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**SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Forty-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

The Senate was called to order at 2:16 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:

PRESENT

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Fields	Peacock
Allain	Foil	Pope
Barrow	Harris	Price
Bernard	Hewitt	Reese
Boudreaux	Jackson	Smith
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Stine
Carter	Luneau	Talbot
Cathey	Milligan	White
Connick	Mills, R.	
Duplessis	Mizell	
Total - 31		

ABSENT

Cloud	Lambert	Tarver
Henry	McMath	Womack
Hensgens	Mills, F.	
Total - 8		

The President of the Senate announced there were 31 Senators present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

The prayer was offered by Senator Mark Abraham, 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 Cathey, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of April 10, 2023, was adopted.

**Introduction of Senate Bills  
and Joint Resolutions**

**SENATE BILL NO. 220—**  
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S.47:6301(B)(1)(c)(v) and (C)(2)(a), to enact R.S. 47:6301(B)(1)(c)(xiii) and (B)(3)(c), and to repeal 47:6301(C)(1)(c), relative to the credit for donations to school tuition organizations; to provide for the distribution of scholarship payments through electronic means; to require the school tuition organization to issue a receipt to the taxpayer

indicating the amount of their donation; to provide for an exception to a requirement in the definition of qualified student for students with disabilities; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**Introduction of Senate Resolutions**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6—**  
BY SENATORS MORRIS, CATHEY AND JACKSON  
A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Coach Jerry Arledge on his extraordinary career and accomplishments, and for the distinction and honor he has brought to West Monroe and to Louisiana, on the occasion of his retirement as head coach of the West Monroe Rebels football team.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7—**  
BY SENATOR BERNARD  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Alana Beard on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8—**  
BY SENATOR BERNARD  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Paul Byrd on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9—**  
BY SENATOR BERNARD  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Walter Davis on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10—**  
BY SENATOR BERNARD  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Wendell Davis on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11—**  
BY SENATOR BERNARD  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Matt Forte on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12—**  
BY SENATOR BERNARD  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Walter Imahara on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13—**  
BY SENATOR BERNARD  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Coach Paul Mainieri on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14—**

BY SENATOR BERNARD

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend Eli Manning on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15—**

BY SENATOR BERNARD

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend Ron Washington on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16—**

BY SENATOR BERNARD

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend Coach M.L. Woodruff on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17—**

BY SENATOR BERNARD

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend Bruce Brown upon receiving the 2023 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18—**

BY SENATOR BERNARD

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend Lori Lyons upon receiving the 2023 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19—**

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

**A RESOLUTION**

To designate the week of April 11-17, 2023, as Black Maternal Health Week.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—**

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Bossier High School Principal David Thrash on the occasion of his retirement.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—**

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend and congratulate the Parkway High School Lady Panthers on winning the 2023 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Non-Select Division I State Championship.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—**

BY SENATOR POPE

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the commissioner of administration, through the office of state buildings, to implement expansion of the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park under the Capitol Complex Master Plan as envisioned by the Capitol Park Interpretive Plan.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—**

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend the Eta state chapter of Kappa Kappa Iota Sorority, Inc. on hosting the organization's seventy-fourth annual national convention and Phyllis Thomas on serving as their national president.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—**

BY SENATORS PEACOCK, CORTEZ, PRICE, FIELDS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL AND TALBOT

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Cynthia "Cindy" Young Rougeou for her career of public service and to congratulate her upon her retirement.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**Senate Resolutions on Second Reading**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3—**

BY SENATORS BERNARD AND CATHEY

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend Coach Barry Rubin on his outstanding accomplishments and on the occasion of his retirement from the National Football League.

The resolution was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4—**

BY SENATOR MIZELL

**A RESOLUTION**

To recreate and continue the work of the Task Force on Human Trafficking Arrests, created by Senate Resolution No. 180 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary B.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5—**

BY SENATOR FOIL

**A RESOLUTION**

To create and provide for the Protective Order Procedure and Records Task Force.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5— BY SENATORS MIZELL, BARROW, CLOUD, HEWITT AND JACKSON AND REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, BUTLER, DAVIS, DUBUISSON, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, HILFERTY, HODGES, HORTON, LAFLEUR, LANDRY, MARCELLE, MOORE, NEWELL, PHELPS, SCHLEGEL, THOMAS, VILLIO AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Louisiana State University Tigers womens basketball team on the occasion of winning the university's first NCAA basketball championship.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Fields, Morris, Abraham, Foil, Peacock, Allain, Harris, Pope, Barrow, Hewitt, Price, Bernard, Jackson, Reese, Boudreaux, Kleinpeter, Smith, Bouie, Lambert, Stine, Carter, Luneau, Talbot, Cathey, Milligan, Tarver, Connick, Mills, F., White, Duplessis, Mills, R., Fesi, Mizell

Total - 34

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Cloud, Hensgens, Womack, Henry, McMath, Total - 5

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6— BY SENATOR HENSGENS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2024, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7— BY SENATOR TALBOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the commissioner of insurance to create the Hurricane Mitigation Commission to study the handling of property insurance claims in the wake of hurricanes, the practices of property insurance claim adjusters, and the necessity of a catastrophe savings account and make recommendations in a written report to the Senate Committee on Insurance and the House Committee on Insurance, no later than February 1, 2024.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Safety for Law Enforcement Officers Involved in High Speed Vehicle Pursuits.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary B.

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 10, 2023

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. 16

Respectfully submitted, MICHELLE D. FONTENOT Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize April 11-17, 2023, as Black Maternal Health Week.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE, GOUDEAU, AND MIGUEZ AND SENATOR HENSGENS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Wayne Touchet.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Fesi, Mills, R., Abraham, Fields, Morris, Allain, Foil, Peacock, Barrow, Harris, Pope, Bernard, Hewitt, Price, Boudreaux, Jackson, Reese, Bouie, Kleinpeter, Smith, Carter, Lambert, Stine, Cathey, Luneau, Talbot, Connick, Milligan, Tarver, Duplessis, Mills, F., White

Total - 33

NAYS

Total - 0

April 11, 2023

ABSENT

Cloud Henry Total - 6
Hensgens McMath
Mizell Womack

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13— BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE AND SENATOR HENSGENS A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mayor Mark Piazza of Abbeville on the occasion of his retirement from civil service.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Abraham Allain Barrow Bernard Boudreaux Bouie Carter Cathey Connick Duplessis Total - 32
Fesi Fields Foil Harris Hewitt Jackson Kleinpeter Lambert Luneau Milligan Mills, F.
Mills, R. Morris Peacock Pope Price Smith Stine Talbot Tarver White

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cloud Henry Hensgens Total - 7
McMath Mizell Reese
Womack

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14— BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Lynn Blackwell Dean, former distinguished member of the Louisiana Senate.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Abraham Allain Barrow Bernard Boudreaux Bouie Carter Cathey
Fesi Fields Foil Harris Hewitt Jackson Kleinpeter Lambert Luneau
Mills, R. Morris Peacock Pope Price Reese Smith Stine Talbot

Connick Duplessis Total - 33

Milligan Mills, F. NAYS

Tarver White

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cloud Henry Total - 6

Hensgens McMath

Mizell Womack

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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President Abraham Allain Barrow Bernard Boudreaux Bouie Carter Cathey Connick Duplessis Fesi Total - 34
Fields Foil Harris Hewitt Jackson Kleinpeter Lambert Luneau Milligan Mills, F. Mills, R. Mizell
Morris Peacock Pope Price Reese Smith Stine Talbot Tarver White

ABSENT

Cloud Henry Total - 5

Hensgens McMath

Womack

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Cloud 1 Day Hensgens 1 Day Womack 1 Day
Henry 1 Day McMath 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for April 12, 2023, were announced:

Finance At Adj Room A

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 2:45 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 10:30 o'clock A.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON Secretary of the Senate

FRAN OGNIBENE Journal Clerk