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

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

The Senate was called to order at 4:28 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Edmonds	Luneau
Abraham	Fesi	Miller
Allain	Fields	Morris
Barrow	Foil	Pressly
Bass	Harris	Price
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Reese
Bouie	Hodges	Seabaugh
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	Stine
Cathy	Jenkins	Talbot
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Wheat
Duplessis	Lambert	
Total - 32		

ABSENT

Connick	Miguez	Womack
Coussan	Mizell	
McMath	Owen	
Total - 7		

The President of the Senate announced there were 32 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Pastor Darryl Ingram Jr., 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 April 30, 2024, was adopted.

**Privileged Report of the
Legislative Bureau**

May 1, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Legislative Bureau to submit the following report:

The following instruments are approved as to construction and duplication.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, BACALA, BOYD, CARLSON, CARRIER, EGAN, FONTENOT, ILLG, KERNER, RISER, TAYLOR, AND THOMAS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to support H.R. 82 and S. 597 of the 118th Congress, the Social Security Fairness Act, and all similar legislation and to take such actions as are necessary to review and eliminate all provisions of federal law which reduce Social Security benefits for those receiving pension benefits from federal, state, or local government retirement or pension systems, plans, or funds.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 31—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG, BACALA, BAYHAM, BOYD, BRASS, CHASSION, COX, FISHER, HUGHES, JACKSON, LARVADAIN, MCMAKIN, MILLER, MYERS, NEWELL, SELDERS, STAGNI, WALTERS, WILLARD, WYBLE, AND YOUNG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:927(A) and to enact R.S. 11:927(B)(4) and (F), 929(B)(2)(d), and 932, relative to the optional retirement plan of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for election to join the defined benefit plan; to provide for membership; to provide relative to administrative fees charged by the system; to provide relative to certain single-sum cash payments from the optional retirement plan; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 480—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MYERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:164(D)(3), (E), and (F), relative to income tax withholding; to provide requirements for income tax withholdings on certain winnings; to provide for procedures of the Department of Revenue with respect to certain income tax withholdings; to require reporting in connection with such withholdings; to require promulgation of administrative rules; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 659—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:2158.1(B) and 2231.1(B), relative to tax sale property; to provide for the rights of owners of certain tax sale property; to provide for penalties for certain violations; to increase the penalties for certain violations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 837—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1483(A) and (B)(1), relative to the Board of Tax Appeals; to provide relative to claims approved by the board; to provide for payment of such claims; to raise the limit on the individual value of such claims that may be paid from current tax collections; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 921—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1989(D)(5), relative to ad valorem taxes; to limit the determination of fair market value of real property by an assessor under certain circumstances; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
GREGORY A. MILLER
Chairman

Adoption of Legislative Bureau Report

On motion of Senator Gregory A. Miller, the Bills and Joint Resolutions were read by title and passed to a third reading.

Message from the House

**CONCURRING IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 30, 2024

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—
BY SENATOR BASS AND REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Henry "Richey" Jackson upon the occasion of his passing.

Reported without amendments.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To designate Tuesday, May 7, 2024, as Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Reported without amendments.

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77—
BY SENATOR FIELDS
A RESOLUTION**

To honor and commend Pastor Shelton Charles "S.C." Dixon on his 28th Pastoral Anniversary at Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Senator Fields asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 77 a first and second time.

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

**Introduction of
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS AND REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Winton Joseph Vidrine.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45—
BY SENATOR FOIL
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to study and make recommendations on ways to increase urban forestry in the state.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Tom Burnett upon receiving the Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award and on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend and congratulate Ron Higgins upon receiving the 2024 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend and congratulate Bobby Ardoin upon receiving the 2024 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Ray Sibille on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Frank Monica on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Daniel Cormier on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Perry Clark on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74— BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend and acknowledge the volunteers and members of the 2024 Concerned Women for America's Encourage-A-Legislator Project.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76— BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Charity Hospital and University Medical Center of New Orleans on 288 years of providing medical care in the city of New Orleans.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading, Subject to Call Called from the Calendar

Senator Barrow asked that Senate Resolution No. 68 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68— BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Lucy Victoria Pittman Virdure, also known as "Miss Lucy", on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41— BY SENATORS MIGUEZ, BOUDREAU, COUSSAN AND HENSGENS AND REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BRYANT, CARLSON, CHASSION, EMERSON, HEBERT, HENRY, JACOB LANDRY AND MYERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to expedite the process to complete the Interstate 49 Lafayette connector.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42— BY SENATOR CLOUD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and honor the Titan Aerobatic Team for their outstanding contributions to the field of aerobatics and aviation and their role in enriching the cultural heritage of airshows.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Miller

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan Pressly
Total - 2

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 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

April 30, 2024

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

- HB No. 577 HB No. 578 HB No. 652
HB No. 744 HB No. 756 HB No. 833
HB No. 873 HB No. 954 HB No. 969
HB No. 970 HB No. 977 HB No. 882
HB No. 899

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 577— BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COX, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GALLE, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HILFERTY, HUGHES, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LYONS, MYERS, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, TAYLOR, VILLIO, WILDER, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR MCMATH AN ACT

To enact Chapter 20-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:1761 through 1764, relative to data collection of minors; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for protection from liability under certain circumstances; to provide for application stores; to provide for civil fines; to provide for enforcement; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 578—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, BOYD, BRYANT, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COX, GREEN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, NEWELL, SELTERS, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, AND WILLARD

AN ACT

To enact Part V-B of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 15:956, relative to children; to establish the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program; to provide for a purpose; to provide for a curriculum; to provide for administration of the program; to provide for eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 652—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DESHOTEL AND CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:43(A)(1), (B), and (C) and 44(A) and 365(B) and to enact R.S. 32:43(D), 46, 47, 48, and 49, relative to automated speed enforcement devices; to require that certain automated speed enforcement devices capture a picture of the driver to impose penalties; to prohibit certain agencies from using automated speed enforcement devices or other similar devices to issue citations by mail; to provide an effective date; to provide for visible signage; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 744—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1762(A), relative to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to the retirement benefit of retirees who return to part-time employment in a position covered by the system; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 756—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCMAKIN, BOYD, DOMANGUE, MARCELLE, AND NEWELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:150.1(A) through (G), (H)(1)(a), and (I)(1)(a), relative to the state capitol complex; to provide for the use and allocation of space within the state capitol complex; to make technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 833—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS, BOYD, BROWN, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GREEN, HUGHES, LACOMBE, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, NEWELL, TAYLOR, WILLARD, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS MIZELL AND PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:121 through 133, relative to in vitro fertilization; to provide for definitions; to provide classification; to establish viability of an in vitro fertilized human ovum; to provide qualifications; to provide immunity from civil liability and criminal prosecution; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 873—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:44(A) and (B)(5)(b), 58(B)(2), 192(A)(1)(a), 402, 410.6, 410.7(A) and (C), 410.10, 467, 1285(B)(1)(a), 1309(M)(1)(a), 1401(B), 1406(B), 1407, 1409(B)(1) and (2), 1432(A)(1), 1483(8), 1491.6(B)(1), (2), and (4) and (C)(introductory paragraph), 1495.4(B)(1), (2), and (4)

and (C)(introductory paragraph), 1501.1(C)(introductory paragraph), 1505.2(H)(3)(a), and Section 2 of Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, to enact R.S. 18:1483(3)(a)(iii), (21), and (22), and to repeal R.S. 18:467.1, relative to elections; to provide for dates for elections and qualifying; to change the timing of the annual canvass of voters; to provide for notice of the days of early voting at additional locations; to provide for election contests and related procedures; to provide relative to the death of candidates; to provide relative to qualifying; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana State Law Institute relative thereto; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to campaign finance contributions limitations and reporting requirements; to change the effective date of Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 882—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:271.1(A)(2)(b), relative to retail sales on or off premises of a microbrewery; to provide relative to transfers; to provide relative to conditions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 899—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 5-G of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1300.71 through R.S. 40:1300.80, relative to individualized investigational treatments, drugs, or devices; relative to enact the Hope for Louisiana Patients Law; to provide access to individualized investigative treatment for patients with life-threatening illnesses; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to permit the expansion of existing insurance coverage provisions; to prohibit actions against healthcare providers; to establish provisions for the death of a patient; to prohibit private causes of action and insurance mandates; to establish provisions for the treatment of unemancipated minors; to provide for severability; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 954—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MENA AND CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:698(A)(3), 711.23(A)(3), 846(A)(9), 1061(A)(4), 1241(A)(4), 1360.108(A)(2), 1437(B)(1), 1437.1(B)(2), 1450(A)(3), 1526(A)(5), 1554(A)(9), 2585(2), 2838(A)(1), 2848(e), 3396(D)(3), 3409(E)(3), 3429(A)(1), 3449(A)(1), and 3507(A)(3), to enact R.S. 37:2950(C), and to repeal R.S. 37:921(8), 1360.33(7), 1565(A)(2), 2453(1), and 2557(A)(1)(b), relative to licensing boards and occupations; to provide for licenses, certificates, and permits of certain professions; to provide for disciplinary proceedings and disciplinary action; to provide for certain offenses and violations; to remove moral turpitude convictions from occupational licensing disqualifications; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 969— (Substitute for House Bill No. 663 by Representative Green)

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 195.1, relative to judicial proceedings conducted by remote technology; to provide for hearings; to provide for judge trials; to require the court to give written reasons declining the remote appearance for good cause; to provide for the consent of the parties; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 970— (Substitute for House Bill No. 876 by Representative Beaulieu)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 26:901(36) and 926.2, relative to tobacco products; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to nicotine pouch products; to provide relative to the vapor product and alternative nicotine product directory; to exempt nicotine pouch products from the vapor product and alternative nicotine product directory; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 977— (Substitute for House Bill No. 680 by Representative Carlson)

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 43:81(A), 140(3)(introductory paragraph), 142, and 171(A)(2) and (3), to enact R.S. 43:81.I, 140.1, 140.2, 147.3, 171.1, 171.2, and 175, and to repeal R.S. 43:171(B), relative to public printing; to provide relative to the qualifications for a newspaper to be selected as an official journal of the state or a political subdivision; to provide exceptions to publication requirements in certain circumstances; to require publication of cost information; 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

May 1, 2024

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

- HCR No. 92 HCR No. 98 HCR No. 99
- HCR No. 100

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92—

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the around-the-world flight, known as Global Power 94-7.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Charles Smith on his 2024 induction into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Eric Lane of Gerry Lane Enterprises on being named the 2024 Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association Dealer of the Year.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MYERS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Tides Medical on receiving the Growth Leader Legend Award from Louisiana Economic Development.

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. 131—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:177, relative to horse racing; to provide for the payment of horse racing purses; to provide for breeder awards; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 474—

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:2074(F), relative to waste water discharge into natural wetlands; to provide for the duties of the Department of Environmental Quality; to require the posting of warning signs for wetlands assimilation projects; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 555—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4169.1(A), relative to parish and municipal garbage collection; to provide relative to contracts for such garbage collection; 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 Local and Municipal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 561—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9038.77, relative to cooperative economic development in the city of New Orleans; to create an economic development district for the improvement and maintenance of the Lafitte Greenway; to provide for the governance, boundaries, and powers and duties of the district, including the

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authority to engage in tax increment financing; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 575—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 4(A) and (D) of Act No. 155 of the 1982 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the Orleans Parish Communications District; to provide relative to the district's board of commissioners; to provide relative to the executive director; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 596—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1395(B) and to enact R.S. 33:1395(C), (D), and (E), relative to home rule charter commissions; to provide relative to the election of such commissions; to provide relative to the time period for calling the election; to provide relative to a petition submitted to the respective parish or municipality requesting the election; to provide relative to the requirements of the petition; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the parish registrar of voters with respect to the petition; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 650—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER
AN ACT

To enact Part XII of Title 19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 19:382 through 391, relative to expropriation of property; to authorize the city of Monroe in Ouachita Parish to expropriate by a declaration of taking; to define terms; to provide for procedures; to provide for purposes of the expropriation; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 739—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2481.4(C)(1), 2491(introductory paragraph) and (I), 2492(2) and (11), 2494(A) and (D), 2496(1)(a)(i) and (iii), 2541.1(C)(1)(b)(i), 2551(introductory paragraph) and (9), 2552(1)(a) and (c), (2), and (11), 2554(A) and (D), and 2556(1)(a)(i) and (iii) and to enact R.S. 33:2481(B)(7) and 2541(B)(6), relative to the municipal fire and police civil service; to provide relative to certain positions in the classified service; to provide relative to the establishment and maintenance of employment lists; to provide relative to tests administered by the state examiner; to provide relative to the certification and appointment of eligible persons; to provide that certain officers, employees, and positions are in the unclassified service; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 789—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:964(H), relative to court reporters for the Fourteenth Judicial District Court; to extend application of fees to all reported and transcribed cases; 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. 812—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:556.3(B)(introductory paragraph), (5), and (6) and (C), (F), and (H), relative to the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and Research Board; to provide for changes in the membership of the board; to provide relative to the terms of board members; to provide for changes in meeting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

HOUSE BILL NO. 815—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS
AN ACT

To enact Subpart E of Part IV of Chapter 5-D of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1176.1, relative to certain federally-regulated information; to require compliance with federal rules and regulations; to assign certain duties to the Louisiana Department of Health; to impose penalties; to require compliance from the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 840—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:144(B)(2) and (C), relative to the members of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; to provide for the ownership of racehorses; to provide for the per diem rates for commission members; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 863—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1034.2(A) and (C)(1) and (2) and to enact R.S. 23:1034.2(C)(5), relative to workers' compensation; to provide for the adoption of a medical reimbursement schedule; to require that the fees be based on other similar regional states; to provide for the authority of the assistant secretary to promulgate the medical reimbursement schedule; to require certain duties of the assistant secretary; to provide for the collection of any necessary information and data under certain circumstances; to provide for legislative oversight; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 864—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5304(B)(3) through (11), (J)(1) and (3), and (K), to enact R.S. 13:5304(B)(12) and (13), and to repeal R.S. 13:5304(B)(10.1), relative to the drug division probation program; to provide relative to conditions of drug division probation; to provide relative to eligibility for a drug division program; to provide relative to designated treatment professionals; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 896—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MYERS, ADAMS, BERAULT, BOYER, BRYANT, CHASSION, EGAN, FISHER, HUGHES, JACKSON, KNOX, LYONS, MENA, MILLER, NEWELL, SELTERS, TAYLOR, TURNER, WALTERS, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact Part VI of Subchapter D of Chapter 5-D of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1221.1, and Part X of Subchapter D of Chapter 5-D of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1227.1 through 1227.8, relative to the Louisiana Remote Patient Monitoring Program Law; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide definitions; to provide for remote monitoring services under certain circumstances; to require remote patient monitoring services to be a covered service under Medicaid; to allow the use of remote patient monitoring services for certain patients; to establish qualifications for patients who are permitted to use remote patient monitoring services; to require certain equipment and network provisions; to require a procedure code for reimbursement; to provide for reimbursement eligibility; to require the promulgation of rules; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 898—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY, MARCELLE, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1483(6)(a) and (9)(a) and to enact R.S. 18:1483(21), relative to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; to provide for definitions; to include providing for electioneering communications in the definitions of contribution and expenditure; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 901—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:570(E)(1), 574(B)(2), and 574.4(B)(1), R.S. 46:1844(A)(2), (N)(4), and (O)(2), and 2162(A)(1), and Children's Code Article 725.4, relative to the Crime Victims Services Louisiana Victim Outreach Bureau within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide for a renaming of the bureau; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 908—

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170(E), relative to discrimination based on vaccination status; to prohibit teachers and school employees and administrators from discriminating between students based on such status; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 923—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1461(B), (C), and (D), relative to rules and regulations for the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles; to provide for the issuance, suspension, or revocation of licenses or contracts; to establish fines for penalties; 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. 927—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SELTERS, BRYANT, DESHOTEL, FISHER, JACOB LANDRY, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4886, relative to parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to permits required by parishes and municipalities; to prohibit any parish or municipality from requiring a permit for certain services provided by an authorized utility provider; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 940—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

AN ACT

To enact Part VII-A of Chapter 26 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:3369.1 through 3369.3, relative to financing deferred maintenance and facility capital improvements at public postsecondary educational institutions; to authorize the issuance of bonds for the financing of certain projects; to provide for requirements and limitations with respect to the issuance of bonds; to provide for definitions; to provide for the management and administration of projects; to exempt certain projects from the requirement of being included in the annual capital outlay budget; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of certain management boards; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the commissioner of administration; to limit the amount of bonds that may be issued; to provide for the allocation of certain monies; to require certain reports; 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 Education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 972— (Substitute for House Bill No. 959 by Representative Deshotel)

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:1275.2, relative to licenses authorized by certain departments, boards, commissions, and offices; to allow the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to grant certain temporary permits and licenses; to provide for requirements for international medical graduates; to limit certain practices; to provide for licensure of certain physicians; to require rule promulgation; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 973— (Substitute for House Bill No. 858 by Representative Ventrella)

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2795(A)(2) and (3), (B)(1)(c) and (2), (E)(2)(c) and (d) and (F), and to enact R.S. 9:2795(B)(3), relative to recreational landowner immunity; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to recreational activities; to provide for a limitation of liability; to provide for exceptions; 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. 974— (Substitute for House Bill No. 168 by Representative Carlson)

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:215(A), relative to library boards of control; to provide relative to the duties and powers of the boards; to provide relative to the employment of library directors and head librarians; to provide for qualifications; 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 Education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 976— (Substitute for House Bill No. 306 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part VI of Chapter 5-G of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 40:1300.51 and 1300.55, relative to minimum standards for visitation policies at certain healthcare facilities; to require the designation of an essential caregiver; to provide for the renaming of the "No Patient Left Alone Law"; to repeal requirements for the publication of visitation policies; and to provide for related matters.

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BOURRIAQUE, CARRIER, FARNUM, GEYMAN, ROMERO, AND TARVER AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, REESE, AND STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the administration of President Biden to end its pause on pending approval of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State University (LSU) AgCenter and the Southern University Ag Center to jointly study and make recommendations on how sugarcane bagasse can be used to provide value-added economic benefits to sugarcane producers through investments by the private sector for uses such as soil amendments, animal feed, biofuels, industrial filters or absorbents, graphene production, or any other uses.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, CARVER, FREIBERG, TARVER, AND YOUNG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to explore the creation of an appeals process for certain students who do not pass the state-administered, end-of-course assessments required for high school graduation and to submit a written report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education, which includes a status update and any recommendations for related legislation, not later than March 1, 2025.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prioritize policies pertaining to suicide prevention and mental health education in its rulemaking process as authorized by House Bill No. 320 of this 2024 Regular Session should that bill become law.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLORIOSO, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BRAUD, FIRMENT, FREEMAN, HEBERT, ILLG, JORDAN, JACOB LANDRY, MENA, AND WILDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the commissioner of insurance to investigate the potential to create a Coastal Reinsurance Assistance Program designed to provide reinsurance coverage for homeowners' policies at a much lower cost to property insurers and thus, providing significant savings to property owners.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68—

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, AMEDEE, EDMONSTON, MELERINE, TARVER, AND TAYLOR

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents and each public postsecondary education management board to closely scrutinize the hiring of professors and instructors from foreign adversaries as defined by the Code of Federal Regulations for positions of scholarship and especially leadership at public postsecondary education institutions.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR, BRASS, CARPENTER, CARVER, FREIBERG, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, AND YOUNG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force and urge and request the State Department of Education to conduct a comprehensive study on school start times and submit written reports of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than February 1, 2025.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, AMEDEE, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BROWN, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, DESHOTEL, EMERSON, GEYMAN, HEBERT, HENRY, JACOB LANDRY, ORGERON, ROMERO, TARVER, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BOUDREAU, COUSSAN, LAMBERT, MIGUEZ, MILLER, AND STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names of members and their counts for Yeas and Nays.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow Pressly
Harris Seabaugh
Total - 4

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Senator Beth Mizell, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs, submitted the following report:

May 1, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to submit the following report:

HOUSE BILL NO. 82— BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2809(A), relative to the Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners; to provide for fees collected by the board; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 679— BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3103(A)(8) and 3118(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (B), and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a), to enact R.S. 37:3113(B)(3) and (4) and (D)(1)(f) and (g), and to repeal R.S. 37:3118(A)(4), relative to auctioneers; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualifications of applicants; to provide for bond requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 716— BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN AN ACT

To enact Chapter 1-E of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 37:51 through 59, relative to universal occupational license recognition; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions for application; to provide for occupational licensing requirements; to require proof of residency; to provide for jurisprudential examination; to provide for board decisions on applications; to provide for appeals of a board decision on applications; to provide for state law and jurisdiction; to provide for exemptions; to provide for limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 808— BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON AN ACT

To enact R.S. 8:908, relative to cemeteries; to regulate abandoned cemeteries; to provide for the abatement of public health and safety risks; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 814— BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:358 and 369(A)(1), relative to barber colleges; to provide for student admission; to provide for student age requirements; to provide for qualifications and reciprocity of out-of-state registered barbers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 861— BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1482(4), relative to the Louisiana Competes Regional Economic Development Program; to change the definition of regional economic development corporation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 913— BY REPRESENTATIVE SELDERS AN ACT

To enact Chapter 43-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2621 and 2622, relative to transparency for utility bills; to provide for certain information from utility bills for residential properties; to define housing provider; to provide for requests for information; to provide for violations, civil remedies, and penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted, BETH MIZELL Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

Senator Patrick McMath, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Health and Welfare, submitted the following report:

May 1, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Health and Welfare to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 454— BY SENATOR MCMATH AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1231.1(A)(9), (10), and (13), relative to medical malpractice; to provide for definitions and general applications; to provide for the definition of health care; to provide for the definition of health care provider; to provide for the definition of malpractice; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10— BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to compel the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to fulfill its duties regarding inspection and testing of imported seafood.

Reported favorably.

May 1, 2024

HOUSE BILL NO. 137—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2602(B) and 2605(A) and (B)(7), (11), (13) through (16), (19), and (29) and to enact R.S. 46:2605(B)(42) and (G), relative to the Children's Cabinet and the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board; to provide for membership of the cabinet; to provide for membership of the board; to provide for duties of the board; to authorize the board to establish subcommittees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 193—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:978(I), relative to prescribing controlled substances; to authorize the transfer of a prescription or prescription information for controlled substances between pharmacies; to require conformance with certain federal provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 392—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1259.1 through 1259.3, relative to coverage of perimenopausal and menopausal care; to provide for hormonal and symptomatic treatment; to provide for Medicaid coverage; to provide for enrollment qualifications; to provide for insurance coverage; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 558—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TURNER AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1248.1(3) and (6), 1248.3, 1248.7(A) and (C)(1) and (2), and 1248.8(A) through (D), to enact R.S. 40:1248.1(7) and 1248.5(D), and to repeal R.S. 40:1248.11 and 1248.12, relative to the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program; to provide for definitions; to provide for parish applicability; to identify providers subject to the local hospital assessment payments; to provide a basis by which hospital payments shall be assessed; to provide for an effective date; to repeal provisions relative to enhanced reimbursement for rural and governmental institutional providers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 579—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCMAHEN, BACALA, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRYANT, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, FREIBERG, GREEN, HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, LYONS, MYERS, NEWELL, OWEN, PHELPS, SELTERS, STAGNI, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To enact Subpart B-1 of Part IV of Chapter of 5-D of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1172.1 through 1172.3, relative to the dispensation of human immunodeficiency virus prophylaxis; to authorize pharmacists to dispense human immunodeficiency virus pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis; to require certain training; to require the creation of a working group; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 687—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1203.1(4)(aa) and Part II-J of Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:2120.61 through 2120.70, relative to the licensing of the Program for All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE) providers; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensure requirements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for licensing fees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 828—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1360.55, 1360.56(A), (B), and (C), 1360.57(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), and (5), and 1360.62 and to enact R.S. 37:1360.52(12) through (15), relative to medical psychologists; to provide for qualifications of an applicant for licensure as a medical psychologist; to provide the interaction of a medical psychologist and a collaborating healthcare provider; to provide for qualifications of an applicant for a certificate of advanced practice; to provide for the standards of practice for a medical psychologist with an advanced practice certificate; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK MCMATH
Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
INSURANCE**

Senator Kirk Talbot, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

May 1, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 499—

BY SENATOR REESE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1295(1)(a) and (e), (4), and (5) and the introductory paragraph of 1296(B) and to repeal R.S. 22:1295(1)(d) and 1296(B)(4), relative to uninsured motorist coverage; to provide for uninsured motorist coverage; to repeal a selection form; to repeal a certain coverage; to repeal an exception; to make technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 88—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1269(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and Code of Civil Procedure Articles 42(5) and (6) and to repeal Code of Civil Procedure Article 42(7), relative to venue for foreign or alien insurers; to provide proper venue in certain circumstances; to repeal venue requirements for certain insurers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 361—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES STAGNI, BROWN, WILFORD CARTER, FISHER,
 HUGHES, JACKSON, LACOMBE, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE,
 NEWELL, OWEN, AND TAYLOR

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1029(B), relative to colorectal cancer screening; to provide for insurance coverage of routine colorectal cancer screening; to establish sources of recommended testing and screening; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 521—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:918(B)(1) and (C)(1) and (2), relative to the use of genetic testing with respect to life and long-term care insurance; to provide relative to prohibited actions regarding policies; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 603—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1852(introductory paragraph) and (7) and 1856.1(B)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(b), relative to claims of pharmacies and pharmacists; to modify definitions; to provide relative to pharmacy record audits; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 609—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:821(B)(34)(introductory paragraph), 1311(F)(2), Part XI of Chapter 5 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1807.1 through 1807.26, and 1892(G), relative to the insurance claim appraisal process; to authorize the commissioner of insurance to collect fees for appraisers and umpires; to modify relative to appraisal clauses within residential property and fire insurance policies; to provide for registration policies and procedures for appraisers and umpires; to provide for penalties; to authorize the commissioner of insurance to impose a penalty upon or sanction violators; to provide for definitions; to provide for an appraisal process; to provide for a selection process for appraisers or umpires; to provide for qualifications for appraisers and umpires; to prohibit conflicts of interest; to provide for job descriptions, responsibilities, and obligations; to prohibit certain communication; to provide for costs; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 616—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 11 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:2188, and to repeal Part VIII of Chapter 11 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 22:2187, relative to actuarial reviews of healthcare legislation; to require the Department of Insurance to contract with entities to perform actuarial reviews; to require relative to public meetings; to provide relative to legislators' requests for actuarial reviews; to outline intended outcomes; to provide relative to the commissioner of administration; to provide for certain appropriations; to provide with respect to the confidentiality of certain information; to repeal the Louisiana Mandated Health Benefits Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 672—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1623, 1625(A), and 1626 and to enact R.S. 22:1628 and 1629, relative to managing general agents; to provide for duties; to provide relative to financial examinations; to provide for account reports; to require notices to the Department of Insurance and insurers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 701—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

AN ACT

To enact Subpart M-1 of Part IV of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1430.1 through 1430.4, relative to the regulation of insurance; to create the Insurance Regulatory Sandbox Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for innovation waivers; to provide for requirements of applicants; to provide relative to the authority of the commissioner of insurance; to provide for consumer protections; to provide for disclosures; to provide for extensions of time; to provide for rulemaking; to require reporting; to provide for reciprocity; to provide for a termination date; to provide for an effective date; to provide for redesignation of laws; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
 KIRK TALBOT
 Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Senator Joseph Bouie Jr., Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs, submitted the following report:

May 1, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 419—
 BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(12) and (13), relative to the illegal carrying of handguns; to prohibit concealed carrying of handguns at certain sporting events; to prohibit concealed carrying of handguns in the French Quarter Management District in New Orleans; and to provide for related matters.

Reported by substitute.

HOUSE BILL NO. 185—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9091.28, relative to Orleans Parish; to create the Castle Manor Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to district funding; to authorize the city, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee for the district; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

May 1, 2024

HOUSE BILL NO. 186—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1243(B), relative to the parish of Jefferson; to provide relative to parish ordinances; to provide relative to the violation of such ordinances; to provide relative to the penalties for any such violation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 187—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2494(C)(6), relative to the city of Kenner; to provide relative to the classified police service; to provide relative to the certification and appointment of eligible persons; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 237—

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.23(B), (D), (E)(4), (F)(1), (2)(b) and (c), and (3), and (I)(1), relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Faubourg Marigny Security and Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to provide relative to the amount, expiration, and renewal of the fee; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 246—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 3(B) of Act No. 557 of the 1974 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the city of Zachary; to provide relative to the municipal civil service system; to provide relative to the governing board for the system; to provide relative to the qualifications of board members; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 253—

BY REPRESENTATIVES STAGNI, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BRASS, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, DOMANGUE, FISHER, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GREEN, HILFERTY, JACKSON, KNOX, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2581.4, relative to certain firefighters and fire service employees; to provide relative to cancer screenings for such firefighters and employees; to provide relative to the time period for cancer screening examinations; to provide relative to screenings for retired firefighters and fire service employees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 593—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4076, relative to the sewerage and water board of New Orleans; to provide relative to the employees of the board; to provide relative to residency requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 965— (Substitute for House Bill No. 574 by Representative Hilferty)

BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRAUD, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, COX, DOMANGUE, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GREEN, HUGHES, JACKSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, STAGNI, TAYLOR, WALTERS, AND WILLARD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4159.3, relative to the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the sewerage and water board of New Orleans; to provide relative to bills for services provided by the board; to provide for fixed billing and dispute arbitration; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH BOUIE JR.
Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senator Bob Hensgens, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following report:

May 1, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Natural Resources to submit the following report:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2025, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request continued support for the annual Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Mapping Cruise conducted by Louisiana State University (LSU) and Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) and its importance as a measure of progress in reducing the hypoxic zone off Louisiana's coast, as well as memorializing Louisiana's Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to authorize its continued funding.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 409—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:648(2) and 648.1(introductory paragraph), relative to harassment and disturbance of hunters, trappers, and fishermen; to provide definitions; to expand the state lands and waters on which the prohibition against harassment and disturbance applies; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 458—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:361.1(C)(4), relative to vehicle window tinting regulations; to add patrol vehicles owned by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to window tint exemption; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 492—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 19:2(9) through (12) and R.S. 30:1103(12), 1104(C)(introductory paragraph), 1107, 1108(A)(2) and (B)(1) and to enact R.S. 30:1108(A)(3), relative to expropriation; to clarify the rights of owners of land as it relates to eminent domain; to provide for expropriation by certain legal entities; to provide for duties and powers of the commissioner; to provide for certificates of public convenience and necessity; to prohibit the expropriation of reservoir storage rights for geologic storage; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 802—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.3(G), relative to use of dogs while hunting; to provide for use of dogs to retrieve mortally wounded deer; to provide for the use of handguns on wounded deer; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 937—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1104(A)(10) and 1109(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 30:1103(14) and 1109.1, relative to landowner liability for carbon dioxide sequestration; to provide for definitions; to clarify the parties responsible for obligations established by law; to provide for landowner liability; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to make technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 966— (Substitute for House Bill No. 696 by Representative Geymann)

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:28(D)(2), (3), (4), and (7) and (E) and 1104(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 30:1104.2 and 1113, relative to unitization for carbon dioxide sequestration; to provide definitions; to provide for notification requirements; to provide for the issuance of drilling permits; to provide for the authority of the commissioner of conservation; to authorize unitization for carbon dioxide storage; to provide for public hearings; to provide required findings; to provide for terms of the unitization order and compensation for owners in interest; to require certain determinations by the commissioner; to provide for a method for determining fair and just compensation; to provide relative to venue; to provide relative to owners rights; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
BOB HENSGENS
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

SENATE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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

May 1, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 72—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON
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.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 106—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:58(D)(2), R.S. 33:9668(D)(2), R.S. 42:1157(A)(4)(c), and R.S. 49:78(D)(2) and to enact R.S. 24:58(D)(6), R.S. 33:9668(D)(6), and R.S. 49:78(D)(6), relative to penalties imposed by the Board of Ethics; to provide for the enforcement of registration and reporting requirements of legislative, executive branch, and local lobbyists; to provide for the assessment of late fees and civil penalties for failure to timely file; to provide for the computation of days; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 109—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:964(A) and 966(K)(2) and to enact R.S. 49:964(D), relative to administrative procedure; to provide for processes to review agency rules; to provide relative to the availability of information regarding the ability of the public to request rule changes; to require the Office of the State Register to provide for a portal for such purposes; to require agencies to review rules each year; and to require certain information to be including in an agency's annual report to the appropriate committees of the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 154—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY, BOYD, DOMANGUE, LYONS, NEWELL, BROWN, BRYANT, KNOX, LARVADAIN, SELDERS, AND STAGNI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1463(A), (D)(1), (F), and (G) and to enact R.S. 18:1463(H), relative to prohibited political material; to prohibit the distribution or transmission of materials containing any created or manipulated image, audio, or video of a candidate or related persons with the intent to deceive voters or injure a candidate's reputation; to provide relative to the definition of digital material relative to prohibited political materials; to provide for injunctions for violations; to provide relative to criminal penalties for violations of political material prohibitions; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 319—
BY REPRESENTATIVES NEWELL AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:536(A)(introductory paragraph) and (C), relative to notice of change in polling place; to provide for including the reason for the change when giving notice of a change in polling place; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

May 1, 2024

HOUSE BILL NO. 367—
BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN AND ECHOLS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:170.23, relative to state symbols; to provide relative to Native Plant Month; to designate the month of April as Native Plant Month; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 411—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1491.7(B)(21) and 1495.5(B)(20) and to enact R.S. 18:1505.2(I)(7), relative to the return of excess campaign contributions; to provide for the return of excess campaign contributions by check; to provide for excess contributions to escheat to the state after a certain period of time; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 476—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1308(B)(1), relative to the delivery of absentee by mail ballots; to limit the number of marked ballots that a person may send to the registrar through the United States Postal Service or commercial courier; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 503—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1113(B) and (C), relative to prohibited transactions; to apply certain prohibitions on transactions with a public servant's agency when those public servants and related persons have a substantial economic interest; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 628—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1483(8), 1491.6(F), 1495.4(F), and 1505.2(H)(3)(a), relative to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; to provide for certain elections and the application of the Act thereto; to change the definition of election; to provide for reports for certain elections and the duties of the supervisory committee relative thereto; to provide for contribution limits and reporting periods relative to candidates in such elections; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 658—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY AND ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:977.3(C), relative to the administrative revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of a license; to provide for notice through electronic means; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 675—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1511.5, 1511.7, 1511.8(C), and 1511.11(A), relative to actions for the enforcement of violations of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; to provide for the filing of administrative proceedings before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board; to provide for removal to district court; to provide for venue; to provide for the determination of secrecy of

certain accounts and records; to provide for the precedence of actions in district court; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
CLEO FIELDS
Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC
WORKS**

Senator Patrick Connick, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, submitted the following report:

May 1, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to submit the following report:

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.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study I-12 express tolling operations compared to the tolling practices of other states.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 384—
BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863(A)(3)(a), relative to the lapse of motor vehicle insurance coverage; to provide with respect to reinstatement fees for the lapse of insurance coverage; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 542—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:232(3)(e), (f), and (g), relative to penalties for certain traffic-control signal violations; to provide for increased penalties for red light indication violations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 544—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1655(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and 1656(8) and (23) and to enact R.S. 48:1656(24) through (26) and 1656.1, relative to the Regional Transit Authority Board of commissioners requirements; to provide for certain powers and authority; to provide for the creation of an advisory board to advise and make recommendations to the

authority; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 589—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:409.1(A)(6)(d), relative to a commercial learner's permit or driver's license; to provide for the denial of issuance, renewal, upgrade, or transfer of a permit or license if not cleared through a certain federal clearinghouse; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 681—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863(A)(3)(a), relative to sanctions for lapse in required security; to lessen and cap the sanctions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 683—
BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BRAUD, BRYANT, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COX, DICKERSON, EGAN, FISHER, FONTENOT, GREEN, HORTON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MOORE, PHELPS, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, SELDERS, TARVER, TAYLOR, WALTERS, WILEY, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:8(A)(2) and (3) and (B) and 429.4(B) and (E) through (H) and to enact R.S. 32:8(D), 414(X), 429.4(A)(5) and (I), and 863.1.2, relative to motor vehicle reinstatements; to remove the mandate for the office of motor vehicles to refer final delinquent debt to the office of debt recovery; to provide for definitions; to authorize the office of motor vehicles to settle debt to avoid litigation and collection expenses; to require debtors to provide an electronic mail address to the office of motor vehicles for receipt of notices and updates; to remove equal monthly installments amounts that are tied to specific amounts a debtor owes; to provide for the assessment of a late fee for the failure to make an installment payment and request reinstatement; to create a reinstatement relief program to be governed by the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles; to require the office of motor vehicles to provide reinstatements at all of its field locations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 760—
BY REPRESENTATIVES STAGNI, BAYHAM, WILFORD CARTER, COX, ILLG, SCHLEGEL, AND VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1653(1) and (17), 1655(E)(3), 1661, and 1665(B) and to enact R.S. 48:1655(E)(4), relative to the Regional Transit Authority; to provide for the withdrawal from the authority by a participant; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 778— (Substitute for House Bill No. 490 by Representative Bayham)
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:43(A)(3), relative to penalties by unmanned automated speed enforcement devices in school zones; to prohibit speeding violations from being issued via unmanned automated speed enforcement devices under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 794—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2318.1, relative to negotiations of architectural and engineering professional services; to require political subdivisions and agencies to negotiate for a fair and reasonable price with the most highly qualified firm selected and then move to the next highly qualified selected firm if a contract cannot be negotiated; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 797—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2225.2.4(A)(3), relative to hospital service districts; to exclude use of "construction management at risk" (CMAR) projects that cost less than two million dollars; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 825—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:388(B)(4)(b)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 32:388(B)(1)(b)(v) and (4)(b)(xvi) through (xviii), relative to trucks hauling construction aggregates; to provide that such authorization to exceed the maximum gross vehicle weight limit shall not apply in certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 880—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:462(B)(6) and 508(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 47:508(A)(4), relative to the registration of certain commercial vehicles; to provide an exception to annual registration renewals for trucks weighing ten thousand to sixteen thousand pounds; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 887—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To designate the Bayou Bienvenue Bridge on Louisiana Highway 47 in Chalmette, Louisiana, as the "Senator Samuel B. Nunez Crossing"; and provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK CONNICK
Chairman

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

SENATE BILL NO. 84—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 970, relative to motions for judgment on offer of judgment; to provide for costs and attorney fees; to provide relative to parties; to provide for certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 84 by Senator Seabaugh

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11, change "any party" to "any party" and delete "any defendant"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 12, change "an adverse party" to "an adverse party" and delete "any plaintiff"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 7, change "if the final judgment obtained against the defendant-offeree is" to "if the final judgment obtained against the defendant-offeree is"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 8, change "at least twenty-five percent greater than the amount of the offer of judgment made" to "at least twenty-five percent greater than the amount of the offer of judgment made"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 9, change "by the plaintiff-offerer," to "by the plaintiff-offerer, or"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 10, delete "and attorney fees,"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 15, change "either party" to "either party" and delete "any"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 16, delete "defendant"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 130—

BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 1732 and 1733(A)(2)(a), and to repeal Code of Civil Procedure Art. 1732(7), relative to civil actions; to provide relative to the jury trial threshold; to provide with respect to limitation upon jury trials; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 130 by Senator Bass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, before "A trial" insert "(1)" and after "available" delete "in:" and insert "except if an individual petitioner stipulates or otherwise judicially admits for the first time less than sixty days prior to trial that notwithstanding the amount of the individual petitioner's cause of action, exclusive of interest and costs, any other party may retain the right to a trial by jury if that party is entitled to a trial by jury pursuant to this Article and has otherwise complied with the procedural requirements for obtaining a trial by jury."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 11, delete "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 5

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 12, change "(2)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 20, change "(3)" to "(3)" and delete "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 22, change "(4)" to "(4)" and delete "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 26, change "(5)" to "(5)" and delete "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 28, change "(6)" to "(6)" and delete "(5)"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 1, change "(7)" to "(7)" and delete "(6)"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, line 8, delete "five" and insert "four"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 246—

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 386 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 322 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to prescription; to provide relative to the prescriptive period for certain civil actions against a person for certain acts committed against a minor; to provide relative to implementation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

HOUSE BILL NO. 23—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 781, relative to building restrictions; to provide for a noticeable violation of building restrictions; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 26—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 404(H), relative to jury commissions; to provide for the functions of the jury commission in the parish of Red River; to transfer the functions of the jury commission to the clerk of court of Red River Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 51—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2090, relative to the marshal of the city court of Alexandria; to authorize the city marshal to collect an appearance bond fee; to provide relative to the city marshal's general fund; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Reengrossed House Bill No. 51 by Representative Dewitt

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11, after "required" and before the period "." delete "to do so"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 15, after "marshal" and before the period "." delete "of the court"

On motion of Senator Reese, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 61—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRYANT, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, DAVIS, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EMERSON, FONTENOT, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, MOORE, OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SELTERS, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:26.1(B)(9) (introductory paragraph), relative to the Louisiana National Guard; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to death and disability benefits; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 65—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9613(H), relative to local inspector generals; to provide relative to the office of the inspector general for the city of New Orleans; to provide for investigative powers; to exempt the exercise of certain powers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Reengrossed House Bill No. 65 by Representative Hilferty

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 10 through 18, and insert the following:
"H. The inspector general and investigators employed in the New Orleans Office of Inspector General shall be authorized to carry a firearm in the lawful discharge of their duties provided they annually qualify in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have proof of qualification, in addition to a valid identification as a retired law enforcement officer."

On motion of Senator Reese, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 67—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (K), relative to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons; to provide an exception to illegal carrying of weapons for certain persons; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 134—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMERO, AMEDEE, BOYER, BUTLER, HENRY, JACOB LANDRY, MCCORMICK, MCMAHEN, SCHAMERHORN, THOMPSON, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 15-B of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:5091 through 5093, relative to the regulation of fuel used in agricultural machinery and fishery equipment; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to prohibit a parish or municipality from adopting any local law restricting the use or disposition on or imposing a fee or tax on agricultural machinery and fishery equipment; to prohibit local regulations that create differing standards for or distinguish fuel used in agricultural machinery and fishery equipment from other fuels or agricultural machinery and fishery equipment; to exempt the use of agricultural machinery used on property owned by a parish or municipality; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 149—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:494, relative to the regulation of alcoholic beverages in parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to the sale of certain alcoholic beverages in the town of Winnsboro; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 150—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:342(B) and (I)(2) and to enact R.S. 3:341(E), relative to the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District; to establish the domicile of the district; to provide for residency requirements of the district director; to provide relative to ex officio members without voting rights; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to Reengrossed House Bill No. 150 by Representative Travis Johnson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert: "the heading of Part IV of Chapter 4-A of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 3:341(A), 342(B) and (I) and to enact R.S. 3:341(E), relative to the"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "District;" and before "to establish" insert: "to provide for a name change;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 11 and 14, and insert the following:
"Section 1. The heading of Part IV of Chapter 4-A of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 3:341(A), 342(B) and (I) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 3:341(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART IV. DELTA AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND SUSTAINABILITY DISTRICT
§341. Delta Agriculture Economic Research and Sustainability District; creation; purpose; territorial jurisdiction; domicile
A. The Delta Agriculture Economic Research and Sustainability District, referred to in this Part as the "district", is hereby constituted and is declared to be a body politic and political subdivision of the

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state of Louisiana, as defined in Article VI, Section 44 of the Constitution of Louisiana."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, at the end of line 2, delete "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 3, after "University" and before "shall" insert ", and the chair of Louisiana Public Transit Association"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete lines 5 through 10 and insert the following:

"I.(1) The board shall may hire a district director staff persons to manage the day-to-day management operations of the district. The board shall establish the duties and responsibilities and the salary and benefits for the position positions of district director. The district director Staff persons shall report directly to the chairman of the board and, with approval of the board, may hire an administrative assistant.

(2) The district director, Staff persons hired after July 1, 2023 2024, shall be a resident of the state, and have been domiciled in the district for the preceding two years prior to employment. The provisions provision of this Paragraph shall not apply to the district director staff persons employed prior to July 1, 2023 2024."

On motion of Senator Cathey, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 213—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:32(C)(1), (2)(a), and (3), relative to the crime of negligent homicide; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to the elements of this offense when the victim is killed by a dog or other animal; to provide for increased penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 230—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 582, relative to post conviction relief; to provide with respect to time limitations for commencing a new trial once a mistrial has been declared or a defendant obtains a new trial; to specify that a new trial may be obtained through a motion for new trial, appeal, post conviction relief, or any other mechanism provided in state or federal law; to provide that the time delays apply to all of those circumstances; to provide that if the state seeks review of the granting of the new trial, time limitations do not commence to run until the judgment granting the new trial has become final by the state exhausting all avenues of appeal and review; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 236—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:331 and to enact R.S. 9:331.3, relative to evaluations in child custody proceedings; to provide for mental health evaluations; to provide for child custody evaluations; to provide for costs; to provide for qualifications; to provide for the elements of a written report; to provide for the use of the findings; to provide for ex parte communication; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Reengrossed House Bill No. 236 by Representative McMakin

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, delete lines 24 through 29 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, delete lines 12 through 17 in their entirety

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 238—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, WYBLE, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, WILFORD CARTER, CHENEVERT, COATES, DEWITT, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, GALLE, HORTON, JACOB LANDRY, OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, THOMPSON, AND WILDER AN ACT

To enact Part I-A of Chapter 22 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 3:3613 through 3619, relative to protection of agricultural lands from foreign adversaries; to restrict a foreign adversary with an ownership interest in a business entity from owning or having an interest in agricultural land; to provide for exceptions; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for definitions; to authorize the attorney general to take certain actions in response to violations involving the acquisition or sale of immovable property by foreign adversaries; to authorize certain courts to issue orders against foreign adversaries; to provide for immunity from liability for certain professionals involved in the consummation of real estate transactions; to provide for forfeiture and civil penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 240—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4602, 4622(B)(1), (2), and (3), (C), (D), (E), and (G), and 4624 and to enact R.S. 3:4622(F) and (H), relative to weighing and measuring devices; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to subsequent inspections of weighing and measuring devices and fees; to provide for the authority of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 269—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 611(C) and R.S. 14:110(A)(2), (B)(3), and (E) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 611(E) and R.S. 14:110(A)(4), relative to the crime of simple escape; to provide relative to venue; to provide for an alternative element of the offense; to provide for a violation of this offense; to provide relative to a penalty; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 284—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:264(B)(2) and to repeal R.S. 3:264(B)(5), relative to the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority; to provide for membership of the authority; to require

certain appointments by the governor; to remove a member appointed from a list provided by the Community Bankers of Louisiana; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 309—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:715(A)(2)(b), relative to charitable gaming; to provide for an increase in compensation for charitable gaming workers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 315—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, ROBBY CARTER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, GREEN, LARVADAIN, MUSCARELLO, STAGNI, AND VENTRELLA

AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Articles 3493.11 and 3493.12, and to repeal Civil Code Articles 3492 and 3493, relative to tort actions; to provide prescriptive periods for tort actions; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 327—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:4278.6, relative to timber harvesting operations; to require a written contract or agreement to conduct certain timber harvesting operations; to require the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to adopt rules and regulations; to authorize the commissioner to impose penalties after an adjudicatory hearing; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 346—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3807(B)(1) and 3808(A)(2) and (O)(2), relative to arborists; to provide for arboricultural examination requirements; to provide for utility arboricultural examination requirements; to provide for license renewal requirements for arborists and utility arborists; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 416—

BY REPRESENTATIVES JORDAN, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COX, FISHER, FREEMAN, GREEN, HUGHES, JACKSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MOORE, NEWELL, ORGERON, PHELPS, SELDERS, TAYLOR, WALTERS, AND WILLARD

AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 983(N) and 985.3, relative to expungement of criminal records; to provide for a court-ordered immediate expungement in certain cases; to provide for an exception to the cost of expungement of a record; to provide for the applicable expungement form to be used; to provide relative to service and contents of the immediate expungement; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Reengrossed House Bill No. 416 by Representative Jordan

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "Procedure" delete "Articles 983(N) and" and insert "Article"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 4 and insert "cases; to provide"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "Procedure" delete the remainder of the line and insert "Article 985.3 is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 10 through 17

On motion of Senator Morris, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 423—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.27(B), (D), and (F) and to repeal R.S. 9:2800.27(G), 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; to provide relative to jury instructions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Reengrossed House Bill No. 423 by Representative Melerine

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "and to repeal R.S. 9:2800.27(G)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 19, after "amount billed." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 20 in its entirety and insert the following:

"The court shall award to the claimant twenty percent of the difference between the amount billed and the amount actually paid to the contracted medical provider by a health insurance issuer or Medicare in consideration of the claimant's cost of procurement, provided that this amount shall be reduced if the defendant proves that the recovery of the cost of procurement would make the award unreasonable. The determination of this award shall be made only in accordance with the provisions of Subsection F of this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 5 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 11, change "~~The determination of this award shall be made only in accordance~~" to "The determination of this award shall be made only in accordance"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 12, change "~~with Subsection F of this Section:~~" to "with Subsection F of this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete lines 14 through 20 in their entirety and insert the following:

"F. In a jury trial, only after a jury verdict is rendered may the court receive evidence related to the limitations of recoverable past medical expenses provided by Subsection B or D of this Section."

jury shall be informed only of the amount billed by a medical provider for medical treatment. Whether any person, health insurance issuer, or Medicare has paid or has agreed to pay, in whole or in part, any of a claimant's medical expenses, shall not be disclosed to the jury, but shall be discoverable and subject to the rules of discovery. In trial to the court alone, the court may consider such evidence."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 21, change "G." to "G." and delete "F."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 22, delete "benefit"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, delete line 23 in its entirety

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 433—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:82.1, relative to judicial budget reports; to provide for a uniform budget document; to provide for an annual report; to provide for a submission deadline; to provide for the publication of an annual report; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 439—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:782(A)(1)(e), relative to clerks of district courts; to provide for an increase in annual compensation for clerks of district courts; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 464—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:255(Z), relative to witness fees; to provide relative to witness fees in the city of Pineville; to provide for the transfer of certain surplus witness fees; to provide for certain limitations and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 553—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRYANT, BOYD, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, GREEN, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, LAFLAUR, MARCELLE, MENA, MOORE, NEWELL, SELDERS, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 972 and 983(G) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 999 and 999.1, relative to expungement; to provide for the expungement of arrest records for certain individuals; to provide for a definition; to provide relative to criteria to receive an expungement; to provide for exceptions; to provide for duties; to provide for exemption from processing fees; to provide for an expungement form; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 573—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:351(3)(a), relative to alcoholic beverages; to provide relative to the sale and shipment of certain alcoholic beverages; to provide relative to container size limitations of beverages of high alcoholic content; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 621—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:911(B)(1)(b), to enact R.S. 26:926.1, and to repeal R.S. 26:926, relative to vapor products; to prohibit retail dealers of electronic cigarette products from purchasing such products from certain sources; to establish a vapor product and alternative nicotine product directory; to authorize the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control to impose fees and fines under certain circumstances; to provide for criminal penalties for certain violations; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for age verification; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Engrossed House Bill No. 621 by Representative Stagni

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 26:911(B)(1)(b)" and before the comma ", " insert the following: "and Subpart BB of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, consisting of R.S. 39:100.231"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, after "verification;" insert " to provide for the disposition of the tax on vapor products;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 9, after "commissioner" change "certifying" to "affirming"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, at the end of line 24, after "retail dealer," change "or" to "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, line 23, after "tobacco" change "controlas" to "control as"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:
"Section 2. Subpart BB of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, consisting of R.S. 39:100.231, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

SUBPART BB. THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES,
OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL, AND THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER COMPENSATION FUND

100.231. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of State Fire Marshal, and Louisiana Public Defender Board Office of the State Public Defender Compensation Fund

A. There is hereby created, as a special fund in the state treasury, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of State Fire Marshal, and Louisiana Public Defender Board Office of the State Public Defender Compensation Fund, hereafter referred to in this Section as the "fund".

B. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the

Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, after the first twenty-two million dollars of the avails of the tax levied pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 47:841(F) is deposited into the Louisiana State Police Salary Fund pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 22:831(B)(2), the treasurer shall deposit the next six million dollars of the avails of the tax levied pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 47:841(F) into the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used solely as provided for in Subsection C of this Section.

(2) Monies in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and interest earned on investment of the monies shall be credited to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

C. Monies in the fund shall only be withdrawn subject to an appropriation by the legislature and shall be distributed as follows:

(1) The first distribution to the office of alcohol and tobacco control shall be six hundred thousand dollars. These funds shall be expended exclusively for the purposes of the enforcement of vapor products and electronic cigarettes.

(2) The remaining funds shall be distributed and shared equally among the following governmental units:

(a) The funds distributed to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall be used exclusively to cover the cost of salary increases and related benefits for enforcement agents.

(b) The funds distributed to the office of the state fire marshal shall be used exclusively to cover the cost of salary increases and related benefits for its employees.

(c) The funds distributed to the ~~Louisiana Public Defender Board~~ office of the state public defender shall be used exclusively to cover the cost of salary increases and related benefits for its employees."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 5, at the beginning of line 12, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 5, at the beginning of line 13, change "Section 3." to "Section 4."

On motion of Senator Reese, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 639—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:108(B)(1)(f), relative to the crime of resisting an officer; to provide relative to the definition of "obstruction of an officer; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 642—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 50:1 through 10 and 173.1, to enact R.S. 29:726(B)(17), and to repeal R.S. 50:11, relative to surveying and mapping standards and coordinate systems; to provide for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness' operations plan; to provide for the restoration of service to Continually Operating Reference Stations; to provide definitions; to establish the state plane coordinate system and official geodetic datums; to define zones for use with the official coordinate system; to update terminology and references to standards for surveying and mapping; to provide for deprecated state coordinate systems; to provide for the use of coordinate system terminology; to provide for the authority of the Department of Transportation and Development; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Engrossed House Bill No. 642 by Representative Orgeron

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 3, after "(7)" change ""NATREF2022"" to ""NATRF2022""

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, at the end of line 17, change ""NATREF2022"" to ""NATRF2022""

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, at the end of line 25, change ""NATREF2022"" to ""NATRF2022""

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, line 5, after "System" change ""NATREF2022"" to ""NATRF2022""

On motion of Senator Reese, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 670—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:296(D)(1), (3), and (4)(b)(introductory paragraph), relative to the Healthy Food Retail Act; to provide for the purpose of the program; to remove program funding limitations; to provide for funding eligible projects; to remove limitations on the frequency that an eligible project may qualify for funding; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 746—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554.1(B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(2), (D), and (E), relative to the Bossier Parish Retired Employees Insurance Fund; to provide relative to eligible retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs; to increase the total amount of principal and earnings in the Bossier Parish Retired Employees Insurance Fund; to provide relative to limitations on fixed income investments; to provide relative to limitations on withdrawal and appropriation of monies; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 772—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:726.4(A), (C), (E), and (F), relative to cemetery emergency assistance and disaster relief; to provide for the Louisiana Cemetery Response Task Force; to provide for its powers, duties, and functions; to provide for certain terms and procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 784—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAMERHORN, BOURRIAQUE, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, GADBERRY, HORTON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, MCMAHEN, ORGERON, OWEN, ROMERO, SELDERS, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, TURNER, VENTRELLA, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 2321, relative to liability for damages caused by livestock; to provide for strict liability under certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 790— (Substitute for House Bill No. 196 by Representative Bamburg)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 40:1429, relative to the insurance fraud investigation unit within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to repeal the effectiveness provision of the insurance fraud investigation unit; and to provide for an effective date.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 824—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCELLE, ADAMS, BACALA, BOYD, BOYER, WILFORD CARTER, COX, FISHER, HORTON, JACKSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MOORE, NEWELL, SELDERS, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, AND WILEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:40.6(C), relative to the unlawful disruption of the operation of a school; to provide for penalties; to provide for participation in conflict resolution classes; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 842—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2796.3(A), relative to civil liability; to provide relative to civil liability for local governments; to provide for loss related to bonfire presentations on the Mississippi River levee; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Engrossed House Bill No. 842 by Representative Wiley

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, delete "Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary" and insert "Except as otherwise provided in this Section"

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 910—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3801(F)(introductory paragraph) and 3802(A), relative to the Horticulture Commission; to transfer the authority to adopt rules and regulations from the commission to the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; to require the commission to enforce the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to law; to require the commissioner to employ personnel for the commission; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 964— (Substitute for House Bill No. 359 by Representative Deshotel)

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2586(C)(7) and (8), relative to justice of the peace courts in Avoyelles Parish and Evangeline Parish; to provide relative to jurisdiction and procedures; to provide for jurisdiction over property standards and nuisance violations; to provide relative to summons and subpoenas by constables; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 968— (Substitute for House Bill No. 587 by Representative Bryant)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:3810(A)(9), relative to insurance for arborists; to require an arborist license for obtaining liability insurance; to provide for violations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Reconsideration

The vote by which Senate Bill No. 14 failed to pass on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, was reconsidered.

SENATE BILL NO. 14—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1505.2(Q)(1), relative to campaign contributions; to provide for receipt of campaign contributions during an election year regular session by a legislator; to provide for reporting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—

BY SENATOR FOIL A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to allow public download of the monthly Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities and the underlying census data used to populate the informational dashboards presented on the department's website in a downloadable Microsoft Excel format.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32 by Senator Foil

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 15 and the beginning of line 16, and on page 2, line 2, change "Department of Public Safety and Corrections" to "department"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, lines 16 and 17, and on page 2, lines 23 and 24, change "U.S." to "United States"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 13 and insert the following:

"WHEREAS, the department already provides the data used to generate both the"

On motion of Senator Reese, the committee amendment was adopted.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Foil moved to adopt the amended Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan	Pressly
Total - 2	

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

SENATE BILL NO. 26—

BY SENATORS FIELDS AND BOUIE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:164.3, relative to school buses; to require all school buses used in transportation of students to and from school to be equipped with heating and air conditioning; to provide relative to rules and regulations of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide relative to compliance; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Duplessis	Luneau
Abraham	Edmonds	McMath
Allain	Fesi	Miller
Barrow	Fields	Mizell
Bass	Foil	Owen

Boudreaux	Harris	Price
Bouie	Hensgens	Reese
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	Stine
Cathy	Jenkins	Talbot
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Wheat
Connick	Lambert	Womack
Total - 33		

NAYS

Hodges	Morris
Miguez	Seabaugh
Total - 4	

ABSENT

Coussan	Pressly
Total - 2	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 31—

BY SENATOR WHEAT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1665(C)(1) and 1665.2(C)(1), relative to survivor benefits; to provide for survivor benefits for dependent children of firemen and law enforcement officers; to provide for terms and conditions; 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

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan	Pressly
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. 64—

BY SENATOR REESE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:100.52(A) and 100.56(D)(1) and (G), to enact R.S. 39:100.52(E), 100.56(K)(2)(c), and 100.56(O), and to repeal R.S. 39:100.56(N), relative to the Water Sector Program; to provide relative to the Water Sector Fund; to remove an outdated reference to a previous transfer of funds; to provide relative to Water Sector Program guidance requirements; to require rate studies for grant recipients; to

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provide relative to adjustments of grant awards; 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 of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Coussan, Edmonds, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack. Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns of names: Duplessis, Jackson-Andrews, Owen, Pressly. Total - 4

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. 143— BY SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To enact Part XII-A of Chapter 5-B of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1124.1, relative to prenatal and postpartum health screenings; to require certain healthcare providers to provide screenings for certain patients; to provide for the discretion of the provider; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Coussan, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack. Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

SENATE BILL NO. 164— BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:851(V), relative to the Office of Group Benefits; to provide relative to eligibility; to provide relative to health coverage programs for certain employees; to provide relative to employer premium contributions; to provide for limitations; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Coussan, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack. Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Owen Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 190— BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.76.1, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rate increases; to provide for a plan for physicians to be reimbursed at one hundred percent of Medicare rates; to require the department to submit the plan to the appropriate subject matter jurisdiction committees; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Edmonds, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris.

Bass	Harris	Owen
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Pressly
Bouie	Hodges	Price
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Cathey	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Stine
Connick	Lambert	Talbot
Coussan	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Total - 39		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

SENATE BILL NO. 205—

BY SENATORS MIGUEZ, EDMONDS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MIZELL AND STINE AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BRYANT, CARPENTER, FREIBERG, HUGHES, MELERINE AND SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:418(A), relative to the compensation of teachers and other school employees; to provide for additional compensation for overtime work and for work beyond prescribed duties under certain circumstances; to provide for compensation for planning time for teachers; to provide for applicability; to provide for the rate of such compensation; 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 Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 205 by Senator Miguez

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 8, change "enacted" to "reenacted"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

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

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	Harris	Owen
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Pressly
Bouie	Hodges	Price
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Cathey	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Stine
Connick	Lambert	Talbot
Coussan	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Total - 39		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered re-engrossed and 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. 224—

BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:153.3.2, relative to opioid alternatives; to provide relative to coverage for nonopioid and opioid prescription drugs by Medicaid managed care organizations; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Department of Health; to require the department to perform certain functions relative to opioid alternatives; and to provide for related matters.

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

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	Harris	Owen
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Pressly
Bouie	Hodges	Price
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Cathey	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Stine
Connick	Lambert	Talbot
Coussan	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Total - 39		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

SENATE BILL NO. 234—

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:2216.1 and R.S. 39:1602.2, relative to public contracts; to prohibit certain discriminatory practices with respect to firearm associations, retailers, and manufacturers; to provide for definitions; to provide restrictions on applicability; to authorize the attorney general to take certain legal action against a company; 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	Fesi	Mizell
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Abraham	Foil	Owen
Allain	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Hodges	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cloud	Lambert	Stine
Connick	McMath	Talbot
Coussan	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Total - 27		

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Luneau
Boudreaux	Fields	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	
Carter	Jenkins	
Total - 10		

ABSENT

Harris	Morris
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.

SENATE BILL NO. 235—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:601(B) and 625(G)(7) and to enact R.S. 27:625(G)(8), and Subpart CC of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.241, relative to sports wagering; to provide regarding definitions, enforcement, licenses and permits, and wagering; to provide for requirements and regulations; to provide for revenue allocation; to create the Louisiana Equine Promotion and Research Fund; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the fund; 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 Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 235 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 15, after "obtained" delete "or" and insert "1" and after "issued" insert "1"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Morris
Total - 3		

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and 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. 280—
BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1666.1(A)(7), relative to supplemental pay; to provide for eligibility for certain fire protection officers; to provide certain requirements and limitations for eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miller
Abraham	Fesi	Mizell
Allain	Fields	Owen
Barrow	Foil	Pressly
Bass	Hensgens	Price
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

Harris	Morris
Total - 2	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 300—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1059.4 and 1059.5, relative to health insurance coverage for pregnancy-related and postpartum healthcare services; to provide for coverage of nutrition counseling services; to provide for coverage of qualified lactation care provider services; to prohibit discriminatory language; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Duplessis proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Duplessis to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 300 by Senator Duplessis

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 15, after "**Section**" delete the remainder of the line insert the following: "**are considered as a preventive benefit under the Affordable Care Act. A covered person who utilizes this benefit shall not be subject to annual**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 18, after "**provider**" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 19 through 21, and insert the following: "**shall be recognized as an individual who has achieved and maintained his certification requirements for a breastfeeding counselor, lactation consultant, certified breastfeeding specialist, certified lactation counselor, certified lactation educator, or another recognized certification from a program that is accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation agency.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 23, change "**lactation consultants or their**" to "**a qualified lactation care provider or his**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following:
"(1) "Breastfeeding counselor" means an individual who is qualified to provide breastfeeding counseling, address normal breastfeeding in a healthy term infant, and to conduct maternal and infant assessments of anatomy, latch, and positioning, while providing support to the mother. A breastfeeding counselor is certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners.

"(2) "Certified lactation counselor" means an individual who has a certification that indicates a foundational level of knowledge and competence in lactation support and management. A certified lactation consultant is certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners.

"(3) "Certified breastfeeding specialist" means an individual who has been certified by a nationally recognized accreditation agency that signifies an individual's specialized expertise in breastfeeding support. This certification includes specialized knowledge and skills that are essential for supporting a breastfeeding mother and her infant.

"(4) "Certified lactation consultant" means an individual who is qualified to provide breastfeeding counseling, address normal breastfeeding in a healthy term infant, and to conduct maternal and infant assessments of anatomy, latch, and positioning, while providing support to the mother and infant. A certified lactation counselor is certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners.

"(5) "Certified lactation educator" means an individual who is certified by the Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association. A certified lactation educator provides education and support on breastfeeding basics, addressing common challenges, and employing strategies to assist a breastfeeding mother and infant."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 26, change "**(1)**" to "**(6)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4 delete lines 7 through 18

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, line 19, change "**(4)**" to "**(7)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, delete lines 22 through 24, and insert the following:
"(8) "Qualified lactation care provider" means an individual who meets the certification requirements for a breastfeeding counselor, lactation consultant, certified breastfeeding specialist, certified lactation counselor, certified lactation educator, or

another recognized certification from a program that is accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation agency."

On motion of Senator Duplessis, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miller
Abraham	Fesi	Mizell
Allain	Fields	Morris
Barrow	Foil	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

Harris
Total - 1

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

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.

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

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miguez
Abraham	Fesi	Miller
Allain	Fields	Mizell
Barrow	Foil	Morris
Bass	Harris	Owen
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Pressly
Bouie	Hodges	Price
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Cathey	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Stine
Connick	Lambert	Talbot
Coussan	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Total - 39		

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NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

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. 431— BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To enact Subpart CC of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.241 and 100.242, relative to juvenile detention facility funding; to create the Juvenile Detention Commission; to provide for membership of the commission; to provide for the implementation and administration of the Juvenile Detention Commission Program; to provide relative to a grant application process for construction of juvenile detention centers; to create the Juvenile Detention Fund; to provide for oversight and approval of use of funds by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide for audits; to provide relative to terms, conditions, requirements, and procedures; 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. 431 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 14, change "36" to "39"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cloud proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cloud to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 431 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 3, change "shall mean" to "means"

On motion of Senator Cloud, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Edmonds, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh

Table with 3 columns of names: Cloud, Connick, Coussan, Duplessis, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack

Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

SENATE BILL NO. 440— BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:392.14, relative to special funds in the state treasury; to create the Dyslexia Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, dedication, deposit, and use, as specified of the Dyslexia Fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Hodges Total - 1

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

Rules Suspended

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

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. 48	HB No. 49	HB No. 89
HB No. 128	HB No. 326	HB No. 215
HB No. 358	HB No. 467	HB No. 571
HB No. 766	HB No. 879	HB No. 956

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 48—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, MCCORMICK, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MYERS, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, THOMAS, WILEY, AND WYBLE
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article III, Section 16(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide relative to consideration of appropriations bills; to provide for time periods and required information relative thereto; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 49—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(3)(a) and (4)(a) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to add Article III, Section 2(A)(5) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to regular sessions of the legislature, to allow the legislature to extend a regular session for a limited time period for a specific purpose; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 89—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BAGLEY, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:59.2(A), (D)(2), and (E) and to repeal R.S. 18:59.2(C), relative to employees in the office of a registrar of voters; to provide for the maximum number of authorized positions in certain parishes; to provide for the source of parish population figures; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 128—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.1(B), relative to possession of a firearm or carrying of a concealed weapon by a felon; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 215—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2554(C)(4), relative to the city of Morgan City; to provide relative to the classified police service; to provide relative to the certification and appointment of eligible persons; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 326—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1374.1 to provide relative to occupational diseases; relative to the division of state police; to provide that the development of hearing loss while employed in the division of state police is an occupational disease; to provide for benefits to an affected employee; to provide for a rebuttable presumption under certain circumstances; to provide for the testing of audiology examinations; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 358—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, EDMONSTON, AND WILEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:621.23, relative to the Twenty-Third Judicial District Court; to create an additional judgeship for the Twenty-Third Judicial District Court; to provide for compensation of the additional judge; to provide for the election and term of office of the additional judgeship and those of the successors in office; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 467—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1391(23) through (26) and to enact R.S. 3:1391(27) and 1394(A)(14) and Subpart C of Part VII of Chapter 4 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:931 through 939, relative to the sale of raw milk; to authorize sales of raw milk for human consumption; to provide for commercial feeds; to provide for definitions; to authorize the sale of raw cow milk; to authorize the sale of raw goat milk; to provide for labeling and inspection; to provide for sanitation, bottling, and packaging standards; to provide for animal health; to provide for chemical and temperature standards; to provide for product recall; to require training courses for farmers or producers; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 571—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 23:984.1, relative to labor organizations; to provide definitions; to provide for certain designated labor organization activities in employment contracts; to provide for enforceability; to provide for attorney fees and costs; to prohibit the use of public funds under certain circumstances; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 766—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:289, relative to educational benefits for beneficiaries of qualified veterans; to provide relative to educational benefits for children and spouses of qualified veterans; to provide relative to limitations on educational benefits; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 879—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 45:163(D), relative to insurance and indemnity bonds; to eliminate the requirement for a three thousand dollar C.O.D. bond from common carriers of freight by motor vehicles; to require trucks transporting specific products to carry specific insurance coverages; to require certain coverage amounts on trucks transporting waste; to provide for the responsibilities of producers of waste; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 956—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 30 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 42:1801 through 1811, relative to labor organizations; to create the Employee Secret Ballot Protection Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to provide definitions; to require an employee's right to a secret ballot election; to prohibit coercion and intimidation; to provide for penalties and civil remedies; to require certain duties of the attorney general under certain circumstances; to provide for enforcement; 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.

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 1, 2024

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HCR No. 33

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Joint Rule No. 15 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide for the allocation of legislative space within 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 EDUCATION

Senator Rick Edmonds, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

May 1, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 294—

BY SENATOR HODGES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part XIV of Chapter 26 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and R.S. 17:3399.31(1), (2), and (5), 3399.32(A), and 3399.33, relative to free speech and First Amendment protected activities on the campuses of public postsecondary education institutions; to provide with respect to constitutionally protected activities; to provide with respect to free speech; to provide with respect to lawful assembly; to provide with respect to religious liberty; to provide with respect to religious or faith-based student organizations; to provide with respect to the election of officers, choice of leaders, or acceptance of members of a religious and faith-based student organizations; to prohibit protections for activities conducted by organizations that have been designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the federal government; to prohibit protections for activities that are in violation of criminal law; to provide for definitions; to provide for exclusions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE AND HUGHES

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(g), relative to high school graduation; to prohibit the use of an appeals process for high school graduation for students who have not met certain achievement levels on state assessments; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 45—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3403(A), relative to the certification of Montessori teachers; to provide relative to the entities providing certification and accreditation of training courses; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 71—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CREWS, DEWITT, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, GALLE, KERNER, MACK, MELERINE, OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, WILDER, AND WILEY AND SENATORS BASS AND HODGES

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(82), relative to elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools; to require display of the Ten Commandments in each classroom; to provide relative to the use of public funds for this purpose; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 112—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:54(B)(1)(b)(i)(aa), relative to local school superintendents; to provide for the employment of superintendents; to provide for the evaluation of superintendents; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 174—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3394(E)(1), relative to disciplinary proceedings at public postsecondary education institutions; to revise the conditions under which a student or student organization may be deemed guilty of a violation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 188—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:52(E)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:52(F), relative to eligibility for membership on a school board; to provide that possession of a high school diploma is required for service on a school board; to provide that a person who has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere to certain crimes is not eligible to serve on a school board; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 190—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (H) and to enact R.S. 17:407.101(C)(1)(mm) through (pp) and (5), relative to early childhood care and education; to increase the membership of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission; to provide for membership terms; to provide relative to the quorum of the commission; to provide relative to voting procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 252—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, BRASS, CARPENTER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, MELERINE, SELDERS, TAYLOR, AND YOUNG

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:440.3, relative to school employees; to require communication to parents of student athletes relative to cardiac health; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 264—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, BAYHAM, BOYD, BUTLER, CARLSON, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, DEWITT, FISHER, GREEN, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MENA, SELDERS, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:183.3(B)(2)(b), (c), and (f), 5025(2)(b), (3)(c), (5), and (8), and 5026(A)(2)(c), (3)(b), and (5) and to enact R.S. 17:7.2(A)(9), 280.3, 3996(B)(82), 5025(9), 5025.7, and 5026(F), relative to curricula; to revise the courses required in the high school career major program; to add Computer Science as a required high school course; to require teacher education programs include computer science education; to provide for alignment with the core curriculum required for qualification for TOPS awards; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary

Education; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 322—

BY REPRESENTATIVES STAGNI, AMEDEE, BAGLEY, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, CARLSON, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, DAVIS, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FREIBERG, HORTON, HUGHES, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, MARCELLE, MELERINE, OWEN, PHELPS, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, WILEY, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(b)(i) and (c)(i) and (v) and 416.18(B), relative to student discipline; to grant certain authority to teachers; to prohibit retaliation from principals and administrators for certain disciplinary action taken; to require certain disciplinary action; to provide relative to the exercise of teacher rights; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 362—

BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER AND CHASSION

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:1944(H), relative to students with exceptionalities; to require local education agencies to adopt policies relative to the provision of information to parents at annual Individualized Education Program meetings; to specify that the information contain information about tutorship and other issues related to certain children's attainment of the age of majority; to require the state Department of Education to develop the information and provide it to local education agencies; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 429—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRYANT, HUGHES, BAYHAM, BRAUD, BUTLER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, COX, DOMANGUE, FONTENOT, KERNER, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LYONS, MOORE, ORGERON, ST. BLANC, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:192.2, relative to school food programs; to provide relative to school breakfast and lunch and other food served in elementary and secondary schools; to prohibit serving imported seafood to students; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 600—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:500.2(F), 1202(F), and 1206.2(F), relative to sick leave banks for school employees; to authorize employees to donate leave directly to other employees; to require a certain percentage of leave balances to be retained in sick banks; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 601—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:8.1(F), relative to teachers; to authorize the principal of each public school to notify parents upon a child's assignment to the classroom of a temporary, uncertified teacher or a teacher who has a nonstandard teaching certificate or has been granted authorization to teach; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 708—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3973(2)(b)(v)(aa), 3983(F)(1), 3991(B)(3), (6), and (7), (C)(1)(a), (b), and (c)(i) and (iii), and (E)(6), and 3991.1(E)(2) and to repeal R.S. 17:3991(B)(1), relative to charter schools; to remove the requirement that charter schools meet a certain threshold with respect to the number of students with exceptionalities and economically disadvantaged students relative to their total student enrollment; to provide relative to charter school proposals and applications; to provide relative to admissions lotteries; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 862—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, CARPENTER, FREIBERG, AND ST. BLANC
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a), relative to tuition and mandatory fee amounts for public postsecondary education institutions; to authorize each public postsecondary management board to impose and adjust certain tuition and fee amounts; to provide for limitations; to provide for reporting; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
RICK EDMONDS
Chairman

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 312 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 312—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 14-E of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:1445.1 through 1445.2, relative to assistance programs of the Department of Children and Family Services; to require the Department of Children and Family Services to include certain information on its website; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Womack, the bill was read by title and passed to a third reading.

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to allow the Senate Committee on Finance to meet without the required 1:00 P.M. posting time.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

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

May 1, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Concurrent Resolution has been properly enrolled:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53—

BY SENATOR OWEN
A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as Louisiana Legislature Space Day at the Louisiana Space Capitol.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS
A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Thomas Luke, fourth year medical student at LSU Health New Orleans, for his laudable year of service as a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors while also serving as student body president and completing his medical education.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 55—

BY SENATOR REESE
A RESOLUTION

To commend David W. Gardner on the occasion of his recent promotion to the rank of Major General of the United States Army.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX
A RESOLUTION

To honor and recognize Senate Security Officer Stanley B. Hughes for his service to the United States and the state of Louisiana.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS
A RESOLUTION

To commend the LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing on reaching its 90th anniversary of educating nurses of all levels, programs, and specialties.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58—

BY SENATORS PRESSLY, BASS, JENKINS AND SEABAUGH
A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Brigadier General Robert W. "Rob" VanHoy II on the occasion of his retirement and recognize his many career accomplishments.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS
A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 24, 2024, as Louisiana Renewable Energy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61—

BY SENATOR CATHEY
A RESOLUTION

To designate May 9, 2024, as 4-H Day at the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana and to commend the state 4-H officers.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62—

BY SENATOR CATHEY
A RESOLUTION

To designate May 14, 2024, as Future Farmers of America (FFA) Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend the officers of the Louisiana FFA Association.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS
A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Rahn Bailey upon his contributions to healthcare and work in the field of psychiatry to significantly improve the quality of life for African Americans and to congratulate him on being the recipient of the 2024 Solomon Carter Fuller Award.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the LSU Health Foundation New Orleans and Dr. Steve Nelson, Interim Chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, upon receipt of a \$7.5 million gift to fund ten four-year scholarships to the medical school.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67—

BY SENATORS PRESSLY AND JENKINS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Tanner Ward for his remarkable compassion, leadership, and organizational skills, and his commitment to enhance the lives of the patients he encounters.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65—

BY SENATOR JENKINS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend Mrs. Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy for her profound and lasting impact on her community.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66—

BY SENATORS BOUDREAU, BARROW, BOUIE, CARTER, DUPLESSIS, FIELDS, HARRIS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LUNEAU AND PRICE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of David Morris Gauthier on the occasion of his passing.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 71—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the centennial year celebration of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana and to designate May 1, 2024, as the Police Jury Association's Legislative Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Louisiana Opportunity Youth Task Force.

Respectfully submitted,
CLEO FIELDS
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate and presented to the Secretary of State by the Secretary.

Message to the Secretary of State

SIGNED

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 1, 2024

To the Honorable Secretary of State:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—

BY SENATORS FIELDS, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAU, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MIZELL, PRESSLY, PRICE, SEABAUGH, STINE, WHEAT AND WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the LSU Tigers gymnastics team for winning the 2024 NCAA national championship.

Respectfully submitted,
YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

Message to the Governor

SIGNED SENATE BILLS

May 1, 2024

To the Honorable Governor of the State of Louisiana:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 295—

BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1451, 1464(A)(2) and (D), and 1465(A)(2) and (B)(1) and to enact R.S. 22:1465(A)(4) and (D), relative to rate making; to provide for the process whereby the commissioner reviews rate filings; to provide for the approval of rate filings; to provide for certain rate filings to be deemed approved; to provide for incomplete or disapproved rate filings; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 323—

BY SENATORS TALBOT AND BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1892(A)(3) and (4), (B)(1), and (H), to enact R.S. 22:1892(A)(7), (B)(7), (I), (J), and (K), and 1892.2, and to repeal R.S. 22:1973, relative to claims settlement practices; to provide for definitions; to provide for loss adjustment; to provide for the payment of claims; to provide for practices following a catastrophe; to provide for good faith duty; to provide for breach of good faith duty; to provide for certain notices; to provide for penalties; to provide for causes of action; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

and they are hereby presented for executive approval.

Respectfully submitted,
YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 1, 2024

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and recommend legislation for implementation of procedures establishing child support and paternity for minor parents and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than February 1, 2025.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—

BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER, WILFORD CARTER, MIKE JOHNSON, LARVADAIN, MELERINE, TAYLOR, AND TURNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Bar Association to raise awareness about all legal options including but not limited to supported decision-making, power of attorney, continuing and permanent tutorship, and limited and full interdiction, and to

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assist parents and guardians of children with disabilities to obtain the best legal option that best suits their families.

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

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

The House Concurrent Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.

Message from the House SIGNED HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

May 1, 2024

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 29— BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA AND KNOX AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1503(9) and 1524(A)(1), relative to the Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund; to provide relative to survivors; to provide for optional survivor benefit payments; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 167— BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:337(A) and (E), relative to the unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system; to provide relative to the forfeiture of an unmanned aircraft system; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 405— BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(2)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(12)(e), relative to the Department of Revenue, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Revenue 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 611— BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1265(D), to enact R.S. 22:1265(K) and (L), and to repeal R.S. 22:1265(F) and (H) and 1333(C) through (H), relative to homeowners' insurance; to provide for homeowners' policies in effect for three or more years; to provide relative to deductibles and modification of coverages; to authorize insurers to file plans and requests with the commissioner of insurance relative to the nonrenewal of certain policies; to repeal relative to filings of certain rating plans and rate reductions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

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

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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Edmonds, Miguez. Lists names of present members including Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Coussan, Duplessis, Total - 39.

ABSENT

Total - 0

Announcements

The following committee meetings for May 2, 2024, were announced:

Finance 9:30 A.M. Room A

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Edmonds, at 6:10 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Monday, May 6, 2024, at 3:30 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