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Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

The Senate was called to order at 4:15 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Carter
Total - 2

The President of the Senate announced there were 37 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Apostle Lawrence Hardy, 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 18, 2024, was adopted.

Motion

Senator Womack moved to suspend the rules to take up House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

**House Concurrent Resolutions on
Second Reading**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC AND SENATOR WOMACK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as Main Street Day at the state capitol.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fields	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Price
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	Luneau	Wheat
Connick	McMath	Womack
Coussan	Miguez	
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 34		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bouie	Fesi	Pressly
Duplessis	Harris	
Total - 5		

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

Message from the House

**CONCURRING IN
SENATE 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 concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—
BY SENATOR MIZELL
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and recognize the cultural and historic links between Ireland and Louisiana and the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus.

Reported without amendments.

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16—
BY SENATOR ALLAIN
A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of St. Mary Parish Sheriff Blaise Smith.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17—
BY SENATORS DUPLESSIS, HENRY, BOUIE AND CARTER
A RESOLUTION

To commend Michael A. Fitts on his ten years as president of the Tulane University of Louisiana and designate March 20, 2024, as Tulane Day at the State Capitol.

Senator Duplessis asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 17 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18—
BY SENATOR MCMATH
A RESOLUTION

To recognize Saturday, October 5, 2024, as Ostomy Awareness Day.

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

**Introduction of
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Edgar Lawrence "Dooky" Chase III and to honor the remarkable life he lived and the profound impact he made on his community.

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. 387—
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:57.1, relative to criminal damage to property; to create the crime of vandalizing, tampering with, or destroying a crime camera system; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; 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. 388—
BY SENATORS HODGES AND KLEINPETER
AN ACT

To enact Subpart E of Part VI of Chapter 1 of Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 14:112.21 through 112.23, and R.S. 49:216, relative to crimes of unlawful entry or unlawful reentry by an alien into this state and authorizes an interstate compact to deter illegal immigration; to create the crime of unlawful entry into this state by an alien; to create the crime of unlawful reentry by an alien into this state; to provide with respect for the refusal to comply with an order to return to a foreign nation; to prohibit the abatement or termination of prosecution in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide penalties; to provide for authorization by the governor to develop and negotiate an interstate compact to deter illegal immigration into the state by assisting border states with respect to entry or reentry by an illegal alien into this state; to provide for the assistance of the attorney general; to provide for severability; to provide for effective dates; 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. 389—
BY SENATOR PRICE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:101(C), 103(B), 291(F)(1), 325(C)(2) and (4), 326.1, 326.3(A) and (E), 326.4(A), 329.1(C), 329.2(A), 332, 334, 421(E), 3086.24(J)(1) and R.S. 49:214.6.8(B)(1)(c), relative to the Lafourche Basin Levee District; to change the name of the Lafourche Basin Levee District; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 390—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4161.1(D), relative to stormwater management utility districts; to provide with respect to districts in St. Landry Parish; to provide relative to the collection of stormwater management utility districts' utility fees; to provide relative to authority to enter into a contract; to provide relative to indemnity bonds and liability insurance; 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 Local and Municipal Affairs.

SENATE BILL NO. 391—
BY SENATOR CARTER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Arts. 452, 458, and 3413, relative to the use of public things and obstruction of public use; to provide relative to the right to fish; to provide relative to the right to land; to provide for the inclusion of water bodies; to provide for definitions; 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. 392—
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2150.1(4)(a)(ii) and (iii), (8), (15), (17) and (18), the introductory paragraph of 2159(A) and 2161(A)(2) and (3) and to enact R.S. 37:2150.1(19), relative to contractors; to provide for types of contracting services; to provide for costs thresholds for licensure associated with new residential structures and improvements and repairs of residential structures; to provide relative to terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 393—
BY SENATOR MILLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1993, the headings of Chapter 5 and Part I of Subtitle III of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 47:2122, 2124, 2126, 2127, 2130, 2132 through 2136, 2151, 2153 through 2156, 2158 through 2160, 2162, 2163, Part V of Chapter 5 of Subtitle III of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:2241 through 2247, the headings of Part VI and Subpart A of Chapter 5 of Subtitle III of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 2266, 2286, 2287, 2289, 2290, and 2291(A) and (B), to enact R.S. 47:2127.1, 2140, 2150, 2151.1, 2160.1, and 2267, and to repeal R.S. 47:2121, 2123, 2128, 2131, 2152, 2157, 2161, Part IV of Chapter 5 of Subtitle III of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:2196 through 2238.9, R.S. 47:2271 through 2280, and 2288, relative to the assessment, payment and allocation of ad valorem taxes; to provide for the preparation and filing of tax rolls; to provide for payment of taxes and sale of property for delinquent taxes; to provide for definitions; to provide for interest, penalties, liens

and privileges; to provide relative to tax lien auctions; to provide for tax lien certificates and processes related thereto; to repeal provisions related to tax sales of property; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

**Senate Resolutions on
Second Reading**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13—
BY SENATOR FESI

A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, April 11, 2024, as Child Advocacy Center Day in Louisiana.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Community Responder Task Force to study the implementation of a partnership between law enforcement agencies, behavioral health providers, and hospitals to reduce or eliminate incidents of law enforcement officers responding to nonviolent calls or behavioral or social crises in which no crime has taken place.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Carol Gelderman.

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

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions on
Second Reading**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—
BY SENATOR LAMBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to develop and implement a plan for managed care organizations to provide reimbursement for psychological services provided by psychology interns and post-doctoral fellows.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—
BY SENATOR REESE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to amend federal law to allow states to provide for the consolidation of federally funded workforce development services with federally funded social safety net services.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—
BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 9, 2024, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day at the state capitol.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bouie	Harris
Fesi	Miguez
Total - 4	

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Energy to recognize the global benefits of liquefied natural gas exports.

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

Message from the House

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE 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 and asks your concurrence in the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

- HB No. 55 HB No. 124 HB No. 161
- HB No. 449 HB No. 641 HB No. 648

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

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions
on First Reading**

HOUSE BILL NO. 55—
BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, BROWN, CARLSON, WILFORD, CARTER, CHENEVERT, EDMONSTON, EGAN, GLORIOSO, MIKE JOHNSON, LARVADAIN, MELERINE, TAYLOR, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To provide relative to Act No. 470 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to an adopted person's original birth certificate; to provide for the naming of a previous Act of the legislature; to provide for the naming of a certain Act

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addressing an adopted person's original birth certificate; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 124—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 60 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana and to repeal Section 3 of Act No. 60 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to the Uniform Transfer to Minors Act; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 161—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2717.3, relative to nondisclosure agreements; to provide for the applicability of nondisclosure agreements; to provide for definitions; to provide for nondisclosure agreements under certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 449—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4552(C) and to enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4552(D), relative to mailing of judgment of interdiction; to provide that interdiction records be mailed to the registrar of voters; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 641—
BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX, BAYHAM, BOYD, BRAUD, BRYANT, CHASSION, COX, DEWITT, GREEN, JACKSON, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MUSCARELLO, NEWELL, SELDERS, THOMPSON, AND WALTERS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.230 through 463.236, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the establishment of the "3" for Cyclists", the "Support our Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", "Evangel Christian Academy", "United States Submarine Veterans", "Leesville High School Alumni", and "Humane Society of Louisiana" specialty license plates; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 648—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ZERINGUE, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COX, DEWITT, DOMANGUE, FONTENOT, GREEN, ILLG, KERNER, OWEN, TAYLOR, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To designate the bridge on Louisiana Highway 648 over Bayou Lafourche as the "Austin Bush Memorial Bridge" and to provide for related matters.

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

Message from the House

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

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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. 5 HCR No. 27 HCR No. 30

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

**House Concurrent Resolutions
on First Reading**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint "America 250" on license plates for private passenger motor vehicles and to issue such plates not later than January 2, 2025, through December 31, 2026, or until the Department of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its inventory of plates.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Saturday, March 23, 2024, as Moon Pie Festival Day at the state capitol.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Toni Jarreau on her outstanding achievements in four years of wrestling at Walker High School.

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

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on
Second Reading**

HOUSE BILL NO. 21—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:3425(B) and Code of Civil Procedure Article 5094, relative to absent persons; to provide for service of process by commercial courier; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 27—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:3715.1(B)(1), relative to service of process; to provide for delivery of notice of subpoena for medical records by commercial courier; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 117—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.230, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 123—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2717.2 and to repeal Sections 2 and 3 of Act No. 440 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to contracts with minors; to provide relative to interactive computer services; to provide for public policy; to provide for consent by a legal representative; to provide for exceptions; to provide for nullity; to provide for definitions; 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 Judiciary A.

HOUSE BILL NO. 136—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 175 in Mansfield, Louisiana, in DeSoto Parish as the "Jerius Marshall Highway"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 133 in Start, Louisiana, in Richland Parish as the "Luke Letlow Memorial Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 278—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 1 of Act No. 50 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the designation of Louisiana Highway 383 in Jefferson Davis Parish; to change the mile marker identifiers for the designation of the memorial highway; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 432—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.230, relative to motor vehicle prestige license plates; to establish the "Louisiana State University Baseball National Champions" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate; and to provide for related matters.

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

**AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY,
AQUACULTURE, AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Senator Stewart Cathey Jr., Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 82—
BY SENATOR ALLAIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1(7), 1024, and 3225(A), relative to the state chemist; to provide relative to the director of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center or his designee; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 95—
BY SENATOR WHEAT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:743(B) and (C), relative to strayed animals, to provide for the possession of a strayed animal; to provide for additional notification methods; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 104—
BY SENATOR WHEAT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3004(A), 3005(B), and 3006, relative to livestock found at large; to provide for who may take possession of livestock found at large; to provide for notice and procedure for the sale of unclaimed livestock; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 114—
BY SENATOR CATHEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4215(B)(2) and 4222(C) and to enact R.S. 3:4215(E), relative to meat and poultry inspection; to provide relative to the preparation of carcasses, parts thereof, meat and meat food products; to provide relative to what constitutes a person or business; to provide relative to voluntary inspection services; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 117—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:21, relative to the Agricultural Meteorology Program; to create a program within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide relative to the purpose of the program; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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SENATE BILL NO. 249—
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1382(E), 1391(7) through (26), 1392(B)(2), 1393(A), 1396(A)(1) and (6) through (9), and 1398(A) and to enact R.S. 3:1391(27), 1396(A)(10) through (13), and 1400(A)(5), relative to the Louisiana Agricultural Chemistry and Seed Commission; to provide relative to the state chemist's responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to the commission's powers and authority; to provide relative to registration and labeling; to provide for commercial feed adulteration; to provide relative to inspection, sampling, and analysis regulations; to provide relative to deficiency assessments; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 326—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:4276(17), relative to the state forester; to provide for the powers and duties of the state forester; to provide for training and education related to certain circumstances; to provide relative to post-traumatic stress and emotional support; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 328—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:4276(17), relative to the state forester; to provide for the powers and duties of the state forester; to provide for a training program regarding certain practices and procedures; to provide relative to forest fire and wildfire suppression; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
STEWART CATHEY JR.
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Senator Eddie J. Lambert, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Environmental Quality, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 73—
BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:2075.4, relative to community sewerage systems; to create and provide for the Community Sewerage System Infrastructure Sustainability Act; to provide for public purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for compliance status verification and fiscal status verification requirements for certain community sewerage systems; to provide for the duties of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Department of Health, and the legislative auditor; to provide for prohibited uses of sewerage system funds; to provide for penalties; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
EDDIE J. LAMBERT
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY A

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

March 19, 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. 16—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of Code of Evidence Art. 702(A) and (4), relative to expert testimony; to provide for a burden of proof; to provide with respect to expert opinions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 35—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Art. 2652, relative to liability; to provide relative to litigious rights; to provide with respect to the sale and assignment of litigious rights; to provide relative to the assignment of a promissory note or other debt instrument; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 39—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Arts. 412(I), 421, the introductory paragraph of 617(A) and (4), the introductory paragraph of 618(A), (2), and (3), 648, 672(A)(2), 683(E) and (F), 718(A), 720(A), (B)(1) and (6), (C), and (D), 776(A), 781(D) and (E), 895, 1004(B), (D), and (F), 1007(B), 1015.2(B), 1016(A) and (B), 1019(C), 1035(B), the introductory paragraph of 1036(C), the introductory paragraph of (D) and (E), 1036.2(E), 1037.1(A), 1107.8(A), 1124(C), 1125(B), 1132(D), the introductory paragraph of 1170(A), 1200(B)(7)(a)(iii), 1223(B)(7)(a)(iii), 1264, 1267(2), 1409(T), 1428, 1436, and the introductory paragraph of 1569(A), (4), and (7), and to enact Children's Code Art. 625.1, relative to the continuous revision of the Children's Code; to provide for cross-references; to provide for technical corrections; to provide for advising children of their rights; to provide for notice to the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for notice to Mental Health Advocacy Services; to provide for the child's right to counsel; to provide for the disapproval of the placement of children; to provide for the purpose and motion of guardianship; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 41—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 102, relative to purpose and construction of the Children's Code; to provide that one purpose of the Louisiana Children's Code is to promote public safety; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 92—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 1150(4), relative to the Safe Haven Law; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to infant; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 108—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 19:2(7), relative to expropriation; to provide for the generating, transmitting, and distributing of electricity and steam by certain corporations and other legal entities; to prohibit the expropriation of certain transmission lines; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 131—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:4812(D), relative to privileges on immovables; to provide relative to claims against owners and contractors; to provide relative to the furnishing and maintenance of bonds; to provide relative to the liability of sureties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 238—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Art. 642 and R.S. 9:2726, and to enact R.S. 9:1114, relative to rights of use of immovable property; to provide for summary procedure for pipeline crossing disputes; to provide for notice; 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 19, 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. 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.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 43—
BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.1.4(B)(2) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.1.4(F), relative to carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement officers; to provide for the definition of qualified retired law enforcement officer to include retired reserve officers; to provide for a definition of reserve officer; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 111—
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1667.1(A)(2)(a), relative to supplemental pay for certain law enforcement officers whose agency is headquartered in the city of Lake Charles under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 161—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:587.7(A)(3)(c), relative to a volunteer and employee criminal history system; to provide for the definition of individuals; to provide for contractors of qualified entities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 208—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:81 through 85, relative to sanctuary policies for illegal immigration; to provide with respect to prohibition on sanctuary policies; to provide relative to local governments' required cooperation with federal immigration authorities; to provide relative to duties related to immigration detainers; to provide relative to enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 223—
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:2(28), relative to alcoholic beverages; to provide for the definition of "solicitor"; 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 19, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

March 19, 2024

SENATE BILL NO. 79—

BY SENATOR MORRIS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 105—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.1(A), (B), and (D), relative to the crime of possession of firearms or carrying concealed weapons by a person convicted of certain crimes; to make the crime applicable to a person convicted of any felony; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 132—

BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.2.1(A), relative to the crime of illegal carrying of a firearm at a parade; to provide relative to penalties; to require that the first year of any sentence of imprisonment be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 152—

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(M) and R.S. 40:1379.3(I), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide relative to exceptions; to make technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 214—

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.5(C)(2), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide an exception for the lawful concealed carry of a handgun in a restaurant that serves alcoholic beverages; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 233—

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1379.1.3(D) and 1379.1.4(F), relative to carrying of concealed firearms; to provide relative to carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers and qualified retired law enforcement officers; to provide relative to penalties for violation of concealed carry provisions; to provide relative to authority of attorney general to bring civil actions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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; and to provide for

consideration of certain juvenile offenses; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

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 19, 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. 191—

BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302(K)(7)(b), 1403(A)(5) and (B)(4), and 1565(C)(2), relative to the enforcement and adjudication of state and local taxes and the Board of Tax Appeals; to provide with respect to disputes concerning taxes; to provide for tax administration; to provide with respect to certain revenues dedicated to the board; to provide relative to ad hoc judges; to provide relative to remote witness testimony; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 268—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.81, relative to sales and use tax rebates; to provide for a state sales and use tax rebate for the purchase of machinery, equipment and other items used in the lithium recovery process; to provide for definitions; to authorize the secretary of the Department of Revenue to promulgate rules; to provide for application procedures; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANKLIN J. FOIL
Chairman

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

SENATE BILL NO. 1—

BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:143(C)(2), relative to transfers between public retirement systems; to provide for the actuarially required employer contributions; to provide for the definition of a term; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Retirement. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Retirement. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 3—
BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1452, relative to the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund; to provide relative to deferred retirement; to provide for receipt of benefits by an employee who terminates prior to attaining retirement eligibility; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Retirement. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Retirement. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 56—
BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:436.1(B)(1)(a), relative to the administration of medication to students; to provide for procedures on administering medication; to provide for certain requirements to administer medication; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 85—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1964(A)(8), relative to the Jimmy D. Long School for Math, Science, and the Arts; to provide relative to the membership of the board of directors; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 85 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 13, delete "Committee on Education"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 14, delete "or his designees"

On motion of Senator Edmonds, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 123—
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 19-A of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:3011 through 3014, relative to school chaplains; to provide for the employment or acceptance as a volunteer of a chaplain by public school boards; to provide for support, services, and programs for students; to provide for responsibility and hiring requirements; to provide for prohibiting certain hires as chaplains; to provide for limitation of liability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 123 by Senator Abraham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 9 through 12, and insert the following:

"A. A city, parish, or other local public school board that employs or accepts as a volunteer, a chaplain, under this Chapter, shall ensure that the chaplain submits to a fingerprint based state and federal background check, as provided in R.S. 15:587.1, before the chaplain begins employment or volunteering at a school."

On motion of Senator Edmonds, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 310—
BY SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:282.4(F)(1)(a), relative to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline hotline; to require "988" on all student identification cards; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 352—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:2922.1(B)(1) and 2922.1 (D)(1), and (E)(5)(a), (d), (e), and (f) and to enact R.S. 17:2922.1(B)(1)(n) and (E)(5)(g) and (h), relative to the Dual Enrollment Framework Task Force; to revise the membership of the task force; to provide for development recommendations; to provide for process recommendations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 363—
BY SENATOR COUSSAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3140.4(A)(1)(b), relative to proprietary schools; to provide relative to licenses and minimum standards for instructors; to provide for certain requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 363 by Senator Coussan

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "17:" and before "3140.4" insert "3140.3(C)(4)(a) and"

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "17:" and before "3140.4" insert "3140.3(C)(4)(a) and" and change "is" to "are"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in between lines 7 and 8, insert the following: "§3140.3. Licenses; fees; application; renewal

* * *

C. An applicant for an initial license shall provide, at a minimum, the following:

* * *

(4)(a) A current audited balance sheet of the school prepared by an independent, certified public accountant within six months prior to the date of the initial application for licensure.

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On motion of Senator Edmonds, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

SENATE BILL NO. 28— BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To repeal Section 3 of Act No. 331 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the regulation and licensure of virtual currency businesses; to provide relative to the authority, functions, and duties of the office of financial institutions; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Edmonds, 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, Coussan, McMath, Womack, Duplessis, Miguez

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Fesi Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 30— BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1124(C)(7 through 9) and 1124.2(C)(6 through 8), relative to annual financial disclosure statements by certain elected officials; to provide relative to the disclosure requirement for interests in immovable property; to provide relative to the disclosure requirement for the purchase or sale of immovable property; to provide relative to the disclosure requirement for investment securities; to provide relative to disclosure requirements of mutual funds and exchange-traded funds; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Edmonds, 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, Coussan, McMath, Womack, Duplessis, Miguez

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Fesi Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 44— BY SENATORS MCMATH AND OWEN AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of U.S. Route 11 Maestri Bridge in St. Tammany Parish as the "Jimmy Buffett 'Changes in Latitude' Memorial Crossing"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator McMath, the bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

SENATE BILL NO. 45— BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate an elevated portion of Interstate 12 in St. Tammany Parish as the "Patricia 'Pat' Brister Memorial Bridge"; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 45 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "Bridge"; insert "to designate a portion of United States Highway 51 in St. John the Baptist Parish as the "Arnold J. Lebat Memorial Highway";

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

"Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a portion of United States Highway 51 in St. John the Baptist Parish between United States Highway 61 and Interstate 10, is hereby designated as the "Arnold J. Lebat Memorial Highway"."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, change "**Section 2.**" to "**Section 3.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 12, change "**this**" to "**the**"

On motion of Senator Miller, 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	Fields	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Owen
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Hodges	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Coussan	McMath	Womack
Duplessis	Miguez	
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bouie	Fesi
Total - 2	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 46—
BY SENATORS MCMATH AND CLOUD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:259(B)(20) and R.S. 40:2018.8, relative to the Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Advisory Council; to create the Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Advisory Council; to provide for composition of the council; to provide for duties of the council; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	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
Coussan	McMath	Womack
Duplessis	Miguez	
Total - 38		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Fesi
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 52—
BY SENATOR MILLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1495.7(A)(1), relative to financial disclosure statements; to provide for the filing of a financial disclosure statement after qualifying for office; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	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
Coussan	McMath	Womack
Duplessis	Miguez	
Total - 38		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Fesi
Total - 1

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

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SENATE BILL NO. 63— BY SENATOR COUSSAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:969.6(14)(b), (21)(b), (22), and (23)(a), 969.18(A)(6), 969.20(C)(1)(c), and 1083(6)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 9:374(B) and (C), Part IV of Chapter 1 of Code Title I of Code Book II of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:1149.1 through 1149.7, R.S. 9:3259.1(A), (B), (E), and (F), 3259.3, and 5363.1, R.S. 10:9-102(a)(53), R.S. 22:1485, R.S. 32:1(introductory paragraph) and (44), 412.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (25), 702(16), and 707(A), R.S. 33:3081(A)(2), 4562.1(A), and 9053.1(C), and R.S. 40:1502.1(A)(2), 1502.2(A), 1502.3(A), 1502.4(A), 1502.5(A), 1502.6(A), 1502.7(A), 1502.8(A), 1502.9(A), 1502.10(A), 1502.11(A), 1502.12(A)(2), 1502.13(A)(2), 1502.15(A), and 1502.16(A), relative to factory-built homes; to provide for the Factory-Built Home Property Act; to provide definitions; to provide for the classification of factory-built homes; to provide for the transfer of factory-built homes; to provide for security interests; to provide for immobilization; to provide for deimmobilization; to provide technical corrections for the use of the term "factory-built home"; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Edmonds, 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, Coussan, McMath, Womack, Duplessis, Miguez, Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Fesi Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 65— BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(2)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(12)(c), relative to the Department of Energy and Natural Resources, including provisions to provide for the recreation of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Edmonds, Miller, Abraham, Fields, Mizell, Allain, Foil, Morris, Barrow, Harris, Owen, Bass, Hensgens, Pressly, Boudreaux, Hodges, Reese, Bouie, Jackson-Andrews, Seabaugh, Carter, Jenkins, Stine, Cathey, Kleinpeter, Talbot, Cloud, Lambert, Wheat, Connick, Luneau, Womack, Coussan, McMath, Duplessis, Miguez, Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Fesi Price Total - 2

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

SENATE BILL NO. 67— BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Interstate 55 in Tangipahoa Parish as the "Trooper Hung Le Memorial Highway"; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Edmonds, Miller, Abraham, Fields, Mizell, Allain, Foil, Morris, Barrow, Harris, Owen, Bass, Hensgens, Pressly, Boudreaux, Hodges, Reese, Bouie, Jackson-Andrews, Seabaugh, Carter, Jenkins, Stine, Cathey, Kleinpeter, Talbot, Cloud, Lambert, Wheat, Connick, Luneau, Womack, Coussan, McMath, Duplessis, Miguez, Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Fesi Price Total - 2

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

SENATE BILL NO. 101—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:2(6.1) and 405, relative to elections; to define ranked-choice voting and instant runoff voting; to prohibit for certain elections; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Morris
Abraham	Hensgens	Owen
Allain	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cloud	Lambert	Stine
Connick	McMath	Talbot
Coussan	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Fields	Mizell	
Total - 29		

NAYS

Barrow	Carter	Jackson-Andrews
Boudreaux	Duplessis	Luneau
Bouie	Harris	Price
Total - 9		

ABSENT

Fesi
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 102—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1603.2(A), (D), and (E), relative to port and harbor police; to provide for removing provisions based on population; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fields	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Owen
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Hodges	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Coussan	McMath	Womack
Duplessis	Miguez	
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bouie
Total - 2

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

Motion

Senator Fields moved to suspend the rules to take up Senate Bill No. 255 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 255—
BY SENATORS FIELDS AND PRICE
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 implement a settlement in the matter entitled Louisiana State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, et al. v. State of Louisiana, et al., in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana; to provide for the redistricting of supreme court districts in accordance with the settlement; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to restructure the supreme court by eliminating 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.

On motion of Senator Fields, Senate Bill No. 255 was made Special Order of the Day No. 1 on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Motion

Senator Pressly moved to suspend the rules to take up Senate Bill No. 193 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 193—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY
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.

On motion of Senator Pressly, Senate Bill No. 193 was made Special Order of the Day No. 2 on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Motion

Senator Miller moved to suspend the rules to take up Senate Bill No. 381 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

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

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Fourth Circuit and such judge's appointment to the supreme court; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Miller, Senate Bill No. 381 was made Special Order of the Day No. 3 on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

SENATE BILL NO. 155— BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1310(C)(1) and 1333(B), relative to marking of absentee by mail ballots; to provide for witness certification requirements; to provide for the nursing home early voting program; 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 Abraham Allain Bass Cathey Cloud Connick Coussan Edmonds Total - 27
Foil Hensgens Hodges Kleinpeter Lambert McMATH Miguez Miller Mizell
Morris Owen Pressly Reese Seabaugh Stine Talbot Wheat Womack

NAYS

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

ABSENT

Fesi Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 163— BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:219.5(E), relative to the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education; to provide relative to reporting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Abraham Allain Barrow Bass Boudreaux Bouie Carter Edmonds Fields Foil Fields Mizell Morris Mizell Miller Mizell Morris Owen Pressly Price Reese Seabaugh

Cathey Cloud Connick Coussan Duplessis Total - 38
Kleinpeter Lambert Luneau McMath Miguez
Stine Talbot Wheat Womack

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Fesi Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 192— BY SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1125.1, relative to the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission; to provide for membership of the commission; to provide for the duties and functions of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 198— BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:453(D), relative to dual candidacy; to provide for an exception for a senator or representative in the United States Congress for certain offices; 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 Abraham Allain Bass Carter Cathey Cloud Connick Coussan Edmonds Fields Total - 31
Foil Harris Hensgens Hodges Jenkins Kleinpeter Lambert McMATH Miguez Miller Mizell
Morris Owen Price Reese Seabaugh Stine Talbot Wheat Womack

NAYS

Barrow Boudreaux Bouie Total - 7
Duplessis Jackson-Andrews Luneau
Pressly

ABSENT

Fesi Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 204—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 1064 in Tangipahoa Parish as the "Rev. Alfred L. Hart Memorial Highway"; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	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	Womack
Coussan	McMath	
Duplessis	Miguez	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Fesi	Wheat
Total - 2	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 206—
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 36:108(C)(8) as enacted by Act No. 459 of the 2023 Regular Session and Chapter 44 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:2701, relative to the Port Development Advisory Commission; to provide relative to the office of port development; and to repeal the Port Development Advisory Commission; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 206 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, following "development;" and before "to repeal" delete "and"

On motion of Senator Miller, 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	Fields	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Owen
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hodges	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Coussan	McMath	Womack
Duplessis	Miguez	
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Fesi
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent 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 Connick asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator Connick asked that Senate Bill No. 6 be called from the Calendar.

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.

Floor Amendments

Senator Connick proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Connick to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 6 by Senator Connick

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, delete "misleading synthetic media" and insert "digital voice replicas or depictions"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, delete "**misleading synthetic media**" and insert "**digital voice replicas or depictions**"

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 8 through 17 and insert the following:

"A. It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to knowingly and intentionally do any of the following without the consent of the individual holding the voice or likeness rights affected by the person's or entity's actions:

(1) Distribute, transmit, or otherwise make available to the public a personalized cloning service.

(2) Publish, perform, distribute, transmit, or otherwise make available to the public a digital voice replica or digital depiction with knowledge that the digital voice replica or digital depiction was not authorized by the individual holding the affected voice or likeness rights.

(3) Materially contribute to, direct, or otherwise facilitate any of the conduct prohibited by Paragraph (1) or (2) of this Subsection with knowledge that the individual holding the affected voice or likeness rights has not consented to the conduct.

B. For purposes of this Section:

(1) "Digital depiction" means a replica, imitation, or approximation of the likeness of an individual that is created or altered in whole or in part using digital technology.

(2) "Digital technology" means a technology or device now known or hereafter created such as computer software, artificial intelligence, machine learning, quantum computing, or other similar technologies or devices.

(3) "Digital voice replica" means an audio rendering that is created or altered in whole or in part using digital technology and is fixed in a sound recording or audiovisual work which includes replications, imitations, or approximations of an individual that the individual did not actually perform.

(4) "Individual" means a human being, living or dead.

(5) "Likeness" means the actual or simulated image or likeness of an individual, regardless of the means of creation, that is readily identifiable as the individual by virtue of the individual's face, likeness, or other distinguishing characteristic, or from other information displayed in connection with the likeness.

(6) "Personalized cloning service" means an algorithm, software, tool, or other technology, service, or device the primary purpose or function of which is to produce one or more digital voice replicas or digital depictions of particular, identified individuals.

(7) "Voice" means sounds in any medium containing the actual voice or a simulation of the voice of an individual, whether recorded or generated by computer, artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other digital technology, service, or device, to the extent that the individual depicted or simulated is readily identifiable from the sound of the voice or simulation of the voice, or from other information displayed in connection therewith.

(8)(a) "Voice or likeness rights" means property rights held by an individual in his own likeness and voice and that constitute intellectual property rights that are freely transferable and heritable, in whole or in part, and do not expire upon the death of the individual, whether or not these rights were commercially exploited by the individual during the individual's lifetime.

(b) Voice or likeness rights are exclusive to the individual, subject to the transfer of these rights as provided for by law, during the individual's lifetime and to the executors, heirs, or transferees, or devisees for a period of ten years after the death of the individual.

(c) Voice or likeness rights are terminated by either of the following:

(i) Proof of the non-use of the likeness or voice of any individual for commercial purposes by an executor, transferee, heir, or devisee for a period of two years subsequent to the ten-year period following the individual's death.

(ii) The death of all executors, transferees, heirs, or devisees.

(d) An agreement authorizing the use of a digital depiction or digital voice replica for a new performance of the individual in an advertisement or expressive work shall be valid only if either:

(i) The individual was represented by counsel in the transaction and the agreement was in writing, and the individual was eighteen years of age or older at the time of entry into the

agreement or, if the individual was under the age of eighteen years at the time the agreement was entered, the agreement is approved by a court in accordance with law.

(ii) The terms of the agreement are governed by a collective bargaining agreement."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 6

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, at the beginning of line 7, change "D." to "C."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, after line 9, insert the following:

"D. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a television or radio broadcast station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission that carries, transmits, distributes, or displays digital voice replicas or depictions created by a third party without knowledge that the digital voice replicas or depictions were created by the third party in violation of Subsection A of this Section.

E.(1) First Amendment protections shall constitute a defense to an alleged violation of this Section, and in evaluating a defense pursuant to this Subsection, the public interest in access to the use shall be balanced against the intellectual property interest in the voice or likeness, considering the following factors:

(a) Whether or not the use is commercial.

(b) Whether the individual whose voice or likeness is at issue is necessary for and relevant to the primary expressive purpose of the work in which the use appears.

(c) Whether or not the use competes with or otherwise adversely affects the value of the work of the owner or licensee of the voice or likeness rights at issue.

(2) Nothing in this Subsection shall alter the application by a court of First Amendment protections in the event the defense set forth by this Subsection is asserted."

On motion of Senator Connick, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Senator Connick, the amended bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

PRESENT

Mr. President	Edmonds	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
Coussan	McMath	Womack
Duplessis	Miguez	

Total - 38

ABSENT

Fesi
Total - 1

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Fesi 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for March 20, 2024, were announced:

Education	1:00 P.M.	Hainkel Room
Health and Welfare	10:00 A.M.	Hainkel Room
Insurance	10:00 A.M.	Room A
Local and Mun. Affairs	1:00 P.M.	Room F
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 6:10 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE
Journal Clerk