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STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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**SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

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**Fiftieth Regular Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

The Senate was called to order at 4:09 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

**Morning Hour**

**CONVENING ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mr. President	Fesi	Miguez
Abraham	Fields	Miller
Allain	Foil	Mizell
Barrow	Harris	Morris
Bass	Hensgens	Price
Boudreaux	Hodges	Reese
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Carter	Jenkins	Stine
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Talbot
Connick	Lambert	Wheat
Coussan	Luneau	Womack
Duplessis	McMath	
Total - 35		

ABSENT

Cloud	Owen
Edmonds	Pressly
Total - 4	

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

**Prayer**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Kenneth McKnight, 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 Barrow, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of March 11, 2024, was adopted.

**Introduction of Senate Bills  
and Joint Resolutions**

**SENATE BILL NO. 384—**  
BY SENATOR FIELDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:104(B), 562(A)(2)(b), 1306(E)(1), 1307(A), and 1309(D)(1)(b), relative to voter identification; to provide for application for voter registration form requirements; to provide for voter identification affidavit requirements; to provide for absentee by mail ballot envelope information requirements; to provide for early voting verification information; and to provide for related matters.

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

**Introduction of Senate Resolutions**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7—**

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to prepare and deliver to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary C and the Senate Committee on Finance, no later than June 30, 2024, a list of any and all educational, vocational, substance abuse treatment, faith-based, values development, or other rehabilitative programs available to inmates at each of the department's correctional facilities.

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

**Introduction of  
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—**

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request each hospital service district in Louisiana to include nurse representation on their patient care decision-making body.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—**

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to develop a strategy for statewide implementation of the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program.

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

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 377—**

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.1(A), relative to illegal possession of a firearm or concealed carry of a weapon; to prohibit possession of a firearm or carrying a concealed weapon by persons convicted of certain felonies; to provide for consideration of certain juvenile offenses; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 378—**

BY SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:42(B)(3), relative to the Firefighters' Retirement System; to provide for the amortization of unfunded accrued liabilities; 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 Retirement.

**SENATE BILL NO. 379—**

BY SENATORS MIGUEZ AND KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 32:57(J) and 268, relative to the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge; to repeal designation as a highway safety corridor; to repeal provisions for camera safety devices; to repeal provisions relative to traffic regulations; to repeal provisions for signs and penalties; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 380—

BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2116.1(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 40:2116.1(A)(4) and (B)(2)(e), relative to nursing facilities within the South Lafourche Levee District; to create an exception to the moratorium on additional nursing facilities; to allow for an additional nursing facility within the district; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 381—

BY SENATOR MILLER

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.

SENATE BILL NO. 382—

BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.27(B), relative to civil liability and damages; to provide relative to recoverable medical expenses; to provide with respect to adjusting the award and payment of medical expenses; to provide relative to payment of recoverable medical expenses from collateral sources; to provide for limitations of the amount of medical expenses paid by collateral sources; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 383—

BY SENATOR DUPLISSIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 930.4(G) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 930.3(9), 930.4(H), and 930.8(A)(7), relative to post conviction relief; to provide relative to applications for post conviction relief based upon a conviction obtained by a non-unanimous jury verdict; to provide relative to grounds for relief; to provide relative to repetitive applications for relief; to provide relative to time limitations; and to provide for related matters.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Dr. Hans Paulsen Armstrong on the occasion of his passing on December 28, 2023.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Cynthia Gallent Morris upon the occasion of her passing on November 16, 2023, at age of ninety-two.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Dr. Donald Gene Luther upon the occasion of his passing on December 4, 2023, at the age of eighty-seven; and

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Stanton Pendery Gibbens Jr.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to call a convention of states for the purpose of proposing amendments to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact reforms to federal permitting policies to accelerate deployment of new energy infrastructure.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize Congress of the United States to support the extension of funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) of 2021, which provides Louisiana residents access to broadband services.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—

BY SENATOR FESI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request state and local law enforcement agencies to cooperate with federal authorities in discovering and closing clandestine branches of the Chinese Ministry of Public Security.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—**

BY SENATOR CARTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to apply to participate in the CMS Transforming Maternal Health Model.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—**

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miguez
Abraham	Fesi	Miller
Allain	Fields	Mizell
Barrow	Foil	Morris
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hodges	Reese
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Carter	Jenkins	Stine
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Talbot
Connick	Lambert	Wheat
Coussan	Luneau	Womack
Duplessis	McMath	
Total - 35		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cloud	Owen
Harris	Price
Total - 4	

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

**Message from the House**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT 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 and asks your concurrence in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HCR No. 12 HCR No. 15 HCR No. 16

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

**House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN AND SENATOR BASS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Trey Maxwell of Trey Maxwell Logging on the prestigious honor of being named the 2023 Louisiana Outstanding Logger of the Year and for his commitment and dedication to practicing safe and efficient logging practices in Northwest Louisiana.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN AND COATES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend United Way of Southeast Louisiana on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, March 14, 2024, as Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Day at the state capitol.

The resolution 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**

**JUDICIARY A**

Senator Gregory A. Miller, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary A, submitted the following report:

March 12, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 32—**

BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 3421, 3422, 3422.1(B), (C), and (E), 3431, 3432, 3432.1, 3434, and 3443, and to enact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 3433, relative to small succession procedures; to provide for the definition of a small succession; to provide for court costs; to provide for immovable property damaged by disaster; to provide for judicial proceedings; to provide for affidavits for small successions; to provide for the delivery of property; to provide for the sale of succession property; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 49—**

BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2449.1 and R.S. 22:911.1, relative to divorce; to provide with respect to certain beneficiary designation prior to divorce; to provide for the automatic revocation of certain benefits upon divorce; to provide with respect to certain retirement accounts; to provide relative to life insurance; to provide for liability of payor of certain proceeds upon death; to

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provide relative to exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 61—  
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 12 of Chapter 1 of Title VIII of Book I of the Civil Code, comprised of Arts. 354 through 362, relative to continuing tutorship; to provide for full continuing tutorship; to provide for limited continuing tutorship; to provide procedures; to provide for the petition; to provide for the contents of the decree; to provide for the authority of the tutor and undertutor; to provide for termination; to provide for legal capacity; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 103—  
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 192.2, Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 25.1 and 433(A) and (C), and Code of Evidence Art. 604, and to enact Code of Evidence Art. 604.1, relative to the appointment of interpreters in court proceedings; to provide for the appointment of interpreters in civil proceedings; to provide for the appointment of interpreters in criminal proceedings; to provide for persons permitted to be present at grand jury sessions; to provide for the qualifications of court-appointed interpreters; to provide for recordation and retention of interpreted communications; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 121—  
BY SENATOR COUSSAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 4843 and to repeal Code of Civil Procedure Art. 4843(H), relative to jurisdiction of city courts; to provide relative to the amount in dispute when the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court; to provide with respect to the jurisdictional amount in dispute in the City Court of Crowley, the City Court of Lafayette, and the City Court of Rayne; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 333—  
BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 3721, relative to methods of enforcing mortgages; to provide relative to civil actions; to provide with respect to provisions of the judgment; to provide relative to specific amounts, costs, expenses, and fees; to provide relative to terms, conditions, procedures, and requirements; to provide relative to judicial process, collection proceedings, and sales under fieri facias; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,  
GREGORY A. MILLER  
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
JUDICIARY B

Senator Mike Reese, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

March 12, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 36—  
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:5554.13, relative to the payment of group insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in West Feliciana Parish; to create a permanent fund; to provide for the depositing of certain monies into the fund; to provide for investment of monies in the fund; to authorize the withdrawal of earnings; to provide for limitations on appropriations from the fund; to provide for audits of the fund; to provide for the membership of the investment advisory board; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 50—  
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:90.8, relative to sports wagering; to prohibit certain persons from wagering on sports events; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 99—  
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:177, relative to breeder awards; to provide relative to the amount of breeder awards; to provide for terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
MIKE REESE  
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
JUDICIARY C

Senator John C. "Jay" Morris III, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary C, submitted the following report:

March 12, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 6—  
BY SENATOR CONNICK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:73.14, relative to computer related crime; to create the crime of unlawful distribution of misleading synthetic media; to provide definitions; to provide penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 17—  
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:964(Schedule I)(G), relative to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; to add Tianeptine to

Schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 24—  
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To repeal Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 234, relative to booking photographs; to remove certain limitations on the release and dissemination of booking photographs; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 33—  
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:67(C) and to enact R.S. 14:67(E), relative to the crime of theft; to provide relative to theft from a porch or other unenclosed portion of a residence or inhabited dwelling; to provide relative to theft from multiple victims; to provide relative to intent to permanently deprive a victim of property; to provide relative to penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 34—  
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:64.4(A) and 65(A), relative to robbery; to provide relative to simple and second degree robbery; to provide relative to organized robbery from a retail establishment; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 91—  
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 926.1(A)(1) and (H)(3), relative to post-conviction DNA testing; to extend the time period for filing an application for post-conviction DNA testing; to extend the time period for preservation of biological material under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 107—  
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:81.6, relative to offenses affecting the public morals; to create the crime of possessing, trafficking, or importing a child sex doll; to provide definitions; to provide penalties; to provide relative to reporting; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 306—  
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:46.2(A)(1)(a), (B)(2), and (F)(1), and 46.3(D), relative to the penalties for human trafficking; to increase the penalties for human trafficking committed against certain victims; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 339—  
BY SENATOR HARRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:96(A) and 97(A), and to enact R.S. 14:97(C), relative to obstructing highways of commerce; to provide relative to the definition of a railway; to increase certain penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN C. "JAY" MORRIS III  
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

Senator Franklin J. Foil, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, submitted the following report:

March 12, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 147—  
BY SENATOR CONNICK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1566(B) and 1568(B), relative to the assessment of taxes; to provide relative to self-assessments; to provide relative to mailing of the notice when a taxpayer self-assesses; to provide relative to the mailing of such notices to international addresses; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 373—  
BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:120.32(A)(1) and (B), relative to the state individual income tax return checkoff for certain donations to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund; to correct a statutory citation to the fund; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANKLIN J. FOIL  
Chairman

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Fesi	Miller
Abraham	Fields	Mizell
Allain	Foil	Morris
Barrow	Harris	Pressly
Bass	Hensgens	Price
Boudreaux	Hodges	Reese
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
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Connick	Lambert	Wheat
Coussan	Luneau	Womack
Duplessis	McMath	
Edmonds	Miguez	
Total - 37		

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**ABSENT**

Cloud Owen  
Total - 2

**Leaves of Absence**

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Cloud 1 Day Owen, R. 1 Day

**Announcements**

The following committee meetings for March 13, 2024, were announced:

Commerce	10:00 A.M.	Room E
Education	1:00 P.M.	Hainkel Room
Finance	At Adj	Room A
Health and Welfare	11:00 A.M.	Hainkel Room
Insurance	10:00 A.M.	Room A
Natural Resources	1:00 P.M.	Room A
Senate and Gov't Affairs	9:30 A.M.	Room F
Transportation	1:00 P.M.	Room E

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 4:28 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 2:30 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