

THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL  
OF THE  
**SENATE**  
OF THE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
**FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Fiftieth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 30, 2023

The Senate was called to order at 12:07 o'clock P.M. by Hon. Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate.

**Morning Hour**

**CONVENING ROLL CALL**

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**PRESENT**

Mr. President	Fields	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Barrow	Harris	Peacock
Bernard	Henry	Pope
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Price
Bouie	Hewitt	Reese
Carter	Lambert	Smith
Cathy	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	Milligan	Talbot
Connick	Mills, F.	White
Fesi	Mills, R.	Womack
Total - 33		

**ABSENT**

Allain	Jackson	McMath
Duplessis	Kleinpeter	Tarver
Total - 6		

The President of the Senate announced there were 33 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 Milligan, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of June 18, 2022, was adopted.

**Messages from the Governor**

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Proclamation Number 07 JBE 2023**

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 the State Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during seven calendar days, beginning at noon on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, and ending no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023. The power to legislate at such session shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the following specified enumerated objects:

ITEM NO. 1: To appropriate excess state general fund from Fiscal Year 2022-2023 recognized at the December 15, 2022 meeting of the Revenue Estimating Conference to the Insure Louisiana Incentive Fund created by Act 754 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature for implementation of the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program administered by the Louisiana Incentive Program administered by the Louisiana Department of Insurance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE SET MY HAND OFFICIALLY AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd day of January, 2023.**

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
R. KYLE ARDOIN  
Secretary of State

**Petitions, Memorials and  
Communications**

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

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
RICHARD "RICK" WARD**

The Honorable Page Cortez  
President  
Louisiana State Senate  
900 N. Third Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear President Cortez:

I would like to start by thanking you and all of our colleagues for the time we have worked together. It has always been a priority of mine to focus my energy and effort on things that bring us together and leave Louisiana healthier and stronger than its ever been. I believe we will all be able to look back at much of the work we have done together and be thankful that we have done just that.

It has been the highlight of my professional career to represent Senate District 17 for the last ten years, an experience I will never forget. With that said, I will resign from my seat in the Louisiana Senate effective June 22, 2022.

Sincerely,  
RICHARD J. WARD III

**Messages from the Secretary of State**

The following messages from the Secretary of State were received and read as follows:

January 30, 2023

**UNITED STATE OF AMERICA  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
R. KYLE ARDOIN  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

November 23, 2022

As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that the following candidate was declared elected by the people to the office set about his name: Royce Duplessis, State Senator 5th Senatorial District.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on, November 23, 2022.

R. KYLE ARDOIN  
Secretary of State

**UNITED STATE OF AMERICA  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
R. KYLE ARDOIN  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

November 23, 2021

As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that the following candidate was declared elected by the people to the office set about his name: Caleb Seth Kleinpeter, State Senator 17th Senatorial District.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on, November 23, 2022.

R. KYLE ARDOIN  
Secretary of State

**Motion**

Senator Boudreaux moved that the qualifications of Senator Duplessis be accepted.

Without objection, so ordered.

The President declared the qualifications of Senator Duplessis were accepted by the Senate.

**Motion**

Senator Boudreaux moved that Senator Duplessis be administered the Oath of Office.

**Administering the Oath of Office**

The oath prescribed by Article X, Section 30, of the Constitution was administered by Secretary of the Senate Yolanda J. Dixon, to the following hereinafter named Senator elect: Senator Duplessis.

**Motion**

Senator Mizell moved that the qualifications of Senator Kleinpeter be accepted.

Without objection, so ordered.

The President declared the qualifications of Senator Kleinpeter were accepted by the Senate.

**Motion**

Senator Mizell moved that Senator be administered the Oath of Office.

**Administering the Oath of Office**

The oath prescribed by Article X, Section 30, of the Constitution was administered by Secretary of the Senate Yolanda J. Dixon, to the following hereinafter named Senator elect: Senator Kleinpeter

**Petitions, Memorials and  
Communications**

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

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

June 30, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Connick  
Louisiana State Senator, District 8  
5201 Westbank Expressway, Suite 315  
Marrero, LA 70072

RE: Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs

Dear Senator Connick:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.1, I hereby appoint you to serve Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

June 30, 2022

The Honorable Fred H. Mills Jr.  
Louisiana State Senator, District 22  
1019 Periou Street  
Parks, LA 70582

RE: Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs

Dear Senator Mills:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.1, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

June 30, 2022

The Honorable Mike Reese  
Louisiana State Senator, District 30  
1111 South Fifth Street, Suite E  
Leesville, LA 71446

RE: Senate Committee Assignments

Dear Senator Reese:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.2, I hereby appoint you to serve as Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs.

Accordingly, you will no longer serve as Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, and you will no longer serve as a member of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. You will remain a member of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

December 20, 2022

The Honorable Royce Duplessis  
Louisiana State Senator, District 5  
643 Magazine Street, Suite 302  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Dear Senator Duplessis:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.1, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the following committees:

- Senate Committee on Environmental Quality (vicing Senator F. Mills)
- Senate Committee on Insurance (vicing Senator Bouie)
- Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations (vicing Senator Reese).

Your willingness to serve the citizens of Louisiana is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

December 20, 2022

The Honorable Caleb Kleinpeter  
Louisiana State Senator, District 17  
3741 Highway 1  
Port Allen, LA 70767

Dear Senator Kleinpeter:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.1, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the following committees:

- Senate Committee on Judiciary C
- Senate Committee on Natural Resources (vicing Senator F. Mills)
- Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs
- Senate Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

Your willingness to serve the citizens of Louisiana is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

January 12, 2023

The Honorable Joseph Bouie Jr.  
Louisiana State Senator, District 3  
6305 Elysian Fields Avenue, Suite 400  
New Orleans, LA 70122

RE: Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs Appointment

Dear Senator Bouie:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.1, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

Your willingness to serve the citizens of Louisiana in this important role is greatly appreciated. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

January 25, 2023

The Honorable Caleb S. Kleinpeter  
Louisiana State Senator, District 17  
3741 Highway 1  
Port Allen, LA 70767

RE: Senate Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Dear Senator Kleinpeter:

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 13:20, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, which was created to study and address the needs of our Louisiana veterans and active duty military members. Given the lengthy and ongoing operations, and the participation of so many Louisiana military units and individuals, the committee is to provide the Senate with recommendations and direction concerning Louisiana veterans and military issues.

Your willingness to serve the citizens of Louisiana in this important capacity, is greatly appreciated. If I can be of further assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

January 25, 2023

The Honorable Royce Duplessis  
Louisiana State Senator, District 5  
643 Magazine Street, Suite 302  
New Orleans, LA 70130

RE: Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security

Dear Senator Duplessis:

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 13:20, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the Select Committee on

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Homeland Security, which was created to study and review homeland security issues and make recommendations to assure the state's readiness in case of terrorist attacks; including, but not limited to, funding availability and coordination of effort to establish additional trauma centers around the state and coordination between Louisiana's national guard, local and state law enforcement agencies, and state departments.

Your willingness to serve the citizens of Louisiana in this important capacity, is greatly appreciated. If I can be of further assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

January 25, 2023

The Honorable Cleo Fields  
Louisiana State Senator, District 14  
2147 Government Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

RE: Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security

Dear Senator Fields:

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 13:20, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, which was created to study and review homeland security issues and make recommendations to assure the state's readiness in case of terrorist attacks; including, but not limited to, funding availability and coordination of effort to establish additional trauma centers around the state and coordination between Louisiana's national guard, local and state law enforcement agencies, and state departments.

Your willingness to serve the citizens of Louisiana in this important capacity, is greatly appreciated. If I can be of further assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

January 25, 2023

The Honorable Gary Carter  
Louisiana State Senator, District 7  
2401 Westbend Parkway, Suite 3071  
New Orleans, LA 70114

RE: Senate Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Dear Senator Carter:

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 13:20, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, which was created to study and address the needs of our Louisiana veterans and active duty military members. Given the lengthy and ongoing operations, and the participation of so many Louisiana military units and individuals, the committee is to provide the Senate with recommendations and direction concerning Louisiana veterans and military issues.

Your willingness to serve the citizens of Louisiana in this important capacity, is greatly appreciated. If I can be of further assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

January 25, 2023

The Honorable Jeremy Stine  
Louisiana State Senator, District 27  
1011 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 515  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

RE: Senate Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Dear Senator Stine:

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 13:20, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, which was created to study and address the needs of our Louisiana veterans and active duty military members. Given the lengthy and ongoing operations, and the participation of so many Louisiana military units and individuals, the committee is to provide the Senate with recommendations and direction concerning Louisiana veterans and military issues.

Your willingness to serve the citizens of Louisiana in this important capacity, is greatly appreciated. If I can be of further assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

January 25, 2023

The Honorable J. Rogers Pope  
Louisiana State Senator, District 13  
Post Office Box 555  
Denham Springs, LA 70727

RE: Senate Select Committee on Women and Children

Dear Senator Pope:

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 13:20, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the Select Committee on Women and Children, which was created to study and make recommendations on issues regarding women and children; including but not limited to, advancing their well being, particularly concerning access to health, promoting equity in education, economic advancement, health, and criminal justice, and reviewing state law to ensure the inclusiveness of the concerns of women and children.

Your willingness to serve the citizens of Louisiana in this important capacity, is greatly appreciated. If I can be of further assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

January 30, 2023

The Honorable Joseph Bouie Jr.  
Louisiana State Senator, District 3  
6305 Elysian Fields Avenue, Suite 400  
New Orleans, LA 70122

RE: Senate Committee on Insurance Appointment

Dear Senator Bouie:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.1(C), I hereby appoint you to serve as an interim member of the Senate Committee on Insurance.

Your willingness to serve in this capacity is greatly appreciated. Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely, PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Louisiana that a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Senate to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate has completed its labors and is now ready to adjourn sine die.

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

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

- Senators Connick, Carter, Stine, Talbot and Cloud.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Louisiana that a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Senate to serve with a like committee from the House of Representatives to notify the Governor that the Legislature of the State of Louisiana has completed its labors and is now ready to adjourn sine die.

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

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

- Senators Bernard, Duplessis, Kleinpeter, Abraham and Boudreaux.

Reports of Committees

The committee to notify the Governor that the Senate had completed its labors and was ready to adjourn sine die returned and reported it had performed that duty. The President of the Senate thanked the Committee and discharged it.

The committee to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate had completed its labors and was ready to adjourn sine die returned and 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 ready to adjourn sine die.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Table listing present members: Mr. President, Abraham, Barrow, Bernard, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hensgens, Hewitt, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, Milligan, Mills, F., Mills, R., Mizell, Morris, Peacock, Pope, Price, Reese, Smith, Stine, Talbot, White, Womack.

Total - 35

ABSENT

Table listing absent members: Allain, Jackson, McMath, Tarver.

Total - 4

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Table showing leaves of absence: Allain (1 Day), Jackson (1 Day), McMath (1 Day), Tarver (1 Day).

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Peacock, at 12:36 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON Secretary of the Senate

FRAN OGNIBENE Journal Clerk

