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STATE OF LOUISIANA

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Forty-First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Thursday, February 16, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 6:05 o'clock P.M. by Hon. John A. Alario Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. President	Erdey	Peacock
Allain	Hewitt	Peterson
Appel	Johns	Riser
Boudreaux	Lambert	Smith, G.
Carter	Luneau	Tarver
Chabert	Martiny	Thompson
Claitor	Milkovich	Walsworth
Colomb	Mills	Ward
Cortez	Mizell	
Donahue	Morrell	
Total - 28		

ABSENT

Barrow	Gatti	Perry
Bishop	LaFleur	Smith, J.
Brown	Long	White
Fannin	Morrish	
Total - 11		

The President of the Senate announced there were 28 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Thompson, following which the Senate joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Senator Gary Smith, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of February 15, 2017, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials and
Communications**

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

LOUISIANA STATE SENATE

TROY E. BROWN

February 16, 2017

P.O. Box 974
Napoleonville, LA 70390

Dear Honorable Governor Edwards and President Alario:

It is with profound sadness that I submit my resignation from the office of Senator, District 2. For as long as I can remember, I earnestly desired to serve the people of my District and the great State of Louisiana. Unfortunately, recent events have caused me to relinquish my dream in favor of the greater goal of preserving the integrity of the Louisiana Senate. Yesterday, I like thousands of people, watched as our Senators tore down the very fabric of our government, rejecting the most basic notion of being held to the laws and Constitution we were all sworn to uphold, most important our fundamental due process. It is readily apparent to me that a fair and impartial hearing before my peers will never transpire. This process has demonstrated the need for Legislative Rules and Standards, ever mindful of fact that we are all subject to the laws. Not one of us and, assuredly not the Legislature, are exempt from it reach. Rather than cause further enormous expenditure of limited taxpayer resources, and further division among my colleagues in a process which is already predetermined, I humbly tender my resignation, effective immediately.

In my life I've made some mistakes. Accepting responsibility for my own actions, I entered pleas in both criminal courts, thereby subjecting myself to whatever punishment the Courts and the laws provided. In so doing, I was fully cognizant of sparing my family and those I hurt the tribulations which a trial would undoubtedly inflict. As such, I consider the Senate body and staff to be apart of my extended family, and I herein resign with the sincerest hopes of sparing its precious body any further embarrassment. It has been a great honor serving under the dynamic leadership of our great Governor John Bel Edwards, as well as the tutelage and leadership of President John Alario.

I love and will always be loyal to my constituents of Senate District 2 and the citizens of the great State of Louisiana.

Sincerely,
TROY BROWN
Senator Troy Brown

Message from the House

**CONCURRING IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

February 15, 2017

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. 4—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVES CARMODY AND SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend and congratulate Caddo Lodge No. 179 of Free and Accepted Masons of Shreveport, Louisiana, upon the occasion of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of its charter.

Reported without amendments.

February 16, 2017

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—

BY SENATORS PEACOCK, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAU, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER AND HORTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the commanders, officers, and airmen of the United States Eighth Air Force, Barksdale Air Force Base, upon the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary celebration.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—

BY SENATORS PEACOCK, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAU, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER AND NORTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of the Honorable George Forrest Dunn Jr., to acknowledge his lifelong commitment to public service, and to note his many contributions made on behalf of the state of Louisiana.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—

BY SENATORS JOHNS, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAU, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAHAM, DANAHAY, DWIGHT, FRANKLIN, GUINN, HENSGENS AND HILL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend James Carroll "Jim" Beam, a longtime political columnist and retired editor of the Lake Charles American Press upon the occasion of being named as a 2017 inductee into the Louisiana Political Museum Hall of Fame in Winnfield, Louisiana.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of international bridge champion, Betty Kennedy of Shreveport, and to celebrate a life well lived.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER AND SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of businessman and former mayor of Shreveport, Louisiana, the Honorable William "Billy" Thomas Hanna Jr.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY SENATORS ALARIO, BOUDREAU, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVES BARRAS, ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BROADWATER,

CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, ROBERT JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THOMAS, WHITE AND ZERINGUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of the Honorable Armand J. Brinkhaus Sr., renowned public servant, beloved gentleman, and a former member of both the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate, and to celebrate his devotion to the law and the welfare of people of the state of Louisiana.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted, ALFRED W. SPEER

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions

Senator Walsworth asked for a suspension of the rules to read Senate Concurrent Resolutions a first and second time.

Senator Morrell objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists Mr. President, Allain, Appel, Chabert, Claitor, Cortez, Donahue, Total - 21, and Boudreaux, Carter, Total - 5.

NAYS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists Mills, Peterson, Morrell.

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists Barrow, Bishop, Brown, Colomb, Fannin, Total - 13, Gatti, LaFleur, Long, Morrish, Perry, Smith, G., Smith, J., White.

The Chair declared the rules were suspended.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, to visit Louisiana to tour public schools in our state.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Erdey	Morrell
Appel	Hewitt	Peacock
Boudreaux	Johns	Riser
Carter	Lambert	Smith, G.
Chabert	Martiny	Tarver
Claitor	Milkovich	Thompson
Cortez	Mills	Walsworth
Donahue	Mizell	Ward

Total - 24

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Allain	Fannin	Morrish
Barrow	Gatti	Perry
Bishop	LaFleur	Peterson
Brown	Long	Smith, J.
Colomb	Luneau	White

Total - 15

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

Leave Request

The Honorable John A. Alario Jr.
President, Louisiana Senate
Post Office Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear President Alario:

I request your permission for leave from the Senate on February 16 - 20, 2017, due to family illness.

Sincerely,
GERALD LONG
State Senator
Senate District 31

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Erdey	Peacock
Allain	Hewitt	Peterson
Appel	Johns	Riser
Boudreaux	Lambert	Smith, G.
Carter	Luneau	Tarver
Chabert	Martiny	Thompson
Claitor	Milkovich	Walsworth
Colomb	Mills	Ward
Cortez	Mizell	
Donahue	Morrell	

Total - 28

ABSENT

Barrow	Gatti	Perry
Bishop	LaFleur	Smith, J.
Brown	Long	White
Fannin	Morrish	

Total - 11

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Barrow	1 Day	Bishop	1 Day
Fannin	1 Day	Gatti	1 Day
LaFleur	1 Day	Long	1 Day
Morrish	1 Day	Perry	1 Day
Smith, J.	1 Day	White	1 Day

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Thompson, at 6:17 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Friday, February 17, 2017, at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

DIANE O' QUIN
Journal Clerk

