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Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, May 22, 2023

The Senate was called to order at 2:15 o'clock P.M. by Hon. Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Harris	Mills, R.
Allain	Henry	Mizell
Barrow	Hensgens	Morris
Bernard	Hewitt	Peacock
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Pope
Carter	Lambert	Price
Cloud	Luneau	Reese
Duplessis	McMath	Smith
Fesi	Milligan	Stine
Fields	Mills, F.	White
Total - 30		

ABSENT

Abraham	Connick	Talbot
Boudreaux	Foil	Tarver
Cathy	Jackson	Womack
Total - 9		

The President of the Senate announced there were 30 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Barrow Peacock, 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 Pope, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of May 18, 2023, was adopted.

Message from the House

**CONCURRING IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 18, 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. 48—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, Inc. on celebrating their ninetieth anniversary.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To designate May 20 through 26, 2023, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

Reported without amendments.

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

**Privileged Report of the
Legislative Bureau**

May 22, 2023

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Legislative Bureau to submit the following report:

The following instruments are approved as to construction and duplication. We advise and suggest the following amendments:

HOUSE BILL NO. 41—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FRIEMAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Subpart B-2 of Part II of Chapter 6 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 22:1845.1(Section heading) and to enact R.S. 22:1845.2, relative to coverage and payment parity for services delivered through telehealth; to provide relative to occupational therapy services; to prohibit maximum amounts of coverage and other conditions relative to telehealth services that are inapplicable to in-person services; to authorize enforcement and rulemaking; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 101—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1666.5(A) and (D), relative to the Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board; to provide relative to membership and service on the board; to provide relative to appointments to the board; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 183—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1274 and to repeal R.S. 37:2159.1(7), relative to the assignment of benefits; to prohibit the assignment of certain benefits; to provide for enforceability; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions; to repeal relative to the assignment of benefits with respect to home improvement contracting; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 235—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1112(A)(1), relative to the guaranteed issue of Medicare supplement policies; to authorize an individual to purchase a Medicare supplement policy offered

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through an affiliate of a health insurance issuer; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 262—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:919 and 1576(B)(10), relative to insurance producers and the sale of annuity products; to provide for duties of the commissioner of insurance with respect to administrative rulemaking; to authorize the commissioner to require certain training; to provide for course credit; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 434—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:460.91, relative to the state medical assistance program; to provide for claims processing data; to provide for a quarterly report; to require the provision of certain information in the quarterly report; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 459—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1313(D) and 1318(A) and to repeal R.S. 37:1315(A)(1), relative to the certification of phlebotomists; to permit a phlebotomist to practice without a certification in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 468—

BY REPRESENTATIVES PRESSLY, BAGLEY, BISHOP, BRYANT, DAVIS, FREEMAN, HORTON, LACOMBE, MAGEE, DUSTIN MILLER, CHARLES OWEN, ROBERT OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, TURNER, VILLIO, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS ROBERT MILLS AND MORRIS

AN ACT

To enact Subpart P of Part III of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1260.41 through 1260.47, relative to health insurance; to provide with respect to health insurance issuers and healthcare providers; to provide for definitions; to provide for a documented prior authorization program; to provide for utilization review; to provide for certifications, determinations, and timeframes for notifications; to prohibit a claim denial or recoupment in certain circumstances; to provide for appeals; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

LEGISLATIVE BUREAU AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Legislative Bureau to Reengrossed House Bill No. 468 by Representative Pressly

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 5 proposed by the Senate Committee on Insurance and adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2023, on page 1, line 19, change "or" to "a health insurance issuer or"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 8 proposed by the Senate Committee on Insurance and adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2023, on page 1, line 25 change "to all" to "all of the"

HOUSE BILL NO. 496—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:103(B)(4) and (C)(4), 104(F), 109, 115.1(C)(1), 154(B)(1) and (2), (C)(2)(d), (D), (F), (G), and (H), 175(D), 192(A)(1)(b) and (2), 193(B) through (E), 195(A) and (B)(1), 196(A)(1), (B), (C)(2)(a) and (3), and (D), 198, 402(C), (E)(1)(c) and (2)(c), and (F)(3), 444(H)(2), 467(3), 562(B)(2), 565(B) and (C), 566(B)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and (D)(introductory paragraph) and (1), 566.2(F)(2), (4) through (6) and (G), 571(A)(8), 573(E)(1), (2), and (4), 574(F), 581(3), 1280.22(B)(1), 1300.3(E), 1306(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (d) and (2)(a), 1308(A)(1)(b) through (d) and (2), 1308.1(A), 1309(E)(5)(b)(ii) and (F)(3), 1310(A)(1) and (C)(1), 1312(B) and (C), 1313(A), (C)(2), (G)(1), (2), (4) through (6), and (9), (H)(1), (4), (6) through (8), (11), and (12)(b), (I), and (K)(1), (2)(a)(i) and (c), and (3), 1313.1(C)(3), (G)(1)(a), (2), (4) through (7), (H)(1), (3) through (5), and (8), (I)(1) and (4)(b), (J), (L)(1), (2)(a) and (c), and (3), 1315(C)(2) and (3), and 1333(E) and (G)(1), (3), and (7), to enact R.S. 18:154(C)(1)(h), 448, 467(5), and 1308(D), and to repeal R.S. 18:110(A)(3), 154(I) and (J), 443(F), 443.2(6), 444(F), 445(A)(3), and 585, relative to the Louisiana Election Code; to revise the system of laws comprising the Louisiana Election Code; to provide for the duties of the Department of State and secretary of state; to provide for the duties of the registrar of voters; to provide for mailing the notice of registration; to provide for copies of registration applications; to provide for information relative to preparing the general venire; to provide for certifications submitted to the registrar of voters; to provide for disclosure of identifying information of commissioners; to provide for the dates related to the presidential primary; to provide for the filling of vacancies in political party committees; to provide relative to absentee and paper ballots; to provide for the certificate on such ballots; to provide for the timing for preparing and verifying absentee and early voting ballots; to provide for address confirmation notices; to provide for ballot envelopes and containers; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 526—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ZERINGUE, BOURRIAQUE, AND JENKINS AND SENATOR MILLIGAN

AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.41 through 220.46, relative to resilience; to establish a chief resilience officer; to provide for the purposes and duties of the chief resilience officer; to provide for a statewide resilience report; to establish an Interagency Resilience Coordination Team and provide for its members and meetings; to establish a Louisiana Resilience Task Force; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 578—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1295, relative to a smoking cessation benefits program; to establish and promote a program to assist with smoking cessation; to provide for healthcare coverage for smoking cessation benefits; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 579—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUBUISSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Subpart G of Part IV of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and to enact R.S. 22:1371 through 1375, relative to pet insurance; to provide for definitions; to provide for disclosures; to provide for

policy conditions; to provide for wellness program sales practices; to provide for producer training; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED MILLS
 Chairman

Adoption of Legislative Bureau Report

On motion of Senator Fred Mills, the Legislative Bureau amendments were adopted and the Bills and Joint Resolutions were read by title and passed to a third reading.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104—
 BY SENATOR FRED MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Bond Commission, the division of administration, and rate setting authorities to request and consider an applicant's sewerage system compliance status with the Louisiana Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Quality and financial status with the legislative auditor as a component of their review process.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105—
 BY SENATOR FRED MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 23, 2023, as Hospital Day in Louisiana at the state capitol.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106—
 BY SENATOR SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Charles Catholic High School Comets baseball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) 2023 Select Division III state championship.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107—
 BY SENATORS JACKSON AND BOUDREAU
 A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, May 22, 2023, as Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association Day at the state capitol and to commend the council.

Senator Fields asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 107 a first and second time.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101—
 BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to include monoclonal antibodies for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) within the federal Vaccines for Children program.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102—
 BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend the members of the Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association for their dedicated hard work on behalf of the athletes of Louisiana and to designate Tuesday, May 30, 2023, as Louisiana Athletic Trainers Day at the state capitol.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 103—
 BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To designate the week of May 21 through May 27, 2023, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Louisiana.

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

May 18, 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 Bills and Joint Resolutions:

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| HB No. 654 | HB No. 121 | HB No. 91 |
| HB No. 169 | HB No. 288 | HB No. 315 |
| HB No. 396 | HB No. 472 | HB No. 506 |

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 91—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE GOUDEAU
 AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 883.2(E) and R.S. 14:32.1(E), relative to operating a vehicle while intoxicated; to provide relative to the crime of vehicular homicide; to provide relative to penalties of the crime of vehicular homicide; to require certain restitution payments to the minor child of the victim; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 121—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BRASS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FREIBERG, GEYMANN, JEFFERSON, MCCORMICK, CHARLES OWEN, AND TARVER
 AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:17.7, relative to required recess for students; to require certain public schools to provide daily recess; to provide for a minimum duration of such recess; and to provide for related matters.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 169—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBERT OWEN, AMEDEE, BRASS, EMERSON,
FREIBERG, JEFFERSON, CHARLES OWEN, ST. BLANC, AND TARVER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:81(CC), relative to the powers and duties of public
school governing authorities; to require public schools and
school districts to establish carpool and bus line safety policies;
and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 288—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 24:522.1, relative to performance audits; to require
auditees to report progress on recommendations following a
performance audit; to provide for the duties of auditees and of
the legislative auditor relative thereto; to provide for
effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 315—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:264(A)(1), 351.1(B)(3)(d)(i), and 381
and to enact R.S. 17:264(C) and 1942.1, relative to the
administration of public schools; to provide relative to donations
to schools; to require the State Board of Elementary and
Secondary Education to submit an annual report to the
legislature relative to local compliance with special education
requirements and to post the report on its website; to provide
relative to the diploma endorsement program for the
performance of community service by high school students; to
provide relative to textbooks and other instructional materials;
and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 396—
BY REPRESENTATIVES JENKINS AND WILFORD CARTER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:177(A), relative to the reinstatement
of voter registration; to provide for reinstatement for a person
who is no longer under an order of imprisonment or has not
been incarcerated pursuant to the order for five years; to provide
for a reinstatement application; to provide for the duties of the
secretary of state; to provide for notification to the registrar of
voters; to provide for the duties of the registrar; and to provide
for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 472—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MINCEY, BACALA, COX, FREIBERG, GREEN,
HUGHES, IVEY, JEFFERSON, MIKE JOHNSON, MARCELLE, STAGNI,
AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To enact Part III of Chapter 2 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised
Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:581 and 582,
relative to teacher certification; to provide for the state's entry
into the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; to require
licensure of certain teachers moving from other states that are
members of the compact; to provide for governance of the
compact by a commission and executive committee; to provide
for funding of the commission including provisions for an
assessment levied on member states; to provide relative to rules
of the commission; to provide for the exchange of information
regarding investigations and discipline of teachers; to provide
relative to legal actions and liabilities; and to provide for related
matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 506—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER,
FISHER, GREEN, HUGHES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, KNOX, LANDRY,
LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, NEWELL, PIERRE, SELDERS,
THOMPSON, AND WILLARD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:4(B)(37) and Chapter 3-H of Title 40 of the
Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S.
40:600.151, relative to homelessness; to create the Louisiana
Interagency Council on Homelessness within the office of the
governor; to provide relative to the membership, governance,
and powers and duties of the council; and to provide for related
matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 654— (Substitute for House Bill No. 530 by
Representative McKnight)
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:316.2, relative to state agencies; to provide relative
to electronic payments; to provide relative to fees associated
with electronic signatures; to provide for the authorization of the
collection of fees by the state; and to provide for related matters.

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 22, 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. 6 HCR No. 42 HCR No. 51
HCR No. 117 HCR No. 118

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

House Concurrent Resolutions
on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana National Guard to study its
Rules of Court that could result in nonunanimous verdicts in
court-martial findings and to provide remedial proposals for
legislation.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CORMIER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as
are necessary to establish Fort Jackson in Plaquemines Parish as
a national park.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Liberty Theater in Eunice, Louisiana, as the Center for Louisiana Culture and Folklife.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GAINES, BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, COX, FISHER, GLOVER, GREEN, HUGHES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, DUSTIN MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, PHELPS, PIERRE, SELDERS, AND WILLARD AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAU, BOUIE, CARTER, DUPLESSIS, FIELDS, HARRIS, JACKSON, PRICE, AND TARVER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, May 22, 2023, as the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association Day at the state capitol and to commend the council.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER, ECHOLS, FISHER, GADBERRY, TRAVIS JOHNSON, MCFARLAND, MOORE, RISER, AND THOMPSON AND SENATORS CATHEY, JACKSON, MORRIS, AND WOMACK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Judge Jimmy N. Dimos.

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 179—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WHEAT, ADAMS, AMEDEE, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, COX, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, GAINES, HODGES, MACK, MINCEY, MOORE, STAGNI, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:911(B)(1)(b) and to enact R.S. 26:911(A)(7) and 926, relative to vapor products; to provide relative to the sale of e-liquid and vapor products; to prohibit the sale of certain e-liquid and vapor products; to provide relative to the purchase of alternative nicotine products and vapor products for resale; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 186—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS, BOYD, BROWN, BUTLER, CARRIER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GLOVER, HILFERTY, HUGHES, ILLG, LANDRY, MCFARLAND, MOORE, NEWELL, SCHLEGEL, AND WILLARD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1036.1, relative to health insurance issuers; to require health coverage plans to cover services and benefits relative to standard fertility preservation services; to require patients to meet certain conditions; to provide for exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 212—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOLLIS, AMEDEE, BACALA, CARRIER, CREWS, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, HILFERTY, HORTON, ILLG, MCCORMICK, CHARLES OWEN, AND SCHAMERHORN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1300.1, 1300.2(B) and (C)(1), 1300.3(A), 1300.7(A), and 1300.8(B), relative to recall elections; to provide for the timing of a recall petition; to provide for the number of signatures required on a petition for a recall election; to provide for the duties of the governor; to provide for the duties of the secretary of state; to provide for the duties of the registrar of voters; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 254—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to repeal Article VII, Sections 4(D)(4)(b), 10.4, 10.10, and 10.12(B) and (C) and Article IX, Sections 9 and 10 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to special funds in the state treasury; to provide for the repeal of certain special funds; to provide for the transfer of remaining balances of such special funds; to provide for submission of the proposed amendments to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 289—

BY REPRESENTATIVES IVEY, ADAMS, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, COX, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, FIRMENT, GADBERRY, GLOVER, MCKNIGHT, SCHEXNAYDER, STAGNI, THOMAS, THOMPSON, AND WHITE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:280.2 and 3996(B)(75), relative to school curricula; to require public schools to incorporate organ donation instruction into existing curricula; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 293—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 3:4712(C), (D), (F), and (G), R.S. 30:136.1(C), Chapter 5 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 30:301 through 303, R.S. 39:98.5, and R.S. 49:214.8.7, relative to special funds within the state treasury; to repeal certain such funds; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for the transfer of remaining balances of such funds; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 311—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIGUEZ, AMEDEE, BAGLEY, BEAULLIEU, BUTLER, COUSSAN, CREWS, DESHOTEL, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FRIEMAN, GAROFALO, GOUDEAU, HODGES, HORTON, ILLG, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MUSCARELLO, ORGERON, CHARLES OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, SEABAUGH, TARVER, AND THOMPSON
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to generally prohibit the use of funds and resources from a foreign government or a nongovernmental source for the conduct of elections and for the functions and duties established in the election code except under specified circumstances; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 331—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1751, 1752, 1755, and 1781(3) and (5) and to repeal R.S. 40:1753 and 1754, relative to automatic weapons; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties and exceptions relative to the manufacture, transfer, or possession of automatic weapons; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 383—

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:572.2, relative to insurance; to require certain insurers to provide for a data transfer plan; to provide for the minimum content of the plan; to require the filing of the plan with the commissioner of insurance under certain circumstances; to provide for the powers and duties of the commissioner relative thereto; to provide relative to the nature of data transfer plans; to exempt data transfer plans and information produced pursuant to a data transfer plan from the Public Records Law; 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 Senate and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 415—

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BACALA, BUTLER, CARRIER, COX, CREWS, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, FRIEMAN, GAROFALO, GEYMAN, HORTON, ILLG, MACK, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCKNIGHT, CHARLES OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, WHEAT, AND WRIGHT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 10:9-102(a)(29) and to enact R.S. 10:9-102(a)(82), relative to central bank digital currency; to provide an exception to a deposit account; to define a central bank currency; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 490—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, COX, FISHER, GAINES, GLOVER, GREEN, HUGHES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, DUSTIN MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, SELDERS, AND WILLARD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2121 and R.S. 18:18(A)(9), relative to voter registration opportunities in high schools; to prohibit certain requirements; to provide relative to authorized involvement in those opportunities; to provide for policies and guidance relative thereto; to provide for the duties of the secretary of state relative thereto; to require conformity with the Louisiana Election Code; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 497—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2805(C) and to enact R.S. 37:2802(A)(4), relative to the Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners; to provide for the term of a member; to provide a time period for notice of acceptance or rejection of an application for licensure; to provide for acceptable methods of notice; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 542—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, BOYD, BRYANT, COX, EDMONDS, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GLOVER, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARINO, MCKNIGHT, SCHEXNAYDER, SELDERS, STAGNI, STEFANSKI, VILLIO, AND WILLARD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:827.3(C) and (D) and R.S. 17:1877 and to repeal R.S. 15:827.3(A)(2)(c), relative to criminal justice reinvestment; to provide relative to criminal justice reinvestment savings; to provide for changes to the allocation of the savings; to create a fund to provide post-secondary education and vocational training to incarcerated persons; to provide for the transfer of monies into the fund; to provide for the administration of the fund; to provide for reporting requirements; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 585—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:109(B)(4) and Chapter 39-D of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2400.1 through 2400.10, relative to creating a council focused on economic development goals; to provide for purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for the creation of the Council of Economic Prosperity; to provide for composition of the council; to provide for council officers; to provide for the creation of the State Plan for Economic Development; to provide for an annual action plan; to provide for council powers; to provide for the implementation of a master plan and action plans; to provide for the creation of the Advisory Commission on Economic Development; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

**House Concurrent Resolutions on
Second Reading**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with the office of state buildings and in consultation with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's state historic preservation officer, to plan and implement, subject to the approval of the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, a Purple Heart Trail in the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park, located on the grounds surrounding the state capitol.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To continue and provide with respect to the Teacher Recruitment, Recovery, and Retention Task Force that was created pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 39 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to update its early childhood care and education data management systems.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT, BOURRIAQUE, FARNUM, GAROFALO, LANDRY, MCMAHEN, ORGERON, PHELPS, RISER, SCHLEGEL, WHITE, AND WILLARD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass legislation allowing taxpayers to establish tax-advantaged catastrophe savings accounts for disaster-related expenses.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request that the Department of Transportation and Development study road conditions on Louisiana Highway 71 between north Zachary in East Baton Rouge Parish to the Mississippi state line and make recommendations on the feasibility of adding a shoulder.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to reevaluate the location of a crosswalk in the 4600 block of North Market Street, United States Highway 71, in Shreveport, Louisiana, and to construct an appropriate installation in this area to ensure the safety of pedestrians, prevent property damage, and avert future deadly automobile accidents.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE AMELEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Congress to not support legislation, or other efforts, relating to the adoption of a central bank digital currency in the United States.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Army Corps of Engineers to reconsider the mitigation and stewardship plan for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion to include tidal levee protection for Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

RETIREMENT

Senator Edward J. "Ed" Price, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

May 22, 2023

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Retirement to submit the following report:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, BACALA, DEVILLIER, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FREEMAN, ILLG, KNOX, LAFLEUR, AND TARVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to support H.R. 82 and S. 597 of the 118th Congress, the Social Security Fairness Act, and all other similar legislation and to take such actions as are necessary to review and eliminate all provisions of federal law which reduce Social Security benefits for those receiving pension benefits from federal, state, or local government retirement or pension systems, plans, or funds.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, JEFFERSON, KNOX, AND LAFLEUR

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the House Committee on Retirement and Senate Committee on Retirement to study and make recommendations regarding benefit options for future employees of the state of Louisiana to avoid penalties associated with the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Program.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BUTLER, CARRIER, ECHOLS, ILLG, MCKNIGHT, THOMPSON, AND WRIGHT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state treasurer and the state and statewide retirement systems to report on investment advisors and companies used by the treasurer and the retirement systems respectively that discriminate against the fossil fuel industry through environmental, social, and governance policies; on their investment of state and pension or defined benefit plan funds using nonpecuniary factors; and on the asset allocation of all their investments.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 34—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, ADAMS, JEFFERSON, KNOX, AND LAFLEUR

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:2225.5 and to repeal R.S. 11:107.2, 243(A)(8), 246(A)(8), and 2225(A)(7), relative to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System; to establish a funding deposit account; to provide for source of funding therefor; to authorize the board of trustees to adjust employer contribution rates; to provide for additional payments to retirees, survivors, and beneficiaries; to provide for funding of, eligibility for, and payment of the additional payments; to provide for payment of system liabilities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 37—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and (6), relative to the Firefighters' Retirement System; to provide for membership on the board of trustees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 43—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMONT, BROWN, BUTLER, GLOVER, HORTON, ILLG, JEFFERSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, MCFARLAND, DUSTIN MILLER, NELSON, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:2256(H) and 2256.3, relative to the Firefighters' Retirement System; to provide with respect to benefits of designated surviving children; to provide for payment of benefits; to provide with respect to a nonrecurring lump-sum supplemental payment to certain retirees and beneficiaries; to provide relative to eligibility for and calculation of such payment; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 44—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON, ADAMS, CREWS, EMERSON, FIRMONT, MCCORMICK, CHARLES OWEN, SEABAUGH, AND STAGNI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(e), relative to the Firefighters' Retirement System; to provide for membership on the system's board of trustees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD J. "ED" PRICE
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

Senator R. L. Bret Allain II, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, submitted the following report:

May 22, 2023

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to submit the following report:

HOUSE BILL NO. 67—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(c), to authorize the University of Louisiana System board of supervisors to establish tuition amounts and other fees and charges applicable to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Louisiana at Monroe; to provide limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 150—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2590(A)(1), (2), (3), (23), and (30), relative to justice of the peace court costs; to provide for an increase in court costs collected by a justice of the peace for the filing and service of certain pleadings and judgments in civil matters; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 502—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND AND SEABAUGH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(30), relative to reporting requirements applicable to commercial farmers; to provide for the definition of commercial farmer; to remove certain reporting requirements applicable to those persons and entities seeking to qualify as commercial farmers for tax purposes; to authorize the

promulgation of rules; to provide for certain limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 558—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:337.5, 337.23, 337.102(C) and (D)(1) and (2)(a), and 340(E)(2) and to enact R.S. 47:337.102(I)(4), relative to the collection and remittance of sales and use taxes; to provide with respect to the duties of the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board; to authorize the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board to impose a fee on certain collectors; to provide for notice requirements for certain changes in tax, interest, and penalty rates; to require certain collectors to submit certain information to the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board; to authorize the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers to deduct the amount of unpaid fees from a collector's monthly distribution under certain circumstances; to provide for the responsibilities of the Department of Revenue with respect to the collection and remittance of sales and use taxes; to provide relative to the Uniform Electronic Local Return and Remittance Advisory Committee; to require the board to manage and maintain a uniform electronic local return and remittance system; to require the board to design and implement a single remittance system for state and local sales and use taxes; to provide for the operation of the single remittance system; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for the funding of certain technology and programs; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 629—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305.76(A) and 337.9(D)(33) and to enact R.S. 47:305.76(B)(47), relative to exemptions from local sales and use taxes; to provide a local sales and use tax exemption for the procurement and administration in medical clinics of certain prescription drugs administered by topical system; to provide for applicability of the exemption; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 634—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, BAGLEY, FIRMONT, HORTON, CHARLES OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(9)(d)(v), relative to severance tax; to provide with respect to a severance tax exemption for production of oil and gas from wells drilled to a certain depth; to provide for eligibility for the exemption; to provide with respect to certain applications for well status determination filed with the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for the application of certain laws; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. BRET ALLAIN II
Chairman

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions
on Second Reading
Reported by Committees**

HOUSE BILL NO. 8—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON, AMEDEE, BACALA, EMERSON,
GAROFALO, AND MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:262(A)(2) and (B) and to enact R.S. 17:262(C), 3351(O), and 3996(B)(75), relative to public elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools; to require display of the national motto in each classroom; to provide relative to the use of public funds for this purpose; to provide for applicability to charter schools; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Reengrossed House Bill No. 8 by Representative Horton

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, after line 6, insert:

"Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable on and after August 1, 2026."

On motion of Senator Fields, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 384 in Calcasieu Parish as the "Captain Brian Bourgeois Memorial Traffic Circle"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 40 in Folsom, Louisiana, as the "Deputy Hilery Mayo Memorial Highway; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Engrossed House Bill No. 18 by Representative Tarver

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, delete "Traffic Circle" and insert "Roundabout"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4 after "Highway" and before ";" insert quotation marks""

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, delete "Ham Reid Road" and insert "Graywood Parkway"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 9, delete "Traffic Circle" and insert "Roundabout"

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 50—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WHEAT
AN ACT

To designate a certain bridge in the highway system; to designate the bridge located on Interstate 55 service road between Lake Maurepas and Lake Pontchartrain as the "Robert E. Mayers, Jr. Memorial Bridge"; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 57—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 657 in Larose, Louisiana, as the "Clarence Marts, Jr. Memorial Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 64—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAUQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:214.1, relative to Cameron Parish; to authorize compensation and expense reimbursement for members of the parish library board of control; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 68—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:282 and 3996(B)(75), relative to curricula; to authorize public school governing authorities to offer an elective high school course in the history and literature of the Bible; to provide for course purposes and parameters; to require the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 78—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:100.11(G)(1) and (I)(2) and 100.12, relative to school facilities and needs in certain school districts; to provide relative to funds dedicated to preserving and improving school facilities; to provide for the systemwide needs program and for the funding and operation of such program; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 83—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:157, relative to toll exemptions on ferries, roads, and bridges; to clarify that the free right of passage on public ferries applies solely to the passage of students traveling during certain hours; to clarify that a toll exemption on roads and bridges applies to all students traveling on school buses between certain hours; to provide a special effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 86—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HODGES, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAGLEY, BOYD, BUTLER, CARRIER, CORMIER, COX, DAVIS, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FREIBERG, FRIEMAN, GAROFALO, HARRIS, HORTON, JEFFERSON, KNOX, MACK, CHARLES OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SEABAUGH, STAGNI, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.11, relative to liability of school employees; to provide for immunity from civil liability and

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criminal prosecution under certain circumstances; to provide for an exception; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 87—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4303(C)(3), relative to East Feliciana Parish; to provide relative to the board of commissioners of East Feliciana Gas Utility District No. 1; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 93—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1498(K), relative to Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Allen, State of Louisiana; to provide relative to per diem paid to member of the district's governing board; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 137—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2476.7, relative to the city of Monroe; to provide relative to the municipal fire and police civil service board; to provide relative to the office of board secretary; to provide relative to the employment, salary, and duties of the secretary; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 138—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2575.10, relative to the city of DeRidder; to provide relative to administrative adjudication of certain ordinance violations; to provide definitions for certain violations; to provide relative to the types of violations subject to administrative adjudication procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 140—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 33:2740.70.2, relative to the Mid City Economic Development District in Orleans Parish; to repeal provisions providing for the creation, governance, funding, and powers and duties of the district.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 209—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:3887.9 and to repeal R.S. 33:4067, relative to Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater Board for District No. 1; to provide relative to the creation of Cameron Parish Wastewater District No. 1; to provide relative to the powers and

duties of the district; to provide relative to a board of directors for the district; to provide relative to the terms of board members; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 227—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:398.4, relative to uniform traffic citations; to provide relative to the prosecution of citations; to provide for a copy of citation; to provide relative to notary and ex officio notary electronic signatures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 242—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.1(B) and to enact R.S. 17:416.22, relative to student discipline; to prohibit corporal punishment in elementary and secondary schools unless authorized by a parent or legal guardian; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 264—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DESHOTEL, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, HORTON,
CHARLES OWEN, PIERRE, SCHAMERHORN, AND WRIGHT
AN ACT

To designate certain highways and bridges in the state highway system; to designate the bridge located on Louisiana Highway 1 between Avoyelles and Pointe Coupee parishes as the "Marion Peter Roy, Sr., Memorial Bridge"; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 301—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1519(A) and (C)(1) and to enact R.S. 32:1519(D)(5)(o), relative to motor carrier reimbursement of remedial costs; to provide for authorization for wrecker service companies to sue the responsible party for reimbursement regarding working a hazardous material accident; and provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Engrossed House Bill No. 301 by Representative Romero

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 12 delete "or"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 13, delete "or" and insert ", or a"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 17, after "by the" insert "transporter"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 4, after "responsible" delete ", or the" and at the beginning of line 5, delete "responsible party's insurer."

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 323—

BY REPRESENTATIVES PIERRE, BRASS, CORMIER, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GLOVER, LARVADAIN, SELDERS, AND WRIGHT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.225, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Juneteenth" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Engrossed House Bill No. 323 by Representative Pierre

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 16, delete "Committee" and insert "Committee, Inc.,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 8, delete "Committee" and insert "Committee, Inc."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 9, delete "Committee" and insert "Committee, Inc."

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 327—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:5023(B)(5), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to provide relative to residency requirements with respect to initial eligibility for a program award; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Reengrossed House Bill No. 327 by Representative Seabaugh

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 5 and 6 in their entirety

On motion of Senator Fields, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 343—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAGLEY, CORMIER, FIRMENT, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, HORTON, MOORE, SCHAMERHORN, AND WRIGHT AND SENATOR MILLIGAN
AN ACT

To redesignate a portion of Louisiana Highway 171 in DeSoto Parish as the "Chris Gray Memorial Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Engrossed House Bill No. 343 by Representative Bagley

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, after line 7, insert the following:

"Section 2. The Department of Transportation and Development or its contractor are hereby directed to erect and maintain appropriate signage reflecting this designation."

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 356—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:1053(C)(2)(j), relative to the Ouachita Parish hospital service district; to provide relative to compensation for commission members; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 367—

BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS, BRASS, FREEMAN, AND JEFFERSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:1944(G), relative to pupil appraisal; to provide for the transition of children with disabilities from services provided through EarlySteps to services provided by local education agencies; to provide for the responsibilities of EarlySteps and local education agencies; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 398—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMERO, BROWN, COX, DAVIS, FISHER, FREEMAN, GOUDEAU, HILFERTY, JORDAN, LAFLEUR, MCKNIGHT, NEWELL, ST. BLANC, AND TARVER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1486.2(D), (E), and (F) and to enact R.S. 40:1486.2(G), relative to aircraft; to require each person being transported offshore by aircraft wear a life jacket equipped with a personal locator beacon; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Engrossed House Bill No. 398 by Representative Romero

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4 after "beacon;" insert "to provide for an effective date;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 21 insert the following:

"Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2024."

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 409—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4161.1, relative to stormwater management; to authorize parishes and municipalities to create stormwater management utility districts; to provide relative to the purpose, boundaries, governance, and powers and duties of the districts; to provide for the funding of any such district; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 409 by Representative Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 2, line 23, after "exceed" change "five" to "ten"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, line 29, after "exceed" change "five" to "ten"

On motion of Senator Bouie, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 438—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT OWEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:433.1(A)(1), relative to oyster seed ground vessel permits; to change the terminology of Public Oyster Seed Ground gear license to Public Oyster Seed Ground gear permit; to change the requirements for a permitted vessel to harvest oysters from public grounds; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Natural Resources.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Engrossed House Bill No. 438 by Representative Robert Owen

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 9, after "A.(1)" insert "(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, line 7, after "nonresident." insert "(b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 2, line 8, after "public grounds, a" insert "person onboard the"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 2, line 15, after "grounds." insert "(c)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 2, line 17, delete "permit" and insert "permits provided for in this Subsection"

On motion of Senator Hensgens, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 455—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of R.S. 31:11 and R.S. 31:39, 75, 79, 114, 138.1(A) and (B), 156, 164, 166, 175, 192, 204, and 206(A) and to repeal R.S. 9:5805, relative to security interests and other rights in minerals and their production and accounts;

to provide relative to the encumbrance of production and accounts in minerals; to repeal a provision governing the accrual of liberative prescription against certain mineral or royalty rights; to provide for standardization of language and updates in terminology; to make technical corrections; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 516—
BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER, BEAULLIEU, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, DESHOTEL, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GLOVER, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, LACOMBE, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MOORE, NEWELL, PIERRE, SELDERS, STEFANSKI, THOMAS, WHITE, AND WRIGHT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:403.3 and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(19), relative to special identification decals; to provide for persons with autism spectrum disorder or their guardian; to provide for the creation of an autism spectrum disorder designation sticker or decal for placement on the rear window of a vehicle; to provide awareness to officers that there is a person with autism spectrum disorder in the vehicle; to provide for proof of disability for the deaf and hard of hearing and persons with autism spectrum disorder; to provide for an exception to the public records law; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 516 by Representative Kerner

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 3, after "disorder" insert "or any mental, physical, or developmental disability"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 4, after "disorder" insert "and mental, physical, or developmental disability"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 6, after "disorder" insert "or a person with a mental, physical, or developmental disability"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 1, line 8, after disorder" insert " or a mental, physical, or developmental disability"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 1, line 13, after "disorder" insert "; mental, physical, or developmental disability"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 3, line 1 delete "(b)" and insert "(i)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 3, line 6, delete "(c)" and insert "(ii)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 3, line 7, delete "in compliance with R.S. 47:505"

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 3, line 8, delete "windshield" and insert "rear window of the vehicle"

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 3, line 9, delete "or on the license plate, or both"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, line 11, delete "(2)" and insert "(b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 3, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"(2)(a) The Office of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections is hereby authorized to issue an identification sticker or decal which shall be "an orange square" at no cost, for use by persons with a mental, physical, or developmental disability or a parent, legal guardian, or other caregiver of a person with a mental, physical, or developmental disability. A person with a mental, physical, or developmental disability applying for a driver's license or registration who wants a sticker or decal shall attach to the application proof of the disability pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.

The sticker or decal shall be offered at the time of application of the driver's license or a registration is issued and shall be prepared so that it may at the option of the user be applied to the rear window of the vehicle in a space that does not interfere with the visibility of the operator of the motor vehicle.

(b) In addition to the identification sticker or decal provided for in this Subsection, the office of motor vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall create a flag code to be placed on the registration of a motor vehicle which shall indicate that the driver of the vehicle has a mental, physical, or developmental disability or is the parent, legal guardian, or caregiver of a person with a mental, physical, or developmental disability. Upon the initial application for or renewal of the registration of a motor vehicle, the flag shall be placed on the registration at the driver's request at no additional cost, provided he produces proof as required by this Subsection."

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 520—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARRIER, LARVADAIN, SCHAMERHORN, SELDERS, AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.225 and 226, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the establishment of the "Utility Lineman" and the "Louisiana Soccer Association" special prestige license plates; to provide for creation, issuance, design, fees, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 520 by Representative Carrier

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 47:463.225" delete "and 226" and insert a comma "," and "463.226, and 463.227"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "Utility Lineman" delete "and" and insert a comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, after "Association"" insert a comma "," and "and the "Louisiana Respiratory Therapist "RT STRONG""

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 8, after "R.S. 47:463.225" delete "and 226" and insert a comma "," and "463.226, and 463.227"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following: "§463.227. Special prestige license plate; "Louisiana Respiratory Therapist "RT STRONG""

A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Louisiana Respiratory Therapist "RT STRONG"" plate, provided there are a minimum of one thousand applicants for the plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the president of the Louisiana Society for Respiratory Care or his designee to select the color and design of the plate, provided the design is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded to the Louisiana Society for Respiratory Care to be used in support of its mission which raises public awareness of respiratory care, pulmonary promotion, and disease prevention. Additionally, the monies shall be used to encourage, develop and provide on a regional basis, educational programs in respiratory therapy and diagnostics."

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 533—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:291(M)(3) through (6) and 292, relative to the board of commissioners for the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the board; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 533 by Representative Mike Johnson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" insert "amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(M)(2) and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "for" delete "duties" and insert "composition, duties,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "Section 1." insert "R.S. 38:291(M)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert:

"(2)(a) Effective August 1, 2023, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the The governor shall appoint, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304 one person from each of the parishes embraced by the district to serve as levee commissioners: subject to Senate confirmation, a board of commissioners consisting of five individuals from the district selected as follows:

(i) Two members nominated by the members of the legislative delegation representing Rapides Parish.

(ii) One member nominated by the members of the legislative delegation representing Avoyelles Parish.

(iii) One member nominated by the members of the legislative delegation representing St. Landry Parish.

(iv) One at-large member, from Rapides parish, nominated by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

(b) At least one member of the board of commissioners from Rapides Parish, confirmed by the Senate, shall be a minority."

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 540—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 34:1603.2, relative to port and harbor police; to provide for appointment, salary, and appointee requirements; to require a bond be furnished by port and harbor police conditioned on performance of duties; to provide for authority, arrests, warrants, and no limitation on sheriffs; to provide for jurisdiction of police to ensure a parish with a specific outlined population maintains its jurisdiction; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 540 by Representative Miguez

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 13 and on line 14, delete "commission" and insert the following:

"A. For purposes of this Section, the board of commissioners for any port district whose territory includes a parish with a population of sixty-eight thousand to seventy-three thousand according to the latest federal decennial census and a parish with a population of fifty-seven thousand to fifty-seven thousand four hundred according to the latest federal decennial census"

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 571—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Subpart A-3 of Part II of Chapter 2 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 30:209(4)(e)(introductory paragraph), 1105(A), 1109(A), 1110(C)(introductory paragraph) and (1)(introductory paragraph) and (f) and (g), (E)(2), (F), (G), and (H) and to enact R.S. 30:6(H) and 149, the heading of Subpart A-4 of Part II of Chapter 2 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 30:209.2, 1104.1, 1107.1, 1109(G), 1110(C)(1)(h) and (I), and 1112, and R.S. 56:30.5, relative to carbon capture and sequestration; to provide for notice to parishes regarding certain well permit applications, State Mineral and Energy Board operating agreements, and geophysical surveys related to carbon dioxide sequestration; to provide for the distribution of funds received by the state for the storage of carbon dioxide; to provide relative to certificates of completion of injection operations; to provide relative to release from liability; to provide relative to the Carbon Dioxide Geologic Storage Trust Fund; to provide for collections of fees for the fund; to provide for uses of the fund; to provide for recordation of notices of geologic storage agreements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources. The bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43—

BY SENATOR BERNARD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force to meet, study, and make recommendations regarding the dissolution or absorption of fiscally distressed municipalities, benefits, costs, and limitations of employing such processes.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

Floor Amendments

Senator Bernard proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Bernard to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43 by Senator Bernard

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, between lines 28 and 29, insert:

"(14) A representative from the Louisiana AFL-CIO."

On motion of Senator Bernard, the amendments were adopted.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Bernard moved to adopt the amended Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists members like Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bernard, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Fesi, Fields, Total - 37.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns: Name, Absent. Lists Boudreaux, Total - 2.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt a rule, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, that prohibits taking any red drum over twenty-seven inches total length when measured with the mouth closed; and to provide for civil restitution for the killing of any red drum over 27 inches.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Boudreaux Tarver
Total - 2

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

SENATE BILL NO. 109—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1880.2, relative to out-of-network emergency ambulance services providing covered healthcare services; to provide for definitions; to provide reimbursement for emergency ambulance service providers by health insurance issuers; to provide for balance billing requirements for an out-of-network emergency ambulance service providers; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Fred Mills sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Fred Mills on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 109 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 3, line 1, change "of Subsection B" to "of this Subsection,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 3, line 2, delete "of this Section,"

On motion of Senator Fred Mills, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Talbot proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Talbot to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 109 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 4, delete "service"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 6, delete "service"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 15, delete "service" in both instances

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 1, line 15, change "a ground ambulance" to "an ambulance"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 1, line 17, delete "service" in both instances

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 2, line 1, delete "ground"

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 2, line 25, delete "service"

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 3, line 7, delete "service"

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 3, line 11, delete "service"

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 3, line 19, delete "service"

On motion of Senator Talbot, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Talbot moved the final passage of the amended bill.

YEAS

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

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Boudreaux Tarver
Total - 2

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Talbot moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

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Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage, Subject to Call

Called from the Calendar

Senator Talbot asked that Senate Bill No. 96 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 96— BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1973(F) and 2296 and to enact R.S. 22:1892(H), relative to the Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association and the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; to provide immunity from any penalties awarded in regards to property insurance claims; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Talbot proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Talbot to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 96 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3 and 4, delete "and the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "claims;" insert "to provide relative to the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 16 and 17, insert the following: "22:2051 et seq., shall not be liable for any damages including"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 6 and 7, insert the following: "22:2051 et seq., shall not be liable for any special damages"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, below line 9, add the following:

"(6) The corporation when the procedure for filing claims pursuant to R.S. 22:1892 and 1973 in Subsection C of this Section is followed.

C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in any claim for damages including any penalties pursuant to R.S. 22:1892 and 1973, no cause of action shall arise until a named or omnibus insured or a named beneficiary has established through an adverse adjudication by a court of law that the property insurer breached the insurance contract and a final judgment or decree has been rendered against the insurer. Acceptance of an offer of judgment or the payment of an appraisal award does not constitute an adverse adjudication under this Section. The difference between an insurer's appraiser's final estimate and the appraisal award may be evidence of bad faith to prevail in a claim for damages and any penalties pursuant to R.S. 22:1892 and 1973, but is not deemed an adverse adjudication under this Section and does not, on its own, give rise to a cause of action."

Senator Talbot moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Luneau objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Bernard Cathey Cloud Total - 12 Henry Hensgens McMath Milligan Mills, R. Peacock Talbot Womack

NAYS

Abraham Allain Barrow Bouie Carter Connick Duplessis Fesi Fields Total - 26 Foil Harris Hewitt Jackson Kleinpeter Lambert Luneau Mills, F. Mizell Morris Pope Price Reese Smith Stine Tarver White

ABSENT

Boudreaux Total - 1

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

Floor Amendments

Senator Allain proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Allain to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 96 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 17, delete "liable" and insert "subject to the provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 591, et seq., or any other provision allowing a class action,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 5 through 8 and insert the following:

"F. The Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association Fund, as provided in R.S. 22:2051 et seq. shall not be liable for any special damages awarded under the provisions of this Section. Neither the Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association, as provided in R.S. 22:2051, et seq., nor the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, as provided in R.S. 22:2292, et seq., shall be liable for any penalties awarded pursuant to the provisions of Subsection C of this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 4, after "coverage" and before the period insert "or its statutory obligations related to coverage"

Senator Allain moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Talbot objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Abraham Allain Barrow Bernard Bouie Carter Cathey Connick Duplessis Fields Foil Kleinpeter Luneau McMath Milligan Mills, F. Morris Pope Price Reese Smith Stine White Womack

Total - 25

NAYS

Mr. President	Henry	Lambert
Cloud	Hensgens	Mizell
Fesi	Hewitt	Peacock
Harris	Jackson	Talbot

Total - 12

ABSENT

Boudreaux Tarver
Total - 2

The Chair declared the amendments were adopted.

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator Morris asked that Senate Bill No. 48 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 48—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article I, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the right to bail; to eliminate mandatory bail after conviction but before sentencing under certain circumstances; to eliminate a judge's discretion to grant bail after conviction but before sentencing under certain circumstances; to provide that after conviction, a person may be bailable in accordance with law; to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors; and to provide a ballot proposition.

The bill was read by title. Senator Morris moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Morris
Abraham	Hewitt	Peacock
Allain	Kleinpeter	Pope
Bernard	Lambert	Reese
Cathey	McMath	Stine
Cloud	Milligan	Talbot
Connick	Mills, F.	White
Fesi	Mills, R.	Womack
Henry	Mizell	

Total - 26

NAYS

Barrow	Fields	Luneau
Bouie	Foil	Price
Carter	Harris	Smith
Duplessis	Jackson	Tarver

Total - 12

ABSENT

Boudreaux
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Morris moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

Called from the Calendar

Senator Kleinpeter asked that Senate Bill No. 94 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 94—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To repeal Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 of Act No. 231 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; to add certain substances to Schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Kleinpeter moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Boudreaux
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Kleinpeter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

Called from the Calendar

Senator Hensgens asked that Senate Bill No. 145 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 145—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:2225.2.6, relative to design-build contracts; to provide for airports to use the design-build method; to provide for air traffic control tower and hangar development by design-build method; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Hensgens moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Mizell
Abraham	Harris	Morris
Allain	Henry	Peacock
Barrow	Hensgens	Pope
Bernard	Hewitt	Price

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Bouie	Jackson	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Smith
Cathy	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Tarver
Duplessis	Milligan	White
Fesi	Mills, F.	Womack
Fields	Mills, R.	

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Boudreaux
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Hensgens moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

Called from the Calendar

Senator Jackson asked that Senate Bill No. 198 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 198—
BY SENATOR JACKSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1483(G)(1), and 1484(C), relative to consumable hemp products; to provide for testing and inspection of consumable hemp products; to regulate the sale of consumable hemp products; to provide notice to retailers; to provide for the storage and return of unused consumable hemp products; to provide for the confiscation and destruction of consumable hemp; to provide with respect to the authority of the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Jackson proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Jackson to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 198 by Senator Jackson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 12, after "wholesaler to" insert a comma "," and delete "submit proof to the department"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 13, after "denial notification," delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 14 through 22 and insert the following: "remove the product from store shelves and place the product in a separate offsite storage area.

(ii) The retailer or wholesaler shall have thirty calendar days from the date of the denial notification from the department to return the product to the supplier or manufacturer. Any product not returned by the thirtieth calendar day shall be confiscated or destroyed at any time by the department.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, delete lines 9 through 11 and insert the following: "(c) The retailer or wholesaler shall have thirty calendar days from the date of the denial notification from the commissioner to return the product to the supplier or manufacturer. Any product not returned by the thirtieth calendar day shall be confiscated or destroyed at any time by the commissioner if discovered on a permitted property."

On motion of Senator Jackson, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Jackson moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Mizell
Abraham	Harris	Morris
Allain	Henry	Peacock
Barrow	Hensgens	Pope
Bernard	Hewitt	Price
Bouie	Jackson	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Smith
Cathy	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Tarver
Duplessis	Milligan	White
Fesi	Mills, F.	Womack
Fields	Mills, R.	

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Boudreaux
Total - 1

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Jackson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

**House Concurrent Resolutions
on Second Reading
Reported by Committees**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents to conduct a study relative to the state's articulation and transfer process with respect to career and technical education courses and to submit a report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Mizell
Abraham	Harris	Morris
Allain	Henry	Peacock
Barrow	Hensgens	Pope
Bernard	Hewitt	Price
Bouie	Jackson	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Smith
Cathy	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	White

Duplessis Milligan Womack
 Fesi Mills, F.
 Fields Mills, R.
 Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Boudreaux Tarver
 Total - 2

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

Senator Mizell in the Chair

Rules Suspended

Senator Cortez asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to the Morning Hour.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108—

BY SENATORS CORTEZ, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAU, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, FESI, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JACKSON, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, STINE, TALBOT, TARVER, WHITE AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable R. Barrow Peacock for his twelve years of distinguished public service to the people of Louisiana and the residents of Senate District 37.

Senator Cortez asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 108 a first and second time.

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

Mr. President in the Chair

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate The Dunham School volleyball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2022 Division III State Championship.

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

May 22, 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 Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HB No. 275	HB No. 358	HB No. 128
HB No. 9	HB No. 217	HB No. 269
HB No. 276	HB No. 305	HB No. 365

HB No. 205	HB No. 258	HB No. 412
HB No. 443	HB No. 452	HB No. 656

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:236(A) and to enact Chapter 43-C of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:4037.1 through 4037.7, relative to elementary and secondary education; to create and provide for the administration of a program to provide state funding for the education of certain students with exceptionalities who are not enrolled in public school; to provide relative to the eligibility of students, schools, and service providers participating in the program; to provide relative to program funds; to provide relative to the testing of students participating in the program; to require the state Department of Education to submit annual reports to the legislature relative to the program; to provide relative to rules; to provide relative to definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 128—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1236.26(A), relative to the governing authority of West Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for nuisance ordinances regarding grass and obnoxious weeds; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 205—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:418(A), relative to the compensation of teachers and other school employees; to provide for additional compensation for overtime work and for work beyond prescribed duties under certain circumstances; to provide for compensation for planning time for teachers; to provide for applicability; to provide for the rate of such compensation; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 217—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR, CARPENTER, DAVIS, AND SELDERS AND SENATORS FIELDS AND FOIL
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:711, 712(B), and 713(A) and (B), relative to the commissioners of the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to provide relative to the appointment of additional commissioners; to provide for the salary of the commissioners; to provide for the powers and duties of the commissioners of the Nineteenth Judicial District; and to provide for related matters.

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

May 22, 2023

HOUSE BILL NO. 258—
BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT, AMEDEE, BRASS, FREIBERG,
PHELPS, ST. BLANC, AND TARVER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3217, relative to the University of Louisiana System; to establish a state maritime academy under the supervision and management of the system's board of supervisors; to provide for the purposes and programs of the academy; to provide for the hiring of an executive director; to authorize the executive director to establish an advisory board; to provide relative to federal funding; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 269—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.25(B), (D)(1) and (2), and (F)(1), (2)(d), and (3)(b), relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Delachaise Security and Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries and governance of the district; to provide relative to the appointment of board members; to provide relative to district funding; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed and collected in the district; to provide relative to the term of the fee; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 275—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1053(C)(2)(g), relative to Concordia Parish; to provide relative to Concordia Parish Hospital Service District No. 1; to provide relative to the governing board of the district; to provide relative to per diem paid to board members; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 276—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1375 and to repeal R.S. 13:2500(C), relative to penalties for violations of ordinances in New Orleans; to provide relative to penalties for building code violations; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 305—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 253(C) and 1911(A), relative to the signing of certain orders and documents by the court; to provide relative to the use of electronic signatures by judges; to provide relative to certain requirements; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 358—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:3812(J) and 3813(C)(8), relative to Waterworks District No. 1 of Pointe Coupee Parish; to provide relative to the membership of the district's governing board; to provide relative to the appointment of board members; to provide for terms; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 365—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(f), relative to court costs in Concordia Parish; to require an additional court fee in criminal matters in all courts in Concordia Parish; to provide relative to the coroner's operational fund; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 412—
BY REPRESENTATIVES WHITE, AMEDEE, BRASS, EMERSON,
FREIBERG, JEFFERSON, AND PHELPS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:2508, relative to early childhood literacy; to establish an early childhood literacy program; to provide for program purposes; to provide for program administration by the Louisiana Educational Television Authority; to create a special fund in the state treasury for the purpose of funding the program; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 443—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS AND SENATOR HEWITT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297.23, relative to individual income tax; to provide for an individual income tax credit for the adoption of certain children; to provide for the amount of the credit; to provide for limitations and requirements; to authorize the promulgation of rules; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 452—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIACQUE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6043, relative to tax credits; to authorize nonrefundable credits against income tax, corporate franchise tax, and insurance premium tax for qualified housing projects; to provide an application process for the tax credits; to provide for granting of the credits by the Louisiana Housing Corporation; to provide for agreements with respect to the credits; to authorize fees for applications for the credits; to provide for duties of the Department of Revenue and the Department of Insurance with respect to the credits; to authorize carrying forward of the credits; to provide for transferability of the credits; to authorize fees in connection with transfers of credits; to prohibit granting of credits after a certain date; to make granting of credits subject to appropriation; to require promulgation of administrative rules; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 656— (Substitute for House Bill No. 373 by Representative DeVillier)
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 45:1604, relative to water cooperatives; to prohibit cooperatives from denying certain requests for water service; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

FINANCE

Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White Jr., Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

May 22, 2023

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Finance to submit the following report:

HOUSE BILL NO. 193— BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:978(H)(1)(a), relative to transcription fees for the Thirtieth Judicial District; to authorize an increase in transcription fees in civil and criminal cases; to provide for the cost per page for an original transcript and copies in appellate cases; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 240— BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2590.1(B), relative to justice of the peace court costs in certain parishes; to authorize an increase in court costs collected by a justice of the peace for certain filings and services in civil matters; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 250— BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1907(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:1907(L) and (M), relative to assessor compensation; to authorize assessors to increase their annual compensation up to a certain amount over a certain period of time; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to require the publication of certain notice; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 430— BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:177 and to enact R.S. 9:153(16), relative to unclaimed property; to provide with respect to contracts to locate, deliver, recover, or assist in the recovery of unclaimed property; to provide exceptions for certain agents; to provide requirements and exclusions; to provide definitions; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the state treasurer relative to the unclaimed property program; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the Louisiana State Law Institute relative to changes made in this Act; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted, MACK A. "BODI" WHITE JR. Chairman

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

Total - 38

ABSENT

Boudreaux Total - 1

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Boudreaux 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for May 23, 2023, were announced:

Table listing committee meetings: Environmental Quality (11:30 A.M., Room A), Judiciary B (10:00 A.M., Room E), Judiciary C (10:00 A.M., Room F).

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 4:56 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON Secretary of the Senate

FRAN OGNIBENE Journal Clerk

