

THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL  
OF THE  
**SENATE**  
OF THE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
**FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Eleventh Organizational Meeting of the Senate  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 8, 2024

The Senate was called to order at 10:04 o'clock A.M. by Hon. Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll being called, the following members-elect answered to their names:

PRESENT

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

Total - 39

ABSENT

Total - 0

The President of the Senate announced there were 39 members-elect present and a quorum.

**Invocation**

The prayer was offered by The Hon. Mike Johnson, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives following which the Senate was led by Camden Cooper Womack in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Messages from the  
Secretary of the State**

The following messages from the Secretary of State were received and read as follows:

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
SECRETARY OF STATE

December 5, 2023

To the President of the Senate  
State of Louisiana

Dear President Cortez:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with R.S. 18:573, the name of the persons who have received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of State Senator in the Legislature of Louisiana from their respective Senatorial Districts, and who have been duly proclaimed elected.

With best wishes,  
R. KYLE ARDOIN  
Secretary of State

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
SECRETARY OF STATE

As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that the following candidates were declared elected by the people as State Senator to the district set beside their name:

1 <sup>st</sup> Senatorial District	Robert "Bob" Owen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District	Edward "Ed" Price
3 <sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District	Joseph "Joe" Bouie
4 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Jimmy" Harris
5 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Royce Duplessis
6 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Rick" Edmonds
7 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Gary Carter Jr.
8 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Patrick Connick
9 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	J. Cameron Henry Jr.
10 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Kirk Talbot
11 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Patrick McMath
12 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Beth" Mizell
13 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Valarie Hodges
14 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Cleo Fields
15 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Regina Barrow
16 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Franklin Foil
17 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Caleb Seth Kleinpeter
18 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Eddie J. Lambert
19 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Gregory A. Miller
20 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Michael "Big Mike" Fesi
21 <sup>st</sup> Senatorial District	Robert Allain
22 <sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District	Blake Miguez
23 <sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District	Jean-Paul Coussan
24 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Gerald Boudreaux
25 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Mark Abraham
26 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Bob" Hensgens
27 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Jeremy Stine
28 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Heather Cloud
29 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Wendell Jay Luneau
30 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Mike" Reese
31 <sup>st</sup> Senatorial District	Alan Seabaugh
32 <sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District	Glen D. Womack
33 <sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District	Stewart Cathey Jr.
34 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Katrina Jackson
35 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Jay" Morris
36 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Adam" Bass
37 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Bill" Wheat Jr.
38 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Thomas A. Pressly
39 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Samuel "Sam" L. Jenkins Jr.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on December 5, 2023.

R. KYLE ARDOIN  
Secretary of State

January 8, 2024

Senator Foil moved that the qualifications of the above named Senators-elect be accepted and the Senators should be administered the Oath of Office.

Without objection.

Administering the Oath of Office

The oath prescribed by Article X, Section 30, of the Constitution was administered by Yolanda J. Dixon, to the following hereinafter named Senators-elect:

Table listing names of Senators-elect in three columns: Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Coussan, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

Organization

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President of the Senate declared the election of a President of the Senate was now in order:

Election of President of the Senate

Rules Suspended

Senator Lambert moved that Rule 3.1.1 of the Senate relative to the nomination of the President and President Pro Tempore by ballot be suspended.

The Chair declared the rules were suspended.

Senator Talbot placed in nomination the name of Senator J. Cameron Henry Jr.

Senator Harris seconded the nomination.

Senator Hensgens moved the nominations be closed and Senator Henry be elected President of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

YEAS

Table listing names of Senators in three columns: Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Coussan, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Senator Henry was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Jamie Domilise Henry.

Senate President Henry in the Chair

Election of President Pro Tempore of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a President Pro Tempore of the Senate was now in order.

Senator Mizell placed in nomination the name of Senator Regina A. Barrow.

Senator Jackson seconded the nomination.

Senator Fields moved the nominations be closed and Senator Barrow be elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

YEAS

Table listing names of Senators in three columns: Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Coussan, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Senator Barrow was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Dr. Kevin L. James.

Election of Secretary of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a Secretary of the Senate was now in order.

Senator Boudreaux placed in nomination the name of Yolanda J. Dixon.

Senator Mizell seconded the nomination.

Senator Fields moved the nominations be closed and Yolanda J. Dixon be elected Secretary of the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following results:

**YEAS**

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

Total - 39

**NAYS**

Total - 0

**ABSENT**

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Yolanda J. Dixon was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by J. W. Wiley.

**Election of Sergeant at Arms of the Senate**

The President of the Senate declared the election of a Sergeant at Arms of the Senate was now in order.

Senator Price placed in nomination the name of Louis W. Carral Jr.

Senator Reese seconded the nomination.

Senator Barrow moved the nominations be closed and Louis W. Carral Jr. be elected Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following results:

**YEAS**

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

Total - 39

**NAYS**

Total - 0

**ABSENT**

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Louis W. Carral Jr. was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Yolanda J. Dixon.

**Benediction**

The benediction was offered by The Hon. Mike Johnson, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Pressly the Senate adjourned its organizational meeting.

YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE  
Journal Clerk