tax rebates or credits shall not reduce the federal income tax deduction; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted, ROBERT M. MARIONNEAU, JR. Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Senator Michael J. "Mike" Michot, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

March 13, 2008

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1— BY REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN AND TUCKER A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5— BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER AND SENATOR WALSWORTH AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:327(B)(1)(g), relative to the investment of certain monies on deposit in the state treasury; to authorize the investment in taxable and tax exempt bonds issued by the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6— BY REPRESENTATIVE DOVE AN ACT

To provide relative to state funds; to authorize the transfer and deposit of certain nonrecurring revenues into certain special treasury funds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 46— BY REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN, TUCKER, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARNOLD, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BILLIOT, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CROMER, DANAHAY, DOVE, DOWNS, ELLINGTON, FOIL, GALLOT, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLOREY, GUINN, HARDY, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, JOHNSON,

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AN ACT

To appropriate funds for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to be allocated to designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations for said agencies and purposes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL J. "MIKE" MICHOT
Chairman

**House Concurrent Resolutions
on Second Reading
Reported by Committees**

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—
BY REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN AND TUCKER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To direct the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Finance. Under the provisions of Joint Rule No. 3 of the Rules of the Senate, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GREENE, ST. GERMAIN, AUSTIN BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BURRELL, CARTER, DANAHAY, MICKEY GUILLORY, HENRY, HOFFMANN, HONEY, NOWLIN, PERRY, RICHARD, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, JANE SMITH, TEMPLET, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, BOBBY BADON, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, CARMODY, CAZAYOUX, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, ELBERT GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HILL, HINES, HOWARD, HUTTER, MICHAEL JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONTUCET, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PONTI, POPE, RICHARDSON, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, PATRICIA SMITH, TALBOT, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATOR WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(10)(x) and to enact R.S. 47:321(K), relative to the sales and use tax; to provide for an exclusion for all purchases of certain fuels and gases; to provide for the effectiveness and applicability of the exemptions for electric power or energy, natural gas, water, and steam; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs. Under the provisions of Joint Rule No. 3 of the Rules of the Senate, the bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER AND SENATOR WALSWORTH
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:327(B)(1)(g), relative to the investment of certain monies on deposit in the state treasury; to authorize the investment in taxable and tax exempt bonds issued by the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Finance. Under the provisions of Joint Rule No. 3 of the Rules of the Senate, the bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOVE
AN ACT

To provide relative to state funds; to authorize the transfer and deposit of certain nonrecurring revenues into certain special treasury funds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Finance. Under the provisions of Joint Rule No. 3 of the Rules of the Senate, the bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHMOND, GREENE, TUCKER, AND ABRAMSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6016(B)(1)(c), (E), (G), (H), and (I), relative to the new markets tax credit; to increase the total aggregate amount of the credit; to reduce the maximum amount of credit for businesses that do not meet certain criteria; to provide enhanced credits for certain target industries; 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 Engrossed House Bill No. 9 by Representative Richmond

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 47:6016(B)(1)(c)," insert "(2), and (3),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "tax credit" insert "for certain periods"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "R.S. 47:6016(B)(1)(c)," insert "(2), and (3),"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 19, after "July 1, 2007" insert "and before July 1, 2008"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert:

"(2) "Applicable percentage" means:

- (a) For qualified equity investments issued to taxpayers prior to July 1, 2007:
 - (i) One percent for the first three credit allowance dates.
 - (ii) Two percent with respect to the remainder of the credit allowance dates.
- (b) For qualified equity investments issued to taxpayers on and after July 1, 2007:
 - (i) Ten percent for the first two credit allowance dates.
 - (ii) Five percent with respect to the remainder of the credit allowance dates.

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(3) "Credit allowance date" means with respect to any qualified equity investment the date on which such investment is initially made and the first two anniversaries of such date and with respect to qualified equity investments issued prior to July 1, 2007, the date on which the initial investment is made and the first six anniversaries of such date."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 19, after "(1)" insert:

"(a) The aggregate amount of credit for all qualified equity investments issued to taxpayers before July 1, 2007 under this Section shall not exceed five million dollars, in the aggregate, annually.

(b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 20, change ", after July 1, 2007," to "; on and after July 1, 2007; and before July 1, 2008;"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, between lines 14 and 15, insert:

"(c) Qualified equity investments made after July 1, 2008 shall only be eligible for credits available for issuance during the period which includes the initial credit allowance date."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 15, after "(3)" insert "(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, between lines 18 and 19, insert:

"(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 47:1508, the applications submitted to the secretary shall be a public record."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, line 4, change "In" to "In If"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 4, line 14, change "the sixth third anniversary" to "all anniversaries"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 4, line 24, delete "on" and delete line 25, and insert: "made on and after July 1, 2007; until December 31, 2012 2013."

On motion of Senator Marionneaux, the committee amendment was adopted. Under the provisions of Joint Rule No. 3 of the Rules of the Senate, the amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GREENE, AUSTIN BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, CARTER, DANAHAY, MICKEY GULLORY, HENRY, HOFFMANN, HONEY, NOWLIN, PERRY, RICHARD, RICHMOND, ROBIDEAUX, JANE SMITH, AND TEMPLET AND SENATOR WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:293(4)(c), relative to the individual income tax; to provide that certain federal income tax rebates or credits shall not reduce the federal income tax deduction; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs. Under the provisions of Joint Rule No. 3 of the Rules of the Senate, the bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 45—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD AND TUCKER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.27, relative to the Algiers Development District; to provide relative to the status of the district and its actions; to provide relative to the appointment

and terms of the members of the board of commissioners; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to plans for public improvements, facilities, and services; to provide relative to all acts by and on behalf of the district since its creation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 45 by Representative Arnold

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

"(7) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a member of the board may serve on the board of a private entity which enters into contracts with the district provided that the member does not receive compensation from the private entity."

On motion of Senator Gray, the committee amendment was adopted. Under the provisions of Joint Rule No. 3 of the Rules of the Senate, the amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 46—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN, TUCKER, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARNOLD, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BILLIOT, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CROMER, DANAHAY, DOVE, DOWNS, ELLINGTON, FOIL, GALLOT, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GULLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, JOHNSON, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MORRELL, MORRIS, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON

AN ACT

To appropriate funds for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to be allocated to designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations for said agencies and purposes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 46 by Representative Fannin

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, between lines 32 and 33, insert the following: "Provided, however, that funds appropriated herein shall be allocated to projects prescribed by the Board of Regents and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 17, after "Works" and before the period "." insert "and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 24, after "Works" and before the period "." insert "and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, line 24, change "US 11" to "Airport Road"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, delete line 42, and insert "(Catahoula, Concordia, LaSalle, Natchitoches,"

On motion of Senator Michot, the committee amendment was adopted. Under the provisions of Joint Rule No. 3 of the Rules of the Senate, the amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Petitions, Memorials and Communications

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

**SENATE
State of Louisiana**

March 13, 2008

Honorable Robert M. Marionneaux, Jr.
State Senator
P.O. Box 577
Livonia, LA 70755-0577

RE: Senate Executive Committee
Senate Resolution 3, 2008 2nd Extraordinary Session

Dear Senator Marionneaux:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.22 which established the Senate Executive Committee, and Senate Resolution 3 of the 2008 2nd Extraordinary Session which increases the membership to seven members, it is my pleasure to appoint you to the Senate Executive Committee.

The committee is composed of the following seven members: Ex officio, the President and President Pro Tempore; the chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs; and three members of the Senate appointed by the President.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this important role. Please call if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,
JOEL T. CHAISSON II
President of the Senate

**SENATE
State of Louisiana**

March 13, 2008

Honorable Willie L. Mount
State Senator
P.O. Box 3004
Lake Charles, LA 70602

RE: Senate Executive Committee
Senate Resolution 3, 2008 2nd Extraordinary Session

Dear Senator Mount:

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Sincerely,
JOEL T. CHAISSON II
President of the Senate

**SENATE
State of Louisiana**

March 13, 2008

Honorable Edwin R. Murray
State Senator
1540 North Broad
New Orleans, LA 70119

RE: Senate Executive Committee
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JOEL T. CHAISSON II
President of the Senate

**Privilege Report of the
Legislative Bureau**

March 13, 2008

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Legislative Bureau to submit the following report:

The following Concurrent Resolution and Bills are approved as to construction and duplication.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—
BY REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN AND TUCKER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To direct the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GREENE, ST. GERMAIN, AUSTIN BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BURRELL, CARTER, DANAHAY, MICKEY GUILLORY, HENRY, HOFFMANN, HONEY, NOWLIN, PERRY, RICHARD, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, JANE SMITH, TEMPLET, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, BOBBY BADON, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, CARMODY, CAZAYOUX, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, ELBERT GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HILL, HINES, HOWARD, HUTTER, MICHAEL JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PONTI, POPE, RICHARDSON, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, PATRICIA SMITH, TALBOT, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATOR WALSWORTH

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Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 46—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN, TUCKER, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARNOLD, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BILLIOT, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CROMER, DANAHAY, DOVE, DOWNS, ELLINGTON, FOIL, GALLOT, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, JOHNSON, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MORRELL, MORRIS, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON
AN ACT

To appropriate funds for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to be allocated to designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations for said agencies and purposes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
ROB MARIONNEAUX
Chairman

Adoption of Legislative Bureau Report

On motion of Senator Marionneaux, the Concurrent Resolution and Bills were read by title and passed to a third reading.

Rules Suspended

Senator Long asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of taking up at this time.

Introduction of Resolutions, Senate and Concurrent

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7—

BY SENATOR SMITH
A RESOLUTION

To commend Frank Mathews for sixty years of membership with American Legion Post 183.

On motion of Senator Smith, the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY SENATOR LONG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Iva Lee Meshell upon her induction into the Sabine Parish Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Long moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Dupre	Mount
Adley	Erdey	Murray
Alario	Gray	Riser
Broome	Heitmeier	Scalise
Cassidy	Jackson	Shaw
Cheek	Kostelka	Shepherd
Cravins	LaFleur	Smith
Crowe	Long	Thompson

Donahue	Marionneaux	Walsworth
Dorsey	Michot	
Duplessis	Morrish	
Total - 31		
	NAYS	
Total - 0		
	ABSENT	
Amedee	Hebert	Nevers
Gautreaux B	Martiny	Quinn
Gautreaux N	McPherson	
Total - 8		

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

Privilege Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

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

March 13, 2008

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. 4—
 BY SENATORS MARTINY, ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, GRAY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAU, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVE WOOTON
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend and to congratulate former congresswoman and national treasure, Corinne Claiborne "Lindy" Boggs, on the occasion of her ninety-second birthday and to celebrate her many achievements in a life dedicated to public service.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
 BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Florien High School of the Sabine Parish School System on being honored with a Bronze Medal by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best high schools in the nation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
 BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Negreet High School of the Sabine Parish School System on being honored with a Bronze Medal by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best high schools in the nation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—
 BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Dodson High School of the Winn Parish School System on being honored with a Bronze Medal by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best high schools in the nation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—
 BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Calvin High School of the Winn Parish School System on being honored with a Bronze Medal by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best high schools in the nation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—
 BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Winnfield Senior High School of the Winn Parish School System on being honored with a Bronze Medal by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best high schools in the nation.

Respectfully submitted,
 ROBERT W. "BOB" KOSTELKA
 Chairman

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

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 12, 2008

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. 3—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE NOWLIN
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend D. Rick Hargis upon being selected as a member of the 4-H Hall of Fame and to congratulate him on more than forty-five years of dedicated and highly productive service to the 4-H organization.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE NOWLIN
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Idell Snowden upon being selected as a member of the 4-H Hall of Fame and to congratulate her on many years of dedicated and highly productive service to the 4-H organization.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSALIND JONES
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Wossman Wildcats for winning the Class 3A state championship.

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.

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Amedee	1 Day	B. Gautreaux	1 Day
N. Gautreaux	1 Day	Hebert	1 Day
Martiny	1 Day	McPherson	1 Day
Nevers	1 Day		

March 13, 2008

**Petitions, Memorials and
Communications**

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

To: Glenn A. Koepp, Secretary of the Senate
From: Senator Ben Nevers
Date: March 13, 2008
Subject: Absence from the Senate

Please record in the Journal that I was attending a meeting with the office of the Governor today and did not make it back to the Senate Chamber in time to be present for the official Roll Call.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Ben Nevers

Adjournment

Senator Broome moved that the Senate adjourn until Friday, March 14, 2008, at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned until 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Friday, March 14, 2008.

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

LYNDA E. WHEELER
Journal Clerk