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Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Thursday, February 29, 2024

The Senate was called to order at 9:19 o'clock A.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

Total - 36

ABSENT

Barrow	Fields	Owen
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Total - 3

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

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Gregory Miller, 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 Miller, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of February 28, 2024, was adopted.

Message from the House

**PASSED SENATE BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

February 28, 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 the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions:

SENATE BILL NO. 3—

BY SENATORS CLOUD, ALLAIN, BASS, CATHEY, CONNICK, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, HENSGENS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, MORRIS, REESE, SEABAUGH, STINE, TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES CREWS AND MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 804(1), relative to delinquency proceedings and juvenile court jurisdiction; to amend the definition of "child" for purposes of delinquency proceedings; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 5—

BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT AND MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(C) and (D)(8) and (9) and 574.4.1(A)(1) and (D)(1) and to enact R.S. 15:574.4.1(E), relative to parole; to provide relative to parole procedures; to provide relative to the votes required for parole decisions; to provide relative to victim and law enforcement notification; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 9—

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, COUSSAN, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MORRIS, OWEN, PRESSLY, PRICE, REESE, SEABAUGH, STINE, TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAYHAM, BEREAULT, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHASSION, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MANDIE LANDRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, MELERINE, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, WALTERS, WRIGHT, WYBLE AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 572(B)(1) and (2), relative to limitations upon institution of prosecutions; to provide relative to newly discovered photographic or video evidence of certain offenses; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 10—

BY SENATOR CATHEY AND REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:571.3(B)(1)(a), the introductory paragraph of (C), (D), and (F) and to enact R.S. 15:571.3(G), relative to diminution of a sentence for good behavior; to provide for reduction of good time credit for offenders convicted in the death of a peace officer or first responder; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

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

Message from the House

**PASSED SENATE BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

February 28, 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 the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions:

SENATE BILL NO. 4—

BY SENATOR CLOUD AND REPRESENTATIVES CREWS AND MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 897.1(B), (C), (D), and (E), relative to the sentencing of a juvenile after adjudication for certain offenses; to provide relative to modification of sentences; to provide relative to crimes of violence; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 15—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, ADAMS, BACALA, COX, HORTON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, VENTRELLA, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 573.4, relative to time limitations for initiating prosecutions; to provide relative to time limitations in which to institute prosecution for the crime of third degree rape when committed under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

Motion

Senator Womack moved to suspend the rules to take up House Bill No. 17 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:259(B)(1) and (C)(3), relative to state funds; to increase the allowable annual deposits into the Department of Justice Legal Support Fund; to increase the allowable balance of the fund; to provide for deposits into the fund and the state general fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Kleinpeter asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator Kleinpeter asked that House Bill No. 6 be called from the Calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MUSCARELLO AND MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:569(A) through (C) and 570(A)(4) and (F) through (H) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(8) and to enact R.S. 15:569(E) and (F) and 570(I) and (J), relative to the execution of a death sentence; to provide for the methods of execution; to provide for the confidentiality of records or information relating to the execution of a death sentence; to provide for criminal penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of records or information relating to the execution of a death sentence; to provide for a civil cause of action relative to the unauthorized disclosure of information or records relating to the execution of a death sentence; to provide for an exception to the Public Records Law and for family members of public officials; to provide for counseling services; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Kleinpeter proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Kleinpeter to Re-Reengrossed House Bill No. 6 by Representative Muscarello

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 6, after "sentence;" insert "to provide for disclosure of certain information to the state inspector general; to provide for review of certain information by the state inspector general;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"(3)(a) The entity responsible for maintaining records or information pertaining to the provision of drugs, medical supplies, or medical equipment for execution purposes shall disclose the information to the state inspector general.

(b) The state inspector general shall conduct a review of the disclosed information to ensure compliance with the provisions of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. Upon completion of the review, the state inspector general shall return the disclosed information and issue a certification stating whether the purchase of drugs, medical supplies, or medical equipment procured for the purpose of carrying out executions complies with Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. The certification shall also state whether the drugs, medical supplies, or medical equipment were procured from an individual, business, organization, or entity possessing the requisite licenses pursuant to the laws of their respective state to engage in such activities, and affirming the validity of the licenses. The certification shall be a public record, but shall not disclose any of the information protected by R.S. 15:570(G)."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, line 5, delete "No" and insert "Except as provided in R.S. 15:569(E), no"

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Duplessis proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Duplessis to Re-Reengrossed House Bill No. 6 by Representative Muscarello

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 2, delete line 10

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, at the beginning of line 11, change "(3)" to "(2)"

Senator Duplessis moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Kleinpeter objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Barrow	Duplessis	McMath
Boudreaux	Harris	Morris
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Carter	Jenkins	Wheat
Connick	Luneau	Womack
Total - 15		

NAYS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Pressly
Allain	Hensgens	Reese
Bass	Hodges	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Coussan	Miguez	
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 22		

ABSENT

Fields	Owen
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cloud	Lambert	Seabaugh
Coussan	Miguez	Stine
Edmonds	Miller	Talbot
Total - 24		

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Luneau
Boudreaux	Fields	McMath
Bouie	Harris	Price
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	Wheat
Connick	Jenkins	Womack
Total - 15		

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to:

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

Motion

Senator Kleinpeter moved to suspend the rules to take up House Bill No. 5 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:2(B)(61), relative to crimes of violence; to designate the crime of illegal use of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities as a crime of violence; 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	Owen
Abraham	Hensgens	Pressly
Allain	Hodges	Reese
Bass	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Coussan	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Fesi	Morris	
Total - 28		

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Jenkins
Boudreaux	Fields	Luneau
Bouie	Harris	Price
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	
Total - 11		

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

Motion

Senator Womack moved to suspend the rules to take up House Bill No. 19 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 19—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AND SENATOR EDMONDS
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

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Fiscal Year 2023-2024; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Edmonds proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Edmonds to Engrossed House Bill No. 19 by Representative McFarland

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

"01-100 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Administrative Program for the Office of the State Public Defender for operations, in the event that Senate Bill No. 8 of the 2024 Second Extraordinary Session of the Legislature is enacted into law \$ 600,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 16 through 19

Senator Edmonds moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Price objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Fesi, Mizell. Lists names like Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Coussan, Edmonds and their counts.

NAYS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Duplessis, Jenkins. Lists names like Barrow, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter and their counts.

ABSENT

Pressly Total - 1

The Chair declared the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Foil, Morris. Lists names like Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Bouie, Cathey, Cloud, Connick and their counts.

Coussan Edmonds Fesi Total - 31

Miguez Miller Mizell

Womack

NAYS

Barrow Boudreaux Carter Total - 8

Duplessis Fields Jackson-Andrews

Jenkins Price

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

Motion

Senator Hodges moved to suspend the rules to take up House Bill No. 7 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, BACALA, COX, HILFERTY, AND MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR HODGES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:64.2(B), relative to the crime of carjacking; to enhance the penalties for the crime of carjacking; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Duplessis, Miller. Lists names like Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Coussan and their counts.

NAYS

Barrow Fields Total - 4

Jackson-Andrews Jenkins

ABSENT

Kleinpeter Pressly Total - 2

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

Rules Suspended

Senator McMath asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator McMath asked that House Bill No. 4 be called from the Calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4—

BY REPRESENTATIVES EMERSON AND MIKE JOHNSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 930.4(F) and (G) and 930.8(A)(1) and (D) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 930.8(E), relative to procedures utilized in post conviction proceedings; to provide relative to the timeliness of post conviction applications; to provide relative to the procedural requirements of post conviction applications; to provide relative to the exceptions to the time limitations of post conviction applications; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator McMath proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator McMath to Reengrossed House Bill No. 4 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 proposed by the Senate Committee on Judiciary B and adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2024.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 28, after "conviction" insert the following: "and is seeking relief pursuant to Article 926.2 and five years or more have elapsed since the petitioner pled guilty or nolo contendere to the offense of conviction"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 11, add the following:
"Section 2. This Act shall become effective on August 1, 2024; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval by the legislature or August 1, 2024, whichever is later."

On motion of Senator McMath the amendments were withdrawn.

Floor Amendments

Senator McMath proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator McMath to Reengrossed House Bill No. 4 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 28, after "conviction" insert the following: "and is seeking relief pursuant to Article 926.2 and five years or more have elapsed since the petitioner pled guilty or nolo contendere to the offense of conviction"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 11, add the following:
"Section 2. This Act shall become effective on August 1, 2024; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval by the legislature or August 1, 2024, whichever is later."

On motion of Senator McMath, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator McMath proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator McMath to Reengrossed House Bill No. 4 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 proposed by the Senate Committee on Judiciary B and adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2024.

Senator McMath moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Luneau objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Owen
Abraham	Hodges	Pressly
Allain	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bass	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	McMath	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Connick	Miller	Wheat
Fesi	Mizell	Womack
Foil	Morris	

Total - 26

NAYS

Barrow	Coussan	Jackson-Andrews
Boudreaux	Duplessis	Jenkins
Bouie	Fields	Luneau
Carter	Harris	Price

Total - 12

ABSENT

Edmonds
Total - 1

The Chair declared the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Owen
Abraham	Hensgens	Pressly
Allain	Hodges	Reese
Bass	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Coussan	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Fesi	Morris	

Total - 28

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Jenkins
Boudreaux	Fields	Luneau

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Bouie Harris Price
Carter Jackson-Andrews
Total - 11

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Morris asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to:

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

Motion

Senator Morris moved to suspend the rules to take up House Bill No. 9 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO AND SENATOR MORRIS AND REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(A)(1)(a), (2), (3), (4)(introductory paragraph), (5)(a)(introductory paragraph), and (6)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 15:574.22, relative to parole; to provide relative to parole eligibility; to provide for the restriction of parole eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Barrow proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Barrow to Reengrossed House Bill No. 9 by Representative Villio

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, at the beginning of line 12, before "No" insert "A."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 15, insert the following:

"B. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall not apply to any offender who was a victim of any offense under R.S. 14:34.9, 34.9.1, 35.3, or 37.7 and who was incarcerated for an offense arising from self-defense against the perpetrator of such offense."

Senator Barrow moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Morris objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Barrow Fields Luneau
Boudreaux Harris Mizell
Bouie Hodges Price
Carter Jackson-Andrews
Duplessis Jenkins
Total - 13

NAYS

Mr. President Fesi Owen
Abraham Foil Pressly
Allain Hensgens Reese
Bass Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Cathey Lambert Stine
Cloud McMath Talbot
Connick Miguez Wheat
Coussan Miller Womack
Edmonds Morris

Total - 26

ABSENT

Total - 0

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

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 Foil Owen
Abraham Hensgens Pressly
Allain Hodges Reese
Bass Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Cathey Lambert Stine
Cloud McMath Talbot
Connick Miguez Wheat
Coussan Miller Womack
Edmonds Mizell
Fesi Morris

Total - 28

NAYS

Barrow Duplessis Jenkins
Boudreaux Fields Luneau
Bouie Harris Price
Carter Jackson-Andrews

Total - 11

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

Recess

On motion of Senator Talbot, the Senate took a recess at 12:03 o'clock P.M. until 1:30 o'clock P.M.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order at 1:52 o'clock P.M. by the President of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

PRESENT

Mr. President Fields Miller
Allain Foil Mizell
Bass Harris Morris
Boudreaux Hensgens Owen

Bouie	Hodges	Pressly
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Cathey	Jenkins	Reese
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Connick	Lambert	Stine
Duplessis	Luneau	Wheat
Edmonds	McMath	Womack
Fesi	Miguez	
Total - 35		

ABSENT

Abraham	Coussan
Barrow	Talbot
Total - 4	

The President of the Senate announced there were 35 Senators present and a quorum.

Senate Business Resumed After Recess

Rules Suspended

Senator Harris asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to:

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions Returned from the House of Representatives with Amendments

SENATE BILL NO. 2—
 BY SENATORS MIGUEZ, ALLAIN, BASS, CATHEY, CLOUD, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, KLEINPETER, MCMATH, MORRIS, OWEN, REESE, SEABAUGH, STINE, TALBOT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BEAULLIEU AND MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2793.12, relative to liability of persons authorized to carry a concealed handgun; to provide with respect to persons authorized to own, possess, use, or carry a concealed handgun; to provide relative to immunity from civil liability; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Riser to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 2 by Senator Miguez

AMENDMENT NO. 1
 On page 1, at the beginning of line 11, change "**A.**" to "**A.(1)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
 On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:
"(2) The term "authorized person" shall also apply to a reserve or active-duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces; a member of the Louisiana National Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard; or a former member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces, the Louisiana National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard who has been honorably discharged from service."

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Fontenot to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 2 by Senator Miguez

AMENDMENT NO. 1
 On page 1, line 13, after "**1379.3.2**" and before "**any**" change "**or**" to a comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 2
 On page 1, at the end of line 15, change the period "." to a comma "," and insert "**or any person specified in R.S. 14:95(G)(3) and (4).**"

Senator Miguez moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Owen
Allain	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cloud	McMath	Stine
Connick	Miguez	Talbot
Edmonds	Miller	Wheat
Fesi	Mizell	Womack
Foil	Morris	
Total - 26		

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Jenkins
Boudreaux	Fields	Luneau
Bouie	Harris	Price
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	
Total - 11		

ABSENT

Abraham	Coussan
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

SENATE BILL NO. 4—
 BY SENATOR CLOUD AND REPRESENTATIVES CREWS AND MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 897.1(B), (C), (D), and (E), relative to the sentencing of a juvenile after adjudication for certain offenses; to provide relative to modification of sentences; to provide relative to crimes of violence; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 4 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1
 On page 2, line 3, delete "a violation of R.S. 1" and delete line 4 in its entirety and on line 5 delete "**violence, as defined in R.S. 14:2(B).**" and insert the following: "a violation of R.S. 14:64, armed robbery, or R.S. 14:64.2, carjacking, **or for a second time offender of all other crimes of violence, as defined in R.S. 14:2(B).**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
 On page 2, line 7, after "Corrections" and before "to" insert a comma "," and insert "**or to the custody of a secure public or private institution,**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
 On page 2, line 15, change "**a minimum of one-half**" to "**twenty-four months**"

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 16, after "disposition" and before the period "." insert "or if the disposition is less than thirty-six months, one-half of the disposition"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 22 and 23 in their entirety, and insert the following:

"(1) The child shall have a favorable progress report from the placement facility."

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Crews to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 4 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Amendment No. 1 by the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice (#168), on page 1, line 6, after "second" and before "of violence" change "time offender of all other crimes" to "or subsequent offense that is a crime"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Amendment No. 5 by the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice (#168), on page 1, line 18, after "child" and before "a favorable" change "shall have" to "has"

Senator Cloud moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, YEAS, Name. Includes Mr. President, Allain, Bass, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Kleinpeter, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

NAYS

Table with 3 columns: Name, NAYS, Name. Includes Barrow, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Duplessis, Fields, Harris, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Price.

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns: Name, ABSENT. Includes Abraham, Coussan.

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

Message from the House

PASSED SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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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 the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions:

SENATE BILL NO. 7—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:98.1(A)(1)(d) and (3)(c) and 98.2(A)(3)(c) and R.S. 32:378.2(A), (B)(1)(a)(ii)(aa) and (bb), 414(A)(1)(c)(i) and (ii), and (D)(1)(b), 667(B)(1)(a) and (3)(b) and (c) and (I)(1)(a) and the introductory paragraph of 668(B)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 32:378.2(P), relative to ignition interlock devices; to make technical changes; to change criminal offenses for driving while intoxicated; to provide for a change in time periods that a driver is required to have an ignition interlock device; to provide relative to restricted driver's licenses; to extend the amount of time that a driver is required to have an ignition interlock device upon notice of noncompliance; to provide relative to first and second offense penalties for operating a vehicle while intoxicated; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 8—

BY SENATOR REESE AND REPRESENTATIVES HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON AND VILLIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:142(C) and (F), 143, 146(A), (B), and (C), 147(A), the introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(1), (3), (4), (5)(b)(iii), (6), (7), (15), (17), (19) and (20), (C), (D) and (E), 148(A), the introductory paragraph of (B)(1)(a), (B)(1)(b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), and (5) through (13) and (C), 149.1, 149.2, 150(A), (C) and (E), 152, 161(A), (E)(5) and (7) through (14), (F), (H), (I) and (J), 162, 163, 164(A), (C)(1), the introductory paragraph of (D), (E)(4) and (F)(2), 165(A), (B), (C), (D), (F) and (G), 166, 167(A), (D) and (E), 168(D) and (E), 169, 170(A)(1) and (3), (B)(2), (5), (6), (8) and (9), (C), (D)(1), (2) and (3), (G), (H), (I) and (J), 173(B), 174(A) and (B)(1), 175(A)(1)(f) and (i) and (2) and (C), 178, 180, 185.2(1), (4), (7), (8), and (9), 185.3(A), the introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(6), (7), (11), (17), (18), and (19)(g), (C) and (D), 185.4(A), (B)(2), (10) and (12), 185.6(A), (B)(1) and the introductory paragraph of (B)(2), and (D), 185.7(B), 186.2(1), (6), (7), and (8), 186.3(A), the introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(5)(a), (6), (10), (13)(c), (16), (17) and (18)(c) and (C), 186.4(A), 186.5(D) and (E), and R.S. 36:4(B)(21), to enact R.S. 15:164(B)(4), 185.2(10), and 186.2(9), and to repeal R.S. 15:146(D), 148(B)(14) and (15), 151, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 162.1, 168(F), and 185.9, relative to indigent defender representation; to create the office of the state public defender; to transfer authority from the Louisiana Public Defender Board to the office; to provide for powers, duties, and responsibilities of the office; to provide for the creation of the Louisiana Public Defender Oversight Board; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the board; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for the domicile of the office; to provide for offices and meetings; to provide for qualifications of executive staff; to provide for qualifications, powers, duties, and salary of the state public defender; to provide for district public defenders; to provide for methods of delivery of services; to provide for the Louisiana Public Defender Fund; to provide for the Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund; to provide for representation of capital defendants; to provide for disciplinary actions; to prohibit certain rights of action; to provide for special reporting requirements; to provide for certain proceedings; to provide for appointment of counsel under certain circumstances; to provide for reports; to provide for the Indigent Parents' Representation Program; to provide for standards and guidelines; to provide for the Safe Return Representation Program; to provide for the Safe Return Representation Program Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

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

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
Returned from the House of Representatives
with Amendments, Resumed**

SENATE BILL NO. 7—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON
AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:98.1(A)(1)(d) and (3)(c) and 98.2(A)(3)(c) and R.S. 32:378.2(A), (B)(1)(a)(ii)(aa) and (bb), 414(A)(1)(c)(i) and (ii), and (D)(1)(b), 667(B)(1)(a) and (3)(b) and (c) and (I)(1)(a) and the introductory paragraph of 668(B)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 32:378.2(P), relative to ignition interlock devices; to make technical changes; to change criminal offenses for driving while intoxicated; to provide for a change in time periods that a driver is required to have an ignition interlock device; to provide relative to restricted driver's licenses; to extend the amount of time that a driver is required to have an ignition interlock device upon notice of noncompliance; to provide relative to first and second offense penalties for operating a vehicle while intoxicated; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 7 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, line 2, after "**Section**" and before "**shall**" delete "**or any other law**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, line 3, after "**vendor**" and before "**for**" insert "**who meets the requirements set forth in R.S. 15:307**"

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Muscarello to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 7 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, after "32:378.2(P)" delete the comma ", " and insert "and 668(D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 1, after "32:378.2(P)" delete "is" and insert "and 668(D) are"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, between lines 28 and 29, insert the following:

"D. Any person who has his license suspended, revoked, or is subject to installation of an ignition interlock device pursuant to R.S. 32:667(I) or R.S. 14:98, 98.1, 98.2, 98.3, or 98.4 shall receive credit for the time period of which the ignition interlock device was installed."

Senator Edmonds moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

SENATE BILL NO. 8—

BY SENATOR REESE AND REPRESENTATIVES HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON AND VILLIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:142(C) and (F), 143, 146(A), (B), and (C), 147(A), the introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(1), (3), (4), (5)(b)(iii), (6), (7), (15), (17), (19) and (20), (C), (D) and (E), 148(A), the introductory paragraph of (B)(1)(a), (B)(1)(b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), and (5) through (13) and (C), 149.1, 149.2, 150(A), (C) and (E), 152, 161(A), (E)(5) and (7) through (14), (F), (H), (I) and (J), 162, 163, 164(A), (C)(1), the introductory paragraph of (D), (E)(4) and (F)(2), 165(A), (B), (C), (D), (F) and (G), 166, 167(A), (D) and (E), 168(D) and (E), 169, 170(A)(1) and (3), (B)(2), (5), (6), (8) and (9), (C), (D)(1), (2) and (3), (G), (H), (I) and (J), 173(B), 174(A) and (B)(1), 175(A)(1)(f) and (i) and (2) and (C), 178, 180, 185.2(1), (4), (7), (8), and (9), 185.3(A), the introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(6), (7), (11), (17), (18), and (19)(g), (C) and (D), 185.4(A), (B)(2), (10) and (12), 185.6(A), (B)(1) and the introductory paragraph of (B)(2), and (D), 185.7(B), 186.2(1), (6), (7), and (8), 186.3(A), the introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(5)(a), (6), (10), (13)(c), (16), (17) and (18)(c) and (C), 186.4(A), 186.5(D) and (E), and R.S. 36:4(B)(21), to enact R.S. 15:164(B)(4), 185.2(10), and 186.2(9), and to repeal R.S. 15:146(D), 148(B)(14) and (15), 151, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 162.1, 168(F), and 185.9, relative to indigent defender representation; to create the office of the state public defender; to transfer authority from the Louisiana Public Defender Board to the office; to provide for powers, duties, and responsibilities of the office; to provide for the creation of the Louisiana Public Defender Oversight Board; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the board; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for the domicile of the office; to provide for offices and meetings; to provide for qualifications of executive staff; to provide for qualifications, powers, duties, and salary of the state public defender; to provide for district public defenders; to provide for methods of delivery of services; to provide for the Louisiana Public Defender Fund; to provide for the Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund; to provide for representation of capital defendants; to provide for disciplinary actions; to prohibit certain rights of action; to provide for special reporting requirements; to provide for certain proceedings; to provide for appointment of counsel under certain circumstances; to provide for reports; to provide for the Indigent Parents' Representation

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Program; to provide for standards and guidelines; to provide for the Safe Return Representation Program; to provide for the Safe Return Representation Program Fund; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 6, after "(H)," delete "(I) and (J)" and insert "and (I)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 17, after "160," and before "162.1" insert "161(J),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 2, line 23, after "(H)," delete "(I) and (J)" and insert "and (I)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 4, line 25, after "the" delete the remainder of the line and insert the following: "board, the office, or a district public defender; regional"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 6, line 15, after "subject to" and before "senate" insert "approval of a majority of the board and"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 6, delete line 18 in its entirety and insert the following: "public defender and to approve contracts in an amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more. The board shall consist of eleven nine members."

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 7, line 9, after "a" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 10 in its entirety and insert the following: "joint resolution of the Public Defenders Association of Louisiana and the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers."

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 18, line 29, after "contract" and before "with" insert a comma "," and insert "for a period of up to five years."

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 20, delete lines 21 through 23 in their entirety and insert the following: "defender and shall not be decreased."

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 20, line 24 after "I." delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 25 through 29 in their entirety, and on page 21, delete lines 1 through 4 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 11
On page 21, at the beginning of line 5, delete "J."

AMENDMENT NO. 12
On page 22, line 16, after "Public" and before "Oversight" insert "Defender"

AMENDMENT NO. 13
On page 30, line 3, after "least" and before "percent" delete "sixty-five" and insert "seventy-five"

AMENDMENT NO. 14
On page 33, line 3, after "five" and before "members" insert "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 15
On page 42, line 27, after "attorney" insert "employed by or" and on line 22, delete "or"

AMENDMENT NO. 16
On page 45, line 28, after "160," and before "162.1" insert "161(J),"

LEGISLATIVE BUREAU AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Legislative Bureau to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 3, line 2, after "186.4(A)," insert "and" and after "(E)" delete ", and R.S. 36:4(B)(21)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 6, line 15, change "senate" to "Senate"

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Villio to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 46, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following: "Section 6. All current employees of the Louisiana Public Defender Board shall remain in their current retirement system with no gap or disruption in service in the event the provisions of this act are enacted into law."

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 46, at the beginning of line 7, change "Section 6." to "Section 7."

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Villio to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 2, after "143," and before "147(A)," change "146(A), (B), and (C)," to "146,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, at the beginning of line 12, change "(C) and (D)," to "and (C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 16, after "repeal" and before "and" change "R.S. 15:146(D), 148(B)(14)" to "R.S. 15:148(B)(14)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 1, line 17, after "168(F)," and before "and" insert "185.3(D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 7, delete line 8 in its entirety and insert the following: "(b) The five members shall be appointed. The governor shall appoint one member from a list of three"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 7, at the beginning of line 17, change "(e)" to "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 7, at the beginning of line 19, change "(4)" to "(5)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 7, at the beginning of line 21, change "(5)" to "(6)"

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 7, line at the end of line 21, after "terms" delete "of four years"

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 7, line 22, after "governor" and before the period "." delete "appointing him"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 20, line 14, after "January 1, 2007," delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 21, delete line 26 in its entirety and insert the following:
"A. Except as provided for in Subsection G of this Section, within Within twenty days"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 22, line 4, after "district" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 5 in its entirety and insert a period "."

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 27, delete line 18 in its entirety and insert the following:
"(3) ~~The board may authorize~~ The authorization, by the office, of the district public defender ~~or regional~~"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 27, at the beginning of line 19, delete "where applicable,"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 39, line 15, after "C." delete the remainder of the line, and delete lines 16 through 25 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 39, at the beginning of line 26, delete "D."

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 45, line 27, after "Section 3." and before "and" change "R.S. 15:146(D), 148(B)(14)" to "R.S. 15:148(B)(14)"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 45, line 28, after "168(F)," and before "and" insert "185.3(D),"

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Bacala to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete House Floor Amendment No. 11 by Representative Villio (#226)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 20, line 14, after "district" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety

Senator Reese moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Owen
Abraham	Hensgens	Pressly
Allain	Hodges	Reese
Bass	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Coussan	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Fesi	Morris	
Total - 28		

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Jenkins
Boudreaux	Fields	Luneau

Bouie	Harris	Price
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	
Total - 11		

ABSENT

Total - 0

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

Motion

Senator Morris moved to suspend the rules to take up House Bill No. 10 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO, MIKE JOHNSON, AND WRIGHT AND SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:571.5(C), to enact R.S. 15:571.3(G) and 571.3.1, and to repeal R.S. 15:571.3(C) and (D) and 574.6.1 and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 895.6, relative to eligibility for good time credits; to provide relative to the automatic earning of good time credits by offenders for good behavior; to provide for the elimination of earned compliance credits while on probation or parole; to provide relative to the earning of additional good time credit through participation and completion of certain programs while incarcerated; and to provide for related matters.

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	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Hensgens	Owen
Allain	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cloud	McMath	Stine
Connick	Miguez	Talbot
Coussan	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Total - 27		

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Jackson-Andrews
Boudreaux	Fields	Jenkins
Bouie	Foil	Luneau
Carter	Harris	Price
Total - 12		

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BUTLER, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, CARLSON, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, CREWS, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GREEN, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, MACK, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MOORE, NEWELL, ORGERON, OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 320(D) and (E)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and 893(A)(1)(a), (B)(3), and (F) through (H), R.S. 13:5304(B)(3)(b), and R.S. 15:529.1(C)(3) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893(B)(2)(c) and (1) and 904, relative to mandatory drug testing and screening; to require drug testing and screening of persons arrested for certain offenses; to provide relative to assessment for participation in drug and specialty court programs for certain nonviolent offenders; to provide relative to confidentiality of drug testing and screening records; to provide for the automatic expungement of records under certain circumstances; to provide relative to the funding for administration of drug and specialty courts; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Reese proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Reese to Reengrossed House Bill No. 3 by Representative Butler

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 9 and 10, and insert the following: "of drug testing and screening records; to provide relative to the funding for"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 9, delete lines 17 through 20

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 10, after line 26, add the following: "Section 5. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2024, whichever is later."

On motion of Senator Reese, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns listing names of senators and representatives who voted 'YEAS'.

Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

Senator Fields, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

The following Senate Bills have been properly enrolled:

SENATE BILL NO. 1—

BY SENATORS MIGUEZ, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BASS, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, COUSSAN, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, MCMATH, MORRIS, OWEN, REESE, SEABAUGH, STINE, TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, GADBERRY, GALLE, GEYMANN, GLORIOSO, HENRY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, LACOMBE, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MUSCARELLO, ORGERON, OWEN, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, TARVER, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, WILDER, WILEY, WRIGHT AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(M) and R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2)(a), (M), and (O) and to enact R.S. 14:95(N), relative to illegal carrying of weapons; to provide that law-abiding persons eighteen years of age and not otherwise prohibited may carry a concealed weapon lawfully without a permit; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 3—

BY SENATORS CLOUD, ALLAIN, BASS, CATHEY, CONNICK, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, HENSGENS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, MORRIS, REESE, SEABAUGH, STINE, TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES CREWS AND MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 804(1), relative to delinquency proceedings and juvenile court jurisdiction; to amend the definition of "child" for purposes of delinquency proceedings; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 5—

BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT AND MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(C) and (D)(8) and (9) and 574.4.1(A)(1) and (D)(1) and to enact R.S. 15:574.4.1(E), relative to parole; to provide relative to parole procedures; to provide relative to the votes required for parole decisions; to provide relative to victim and law enforcement notification; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 9—

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Respectfully submitted,
CLEO FIELDS
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Bills were signed by the President of the Senate.

Message from the House

**SIGNED HOUSE BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

February 29, 2024

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, HORTON, AND MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 43 of Title 13 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 13:5991 through 5993, and Children's Code Article 412(N), relative to access to criminal justice records; to establish the Truth and Transparency in the Louisiana Criminal Justice System Program; to provide relative to the identification of minute entries; to provide relative to access of minute entries; to require the transmission to the online portal maintained by the Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access Authority; to provide relative to duties and obligations; to provide relative to immunity from suit; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA AND MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2793.11, relative to immunity from liability for peace officers and certain public entities; to provide for immunity from civil liability for peace officers and certain public entities; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, BACALA, COX, HILFERTY, AND MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR HODGES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:64.2(B), relative to the crime of carjacking; to enhance the penalties for the crime of carjacking; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 11—

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO, BACALA, BOYER, COX, FONTENOT, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, AND WILEY AND SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893(A)(1)(a) and (4), (B)(3), (G), and (H)(1) through (3), 899.1(A), and 900(A)(6)(b) through (d) and R.S. 15:574.7(B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (C), and (D) and 574.9(H), to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 900(A)(6)(e), and to repeal Code of Criminal Procedure Article 899.2 and R.S. 15:574.7(E), relative to violations and sanctions for probation and parole supervision; to provide relative to probation time periods; to provide relative to a technical violation of probation or parole; to provide relative to administrative sanctions for violation of probation or parole; to provide relative to revocation of probation or parole; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 23—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE AND SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:257(C) and Code of Civil Procedure Article 1880 and to enact Code of Civil Procedure Articles 855.1 and 1845 and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 62(D), relative to procedures challenging the constitutionality of state law; to provide for procedures for actions alleging unconstitutionality of laws; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:2(B)(61), relative to crimes of violence; to designate the crime of illegal use of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities as a crime of violence; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRAUD, BUTLER, CARLSON, ROBBY CARTER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, GADBERRY, HORTON, ILLG, MIKE JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, MCMAKIN, MYERS, OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, SELDERS, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WILDER, WILEY, AND WYBLE AND SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:967.1, relative to controlled dangerous substances; to provide for the unlawful distribution of fentanyl under certain circumstances; to provide for a penalty; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO AND MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(A)(1)(a), (2), (3), (4)(introductory paragraph), (5)(a)(introductory paragraph), and (6)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 15:574.22, relative to parole; to provide relative to parole eligibility; to provide for the restriction of parole eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

and asked that the President of the Senate affix his signature to the same.

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

The House Bills and Joint Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.

Message to the Governor
SIGNED SENATE BILLS

February 29, 2024

To the Honorable Governor of the State of Louisiana:

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have signed the following Senate Bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 1—

BY SENATORS MIGUEZ, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BASS, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, COUSSAN, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, MCMATH, MORRIS, OWEN, REESE, SEABAUGH, STINE, TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, GADBERRY, GALLE, GEYMANN, GLORIOSO, HENRY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, LACOMBE, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MUSCARELLO, ORGERON, OWEN, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, TARVER, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, WILDER, WILEY, WRIGHT AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(M) and R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2)(a), (M), and (O) and to enact R.S. 14:95(N), relative to illegal carrying of weapons; to provide that law-abiding persons eighteen years of age and not otherwise prohibited may carry a concealed weapon lawfully without a permit; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 3—

BY SENATORS CLOUD, ALLAIN, BASS, CATHEY, CONNICK, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, HENSGENS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, MORRIS, REESE, SEABAUGH, STINE, TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES CREWS AND MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 804(1), relative to delinquency proceedings and juvenile court jurisdiction; to amend the definition of "child" for purposes of delinquency proceedings; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 5—

BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT AND MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(C) and (D)(8) and (9) and 574.4.1(A)(1) and (D)(1) and to enact R.S. 15:574.4.1(E), relative to parole; to provide relative to parole procedures; to provide relative to the votes required for parole decisions; to provide relative to victim and law enforcement notification; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 9—

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, COUSSAN, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MORRIS, OWEN, PRESSLY, PRICE, REESE, SEABAUGH, STINE, TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHASSION, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MANDIE LANDRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, MELERINE, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, WALTERS, WRIGHT, WYBLE AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 572(B)(1) and (2), relative to limitations upon institution of prosecutions; to provide relative to newly discovered photographic or video evidence of certain offenses; and to provide for related matters.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:571.3(B)(1)(a), the introductory paragraph of (C), (D), and (F) and to enact R.S. 15:571.3(G), relative to diminution of a sentence for good behavior; to provide for reduction of good time credit for offenders convicted in the death of a peace officer or first responder; and to provide for related matters.

and they are hereby presented for executive approval.

Respectfully submitted,
YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Present status, Name. Lists members like Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Coussan, Duplessis, Total - 39.

ABSENT

Total - 0

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 2:57 o'clock P.M. moved the Senate adjourn Sine Die.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned Sine Die.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE
Journal Clerk

Post Session Legislative Actions

Following final adjournment, the instruments contained in the following messages were acted upon on the dates indicated.

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

February 29, 2024

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HOUSE BILL NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BUTLER, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, CARLSON, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, CREWS, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GREEN, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, MACK, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MOORE, NEWELL, ORGERON, OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 320(D) and (E)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and 893(A)(1)(a), (B)(3), and (F) through (H), R.S. 13:5304(B)(3)(b), and R.S. 15:529.1(C)(3) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893(B)(2)(c) and (I) and 904, relative to mandatory drug testing and screening; to require drug testing and screening of persons arrested for certain offenses; to provide relative to assessment for participation in drug and specialty court programs for certain nonviolent offenders; to provide relative to confidentiality of drug testing and screening records; to provide relative to the funding for administration of drug and specialty courts; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO, MIKE JOHNSON, AND WRIGHT AND SENATORS MORRIS AND SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:571.5(C), to enact R.S. 15:571.3(G) and 571.3.1, and to repeal R.S. 15:571.3(C) and (D) and 574.6.1 and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 895.6, relative to eligibility for good time credits; to provide relative to the automatic earning of good time credits by offenders for good behavior; to provide for the elimination of earned compliance credits while on probation or parole; to provide relative to the earning of additional good time credit through participation and completion of certain programs while incarcerated; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4—

BY REPRESENTATIVES EMERSON AND MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 930.4(F) and (G) and 930.8(A)(1) and (D) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 930.8(E), relative to procedures utilized in post conviction proceedings; to provide relative to the timeliness of post conviction applications; to provide relative to the procedural requirements of post conviction applications; to provide relative to the exceptions to the time limitations of post conviction applications; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MUSCARELLO AND MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:569(A) through (C) and 570(A)(4) and (F) through (H) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(8) and to enact R.S. 15:569(E) and (F) and 570(I) and (J), relative to the execution of a death sentence; to provide for the methods of execution; to provide for the confidentiality of records or information relating to the execution of a death sentence; to provide for disclosure of certain information to the state inspector general; to provide for review of certain information by the state inspector general; to provide for a civil cause of action relative to the unauthorized disclosure of information or records relating to the execution of a death sentence; to provide for an exception to the Public Records Law and for family members of public officials; to provide for counseling services; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AND SENATOR EDMONDS
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.

and asked that the President of the Senate affix his signature to the same.

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

The House Bills and Joint Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.

**Privileged Report of the Committee on
Senate and Governmental Affairs**

ENROLLMENTS

Senator Fields, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

March 1, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

The following Senate Bills have been properly enrolled:

SENATE BILL NO. 2—

BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1821(B)(1), relative to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System; to provide for the years of creditable service required for board membership; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

SENATE BILL NO. 4—

BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2063 and 2076, relative to the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System; to provide for retirement allowances; to provide for application of leave in calculating retirement allowances; to provide for optional allowances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 7—

BY SENATOR CONNICK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:909(A), (B), and (C), relative to state juvenile institutions; to provide relative to reporting of escapes from juvenile institutions; to expand reporting requirements for juvenile escapes to facilities that house juveniles on behalf of the state; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 8—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 2-C of Title 12 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:3580.1 through R.S. 9:3580.5, relative to the creation of the Litigation Financing Disclosure Act; to provide for definitions, terms, and conditions; to provide for discovery; to provide for contract disclosures; to

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provide with respect to class action lawsuits; to provide for violations and contracts; and to provide for related matters.

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CLEO FIELDS
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Message to the Governor

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Secretary of the Senate