

**DAILY PROOF OF THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL
OF THE
SENATE
OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**
THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Fifty-First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

The Senate was called to order at 1:57 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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| Mr. President | Duplessis | McMath |
| Abraham | Edmonds | Miller |
| Allain | Fesi | Mizell |
| Barrow | Fields | Morris |
| Bass | Foil | Owen |
| Boudreaux | Harris | Pressly |
| Bouie | Hensgens | Price |
| Carter | Hodges | Reese |
| Cathey | Jackson | Stine |
| Cloud | Jenkins | Talbot |
| Connick | Kleinpeter | Wheat |
| Coussan | Lambert | Womack |
| Total - 36 | | |

ABSENT

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| Luneau | Miguez | Seabaugh |
| Total - 3 | | |

The President of the Senate announced there were 36 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Beth Mizell, following which the Senate joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Senator Hodges, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of January 16, 2024, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials and
Communications**

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

SENATE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

January 17, 2024

Honorable Gregory Miller
Louisiana State Senator, District 19
Post Office Box 190
Norco, LA 70079

Dear Senator Miller:

In accordance with Senate Rule 3.3, I hereby appoint you to serve as Parliamentarian of the Louisiana State Senate.

Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact my office for additional assistance.

Sincerely,
J. CAMERON HENRY, JR.

Message from the House

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

January 17, 2024

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. 16 HB No. 8

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions

Senator Talbot asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read House Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time by title and refer them to committee.

HOUSE BILL NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, BEAULLIEU, BILLINGS,
CARLSON, CARVER, GADBERRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, NEWELL,
SCHAMERHORN, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3 and to repeal R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4, relative to the supreme court; to provide relative to redistricting supreme court justice districts; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to eliminate statutory provisions for a temporary additional judgeship for the Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit and such judge's appointment to the supreme court; 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. 16—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To appropriate funds and to make certain reductions from certain sources to be allocated to the designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations and reductions for said agencies and purposes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on
Third Reading and Final Passage**

Motion

Senator Womack moved to suspend the rules to take up Senate Bill No. 8 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

January 17, 2024

SENATE BILL NO. 8—
BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1276.1 and to repeal R.S. 18:1276, relative to congressional districts; to provide for the redistricting of Louisiana's congressional districts; to provide with respect to positions and offices, other than congressional, which are based upon congressional districts; to provide for the effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:
YEAS

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| Mr. President | Duplessis | McMath |
| Abraham | Edmonds | Miguez |
| Barrow | Fields | Mizell |
| Boudreaux | Harris | Owen |
| Bouie | Hensgens | Price |
| Carter | Hodges | Reese |
| Cloud | Jackson | Stine |
| Connick | Jenkins | Wheat |
| Coussan | Kleinpeter | Womack |
| Total - 27 | | |

NAYS

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| Allain | Foil | Pressly |
| Bass | Lambert | Seabaugh |
| Cathey | Miller | Talbot |
| Fesi | Morris | |
| Total - 11 | | |

ABSENT

Luneau
Total - 1

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

Rules Suspended

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

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Bills and Joint Resolutions

Senator Price asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read House Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time by title and refer them to committee.

HOUSE BILL NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVES EMERSON, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BILLINGS, CARLSON, DEVILLIER, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCCORMICK, SCHAMERHORN, WILDER, AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:2(12), 401(B), 423(E), 441(C)(1), 467(introductory paragraph), 481, 511(A) and (B), 521(A), 1254(A), 1272(A), 1278(B), 1280.22(A), 1401(A), 1461(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 18:2(12), (13), and (14), 401(C), Part I-A of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:410.1 through 410.10, and Part I-B of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:411.1 through 411.3, relative to elections; to provide for a party primary system of elections for certain offices, including provisions to provide for nomination of candidates for general elections by party primary elections; to provide for qualification of candidates unaffiliated with a recognized political party in the general election; to provide for voting by voters registered as affiliated with the party in the party primary election and for voting by voters unaffiliated with a recognized political party if allowed by the party central committee; to provide for election dates; to provide relative to certain qualifying fees; to provide relative to the compensation of boards of elections supervisors; 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.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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| Mr. President | Edmonds | Miller |
| Abraham | Fesi | Mizell |
| Allain | Fields | Morris |
| Barrow | Foil | Owen |
| Bass | Harris | Pressly |
| Boudreaux | Hensgens | Price |
| Bouie | Hodges | Reese |
| Carter | Jackson | Seabaugh |
| Cathey | Jenkins | Stine |
| Cloud | Kleinpeter | Talbot |
| Connick | Lambert | Wheat |
| Coussan | McMath | Womack |
| Duplessis | Miguez | |
| Total - 38 | | |

ABSENT

Luneau
Total - 1

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Luneau 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for January 18, 2024, were announced:

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| Finance | 11:00 A.M. | Room A |
| Senate and Gov't Affairs | 2:00 P.M. | Room A |

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 2:50 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE
Journal Clerk