FIRST DAY’S PROCEEDINGS

Forty-Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Monday, February 19, 2018

The Senate was called to order at 4:05 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

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The President of the Senate announced there were 33 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Gerald Long, 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 Fannin, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of June 16, 2017, was adopted.

Message from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read as follows:

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 26 JBE 2018

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Paragraph B of Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana, I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the state of Louisiana, HEREBY CALL AND CONVENE THE LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION to convene at the State Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during seventeen calendar days, beginning at 4:00 o’clock p.m. on the 19th day of February, 2018, and ending no later than the 7th day of March, 2018. The power to legislate at such session shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the following specified enumerated objects:

ITEM NO. 1: To legislate with regard to the brackets for state income tax.
ITEM NO. 2: To legislate with regard to the state sales and use tax on the sales of services.
ITEM NO. 3: To legislate with regard to Act 126 of the 2015 Regular Session.
ITEM NO. 4: To legislate with regard to Act 123 of the 2015 Regular Session.
ITEM NO. 5: To legislate with regard to Act 109 of the 2015 Regular Session.
ITEM NO. 6: To legislate with regard to the deductibility of excess federal itemized personal deductions in computing state income taxes.
ITEM NO. 7: To legislate with regard to the imposition, collection and remittance of sales and use tax under R.S. 47:302, 321, 321.1 and 331.
ITEM NO. 8: To legislate with regard to the exemption from taxation for the sale or use of natural gas, water, steam, electric power or energy sold for non-residential use and consumption and any other exemptions provided in those portions of Chapter 2 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 that provide exemptions for business utilities from the taxes imposed therein.
ITEM NO. 9: To legislate with regard to the income tax treatment of federal net disaster losses.
ITEM NO. 10: To legislate with regard to the telecommunication tax for the deaf levied under R.S. 47:1061.
ITEM NO. 11: To legislate with regard to state agency expenditure reporting.
ITEM NO. 12: To legislate with regard to the expenditure limit.
ITEM NO. 13: To legislate with regard to work requirements for Medicaid recipients who are able-bodied adults.
ITEM NO. 14: To legislate with regard to the factors to be considered by the Louisiana Department of Health in making Medicaid eligibility determinations.
ITEM NO. 15: To legislate with regard to an exception under R.S. 47:1508 to grant the Legislative Auditor authority to review taxpayer information to verify income eligibility for Medicaid.
ITEM NO. 16: To legislate with regard to a copayment requirement under the Medicaid program.

ITEM NO. 17: To legislate with regard to the Deepwater Horizon Economic Damages Collection Fund.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 9th day of February, 2018.

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
Governor of Louisiana

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions
Senator Long asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to introduce and read Senate Resolutions a first and second time and act upon them.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1
BY SENATOR LONG
A RESOLUTION
BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Louisiana that a Committee of five be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is now duly convened and organized and prepared to transact such business as may be brought before it.

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

In compliance with the resolution the President of the Senate appointed the following Committee:

Senators Long,
Thompson,
Fannin,
Donahue,
and Mizell.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2
BY SENATOR LONG
A RESOLUTION
BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Louisiana that a Committee of six be appointed to notify the Governor that the Legislature is now duly convened and organized and prepared to receive such communication as he may desire to lay before it.

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

In compliance with the resolution the President of the Senate appointed the following Committee:

Senators Claitor,
Morrish,
Martiny,
Gary Smith,
and Allain.

Reports of Committees
The Committee appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate had convened and was prepared to transact business reported it had performed that duty. The President of the Senate thanked the Committee and discharged it.

The Committee appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate had convened and was prepared to transact business reported it had performed that duty. The President of the Senate thanked the Committee and discharged it.

Committee from the House of Representatives
A Committee from the House of Representatives appeared before the Bar of the Senate and informed the Senate that the House of Representatives was organized and ready to proceed with business.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—
BY SENATOR LONG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To invite the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of Louisiana, to address a joint session of the legislature.

The concurrent 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 Hewitt
Appel Lambert
Boudreaux Luneau
Carter Mills
Chabert Morrish
Claitor Peacock
Cortez Perry
Erdey Peterson
Gatti Price
Total - 25

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Allain Fannin
Barrow Johns
Bishop LaFleur
Colomb Long
Donahue Martiny
Total - 14

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

Prefiled Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions to be Introduced and Referred
Senator Gatti asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to introduce and read prefiled Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time and refer them to committee.
SENATE BILL NO. 1—
BY SENATOR MORRELL
AN ACT
To amend and reenact Section 4 of Act No. 109 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature and to repeal Section 2 of Act No. 109 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to tax credits; to provide with respect to the individual income tax credit for taxes paid to other states; to eliminate the termination of limitations previously enacted; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

SENATE BILL NO. 2—
BY SENATOR MORRELL
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 47:293(4)(d), relative to net disaster losses; to provide that the deduction from state income taxes for federal income tax shall not be reduced by the amount of certain federal net disaster losses; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

SENATE BILL NO. 3—
BY SENATOR MORRELL
AN ACT
To amend and reenact Section 6 of Act No. 126 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature and to repeal Section 3 of Act No. 126 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the three-year sunset of reductions to rebates in Act No. 126 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

SENATE BILL NO. 4—
BY SENATOR JOHNS
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 51:2455(D)(3), relative to Quality Jobs incentive rebates; to change the application period for certain incentive rebates; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

SENATE BILL NO. 5—
BY SENATOR HEWITT
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 46:460.53, relative to opportunities to promote work and community engagement among Medicaid recipients; to provide legislative findings and intent; to provide for an 1115 demonstration project; to provide for timelines; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Rules Suspended
Senator Erdey asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to allow the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to meet without the required posted notice.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend and congratulate the administration, faculty, students, and alumni of University Elementary School on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

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

ROLL CALL
The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS
Mr. President  Fannin  Perry
Apel  Gatti  Peterson
Bishop  Hewitt  Price
Boudreaux  Johns  Riser
Carter  Lambert  Tarver
Colomb  Long  Thompson
Cortez  Luneau  Walsworth
Donahue  Mizell  Ward
Erdey  Peacock  White
Total - 27

NAYS
Total - 0

ABSENT
Allain  LaFleur  Morrell
Barrow  Martiny  Morrish
Chabert  Milkovich  Smith, G.
Claitor  Mills  Smith, J.
Total - 12

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend and congratulate the membership of the Shreveport Scottish Rite Valley upon the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of its Shreveport Scottish Rite Cathedral.

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

ROLL CALL
The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS
Mr. President  Fannin  Peterson
Apel  Gatti  Price
Bishop  Hewitt  Riser
Boudreaux  Lambert  Tarver
Carter  Long  Thompson
Claitor  Luneau  Walsworth
Colomb  Mizell  Ward
Cortez  Morrish  White
Donahue  Peacock  White
Erdey  Perry  White
Total - 28

NAYS
Total - 0
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Louisiana State University Shreveport (LSUS) upon the celebration of its golden anniversary and to extend congratulations to its student body, faculty, administration, and alumni for fifty years of academic excellence afforded to northwest Louisiana and the state.

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

ROLL CALL
The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS
Mr. President  Erdey  Mizell
Appel  Fannin  Peacock
Bishop  Gatti  Perry
Boudreaux  Hewitt  Price
Carter  Johns  Riser
Chabert  Lambert  Tarver
Claitor  Long  Thompson
Colomb  Luneau  Walsworth
Cortez  Martiny  Ward
Donahue  Mills  Total - 29

NAYS
Total - 0

ABSENT
Allain  Morrell  Smith, J.
Barrow  Morrish  White
LaFleur  Peterson
Milkovich  Smith, G.
Total - 10

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Elaine M. “Shelly” Taylor of Shreveport, Louisiana, for an outstanding career as president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association for the Blind (LAB), for her many contributions made on behalf of the advancement of services for the visually impaired, and to congratulate her upon a well-deserved retirement.

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

ROLL CALL
The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS
Mr. President  Erdey  Mizell
Appel  Fannin  Peacock
Bishop  Gatti  Perry
Boudreaux  Hewitt  Price
Carter  Johns  Riser
Chabert  Lambert  Tarver
Claitor  Long  Thompson
Colomb  Luneau  Walsworth
Cortez  Martiny  Ward
Donahue  Mills  Total - 29

NAYS
Total - 0

ABSENT
Allain  Morrell  Smith, J.
Barrow  Morrish  White
LaFleur  Peterson
Milkovich  Smith, G.
Total - 10

The Chair declared the Senate adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To congratulate the officers, physicians, and staff of the Highland Clinic on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary and to commend them on the extraordinary level of medical care afforded to the Shreveport community.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Erdey Peacock
Allain Fannin Perry
Appel Gatti Price
Bishop Hewitt Riser
Boudreaux Johns Smith, G.
Carter Lambert Tarver
Chabert Long Thompson
Claitor Luneau Walsworth
Colomb Martiny Ward
Cortez Mills
Donahue Mizell
Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow Morrell Smith, J.
LaFleur Peterson
Milkovich Smith, G.
Total - 8

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

Motion

Senator White moved that the Senate proceed to the House of Representatives to meet in Joint Session.

Joint Session of the Legislature

The joint session of the legislature was called to order at 5:02 P.M. by the Honorable John A. Alario Jr., President of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Long, the calling of the roll on the part of the Senate was dispensed with.

On motion of Representative Leger, the calling of the roll on the part of the House was dispensed with.

The President of the Senate appointed the following special committee to escort the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, to the joint session.
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—
BY SENATOR LONG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To invite the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of Louisiana, to address a joint session of the legislature.
Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE CARMDY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend and congratulate the administration, faculty, students, and alumni of University Elementary School on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.
Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend and congratulate the membership of the Shreveport Scottish Rite Valley upon the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of its Shreveport Scottish Rite Cathedral.
Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Louisiana State University Shreveport (LSUS) upon the celebration of its golden anniversary and to extend congratulations to its student body, faculty, administration, and alumni for fifty years of academic excellence afforded to northwest Louisiana and the state.
Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Bossier Parish Community College on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and to extend congratulations to its student body, faculty, administration, prospective graduates, and alumni for fifty years of academic excellence and workforce opportunities afforded to northwest Louisiana and the state.
Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Elaine M. “Shelly” Taylor of Shreveport, Louisiana, for an outstanding career as president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association for the Blind (LAB), for her many contributions made on behalf of the advancement of services for the visually impaired, and to congratulate her upon a well-deserved retirement.
Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY SENATORS PEACOCK AND GATTI
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To congratulate the officers, physicians, and staff of the Highland Clinic on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary and to commend them on the extraordinary level of medical care afforded to the Shreveport community.
Reported without amendments.

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

Message from the House
ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS
February 19, 2018

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:

HCR No. 3
Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Concurrent Resolutions

Senator Boudreaux asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read House Concurrent Resolutions a first and second time.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend the Lafayette High School "Mighty Lion" Marching Band upon the momentous occasion of being selected to perform in the 92nd Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2018.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fannin Peacock
Allain Gatti Price
Barrow Hewitt Riser
Bishop Johns Smith, G.
Boudreaux Lambert Smith, J.
Carter Long Tarver
Chabert Luneau Thompson
Clairmartiny Walsworth
Cortez Mizell

Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Appel Mills Peterson
Donahue Morrell Ward
LaFleur Perry

Total - 8

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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President Fannin Perry
Allain Gatti Peterson
Appel Hewitt Price
The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

LaFleur 1 Day  Morrell 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for February 20, 2018, were announced:

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs  2:30 P.M. Hainkel Room

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Thompson, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 4:00 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