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
CONVENCING ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. President Cortez Mizell
Allain Donahue Peacock
Appel Gatti Price
Barrow Hewitt Smith, J.
Bishop Johns Thompson
Boudreaux Lambert Walsworth
Carter Long Ward
Chabert Martiny White
Claitor Milkovich
Total - 26

ABSENT

Colomb Mills Riser
Erdey Morrell Smith, G.
Fannin Morrish Tarver
LaFleur Perry
Luneau Peterson
Total - 13

The President of the Senate announced there were 26 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Beth Mizell, 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 Peacock, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of February 19, 2018, was adopted.

Introduction of Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions

Senator Donahue asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to introduce and read Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time and refer them to committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 6—
BY SENATOR LAFLEUR
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 39:91(A)(2) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 39:91(B) and to enact R.S. 39:91(A)(3), relative to the Deepwater Horizon Economic Damages Collection Fund; to provide for the deposit of the 2019 economic damage payment from the Deepwater Horizon litigation into the state general fund; 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 Finance.

SENATE BILL NO. 7—
BY SENATOR WALSWORTH
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 24:513(P), R.S. 36:254(A)(6)(c) and (d), Subpart D-2 of Part VI-A of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:440.9.1 through 440.9.4, and R.S. 47:1508(B)(42), relative to Medicaid program integrity; to provide relative to the eligibility determination functions of the Louisiana Medicaid program; to provide for duties of the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health in administering the Medicaid program; to authorize the Louisiana Department of Revenue to share state income tax return data with the Louisiana Department of Health and the legislative auditor for certain limited purposes; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to utilize such data in the Medicaid eligibility determination process; to authorize the legislative auditor to utilize such data for purposes of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention; to provide for interagency agreements relative to sharing of data; to provide for implementation of certain functions prescribed by the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law; and to provide for related matters.

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY SENATOR CARTER
A RESOLUTION
To commend the Hubei Provincial Peking Opera Theater for its outstanding achievements and its recognition of the "Tri Centennial" for New Orleans, Louisiana, and to designate February 22, 2018, as Hubei Provincial Peking Opera Theater Day at the state capitol.

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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President Donahue Mizell
Allain Gatti Peacock
Appel Hewitt Price
Barrow Johns Smith, J.
Bishop Lambert Thompson
Boudreaux Long Walsworth
Carter Martiny Ward
Chabert Luneau White
Claitor Milkovich
Total - 29
ABSENT

Colomb Morrell Smith, G.  
Fannin Morrish Tarver  
LaFleur Perry  
Mills Peterson  
Total - 10

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Colomb 1 Day  Fannin 1 Day  
LaFleur 1 Day  Mills 1 Day  
Morrell 1 Day  Morrish 1 Day  
Perry 1 Day  Peterson 1 Day  
Smith, G. 1 Day  Tarver 1 Day

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Thompson, at 4:15 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Sunday, February 25, 2018, at 7:30 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