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THIRD 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

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

The Senate was called to order at 10:41 o'clock A.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	Connick	Mills, R.
Abraham	Duplessis	Peacock
Allain	Foil	Pope
Bernard	Harris	Price
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bouie	Lambert	Stine
Carter	Milligan	White
Cathey	Mills, F.	
Total - 23		

ABSENT

Barrow	Hewitt	Smith
Cloud	Jackson	Talbot
Fesi	Luneau	Tarver
Fields	McMath	Womack
Henry	Mizell	
Hensgens	Morris	
Total - 16		

The President of the Senate announced there were 23 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Louie Bernard, 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 Fields, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of April 11, 2023, was adopted.

Message from the House

**CONCURRING IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 11, 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 concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

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.

Reported without amendments.

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

A RESOLUTION

To designate April 13, 2023, as 4-H Day at the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana and to commend the state 4-H officers.

Senator Cathey asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 20 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

A RESOLUTION

To designate May 4, 2023, as Future Farmers of America (FFA) Day at the state capitol and to commend the officers of the Louisiana FFA Association.

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

**Introduction of
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend South Highlands Elementary School on its centennial celebration.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—

BY SENATOR MILLIGAN AND REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Christopher Alan Gray.

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

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on
Second Reading to be Referred**

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 referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

**Senate Resolutions on
Second Reading**

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 returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS
A RESOLUTION

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

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

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions on
Second Reading**

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 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	Duplessis	Mills, R.
Abraham	Fields	Peacock
Allain	Foil	Pope
Bernard	Harris	Price
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bouie	Lambert	Smith
Carter	Luneau	Stine
Cathey	Milligan	Talbot
Connick	Mills, F.	White
Total - 27		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Hensgens	Mizell
Cloud	Hewitt	Morris
Fesi	Jackson	Tarver
Henry	McMath	Womack
Total - 12		

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

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 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	Duplessis	Mills, R.
Abraham	Fields	Peacock
Allain	Foil	Pope
Bernard	Harris	Price
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bouie	Lambert	Smith
Carter	Luneau	Stine
Cathey	Milligan	White
Connick	Mills, F.	
Total - 26		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Hewitt	Talbot
Cloud	Jackson	Tarver
Fesi	McMath	Womack
Henry	Mizell	
Hensgens	Morris	
Total - 13		

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

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 referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

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 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	Duplessis	Mills, R.
Abraham	Fields	Peacock
Allain	Foil	Pope
Bernard	Harris	Price
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bouie	Lambert	Smith
Carter	Luneau	Stine
Cathey	Milligan	Talbot
Connick	Mills, F.	White
Total - 27		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Hensgens	Mizell
Cloud	Hewitt	Morris
Fesi	Jackson	Tarver
Henry	McMath	Womack
Total - 12		

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

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 referred by the President to the Committee on Retirement.

**House Concurrent Resolutions on
Second 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. Senator Duplessis moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

April 12, 2023

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Duplessis Mills, R.
Abraham Fields Peacock
Allain Foil Pope
Bernard Harris Price
Boudreaux Kleinpeter Reese
Bouie Lambert Smith
Carter Luneau Stine
Cathey Milligan Talbot
Connick Mills, F. White
Total - 27

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow Hensgens Mizell
Cloud Hewitt Morris
Fesi Jackson Tarver
Henry McMath Womack
Total - 12

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Peacock asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 125 from the Committee on Judiciary A and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 125—
BY SENATOR WHITE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:4521(A)(1) and 5036 and to enact R.S. 13:4521(E), relative to court costs in suits involving the state and state agencies in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to provide with respect to the temporary deferral of court costs and the entities to which the deferral applies; to provide with respect to the institution and prosecution of suits by the attorney general in suits for the protection of the state's interests and rights filed in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Peacock, Senate Bill No. 125 was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President Fields Pope
Abraham Foil Price
Allain Harris Reese
Bernard Kleinpeter Smith
Boudreaux Lambert Stine
Bouie Luneau Talbot
Carter Milligan Tarver
Cathey Mills, F. White
Connick Mills, R.
Duplessis Peacock
Total - 28

ABSENT

Barrow Hensgens Mizell
Cloud Hewitt Morris
Fesi Jackson Womack
Henry McMath
Total - 11

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Barrow 1 Day Cloud 1 Day
Fesi 1 Day Henry 1 Day
Hensgens 1 Day Hewitt 1 Day
Jackson 1 Day McMath 1 Day
Mizell 1 Day Morris 1 Day
Womack 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for April 17, 2023, were announced:

Finance 9:30 A.M. Room A
Retirement 1:00 P.M. Room E
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs 9:30 A.M. Hainkel Room

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. the Senate adjourned until Monday, April 17, 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