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STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**TWENTY-FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

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

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

The Senate was called to order at 4:26 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

**Morning Hour**

**CONVENING ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mr. President	Duplessis	Miller
Abraham	Edmonds	Mizell
Allain	Fesi	Morris
Barrow	Foil	Owen
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Pressly
Bouie	Hodges	Price
Carter	Jenkins	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Coussan	Miguez	Womack
Total - 33		

**ABSENT**

Bass	Harris	McMath
Fields	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Total - 6		

The President of the Senate announced there were 33 Senators present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Waylon Bailey, 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 Wheat, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of May 7, 2024, was adopted.

**Privileged Report of the  
Legislative Bureau**

May 8, 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 BILL NO. 39—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1006(D) and 1007(A)(1) and to repeal R.S. 11:1007(C)(3), relative to the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System; to provide for reemployment of retired bus drivers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 788—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:100.171(C), relative to the Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund; to provide relative to uses of monies in the fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 846—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX, ADAMS, DEWITT, FISHER, FREEMAN,  
FREIBERG, LAFLEUR, AND ZERINGUE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:82.3, relative to the reporting of federal and state funds allocated to providing mental health services; to provide relative to funds allocated to providing mental health services across state agencies and school systems; to require reporting by the division of administration; to require reporting by the state Department of Education; to provide for specific reports to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide relative to the authority of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 884—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, ADAMS, FISHER, AND MARCELLE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1619(B)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 39:1619(E) and 1621(D), relative to procurement by public postsecondary education management boards; to provide relative to procurement of consulting services and social service contracts; to authorize master service agreements for such services in certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 967— (Substitute for House Bill No. 35 by  
Representative Riser)**

BY REPRESENTATIVES RISER, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM,  
BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BRAUD, BRYANT,  
CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSON, CHENEVERT,  
COX, DEWITT, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GREEN,  
HORTON, HUGHES, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY,  
LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, MELERINE, MILLER,  
MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, PHELPS, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN,  
SELDERS, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, AND WILLARD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:710(A)(4)(b) and to enact R.S. 11:710.1(G), relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide relative to the reemployment of certain retired teachers without a suspension or reduction of benefits; 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.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 85—

BY SENATORS COUSSAN AND BOUDREAUX
A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize CGI Lafayette Center of Excellence on the occasion of its 10th anniversary.

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

Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59—

BY SENATOR FESI
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to work with stakeholders to develop a plan for reestablishing nursing homes following a natural disaster.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60—

BY SENATOR FOIL
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate St. Luke's Episcopal School on receiving its first U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon School Designation.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Drew Brees on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

Senator Seabaugh asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 61 a first and second time.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing members who voted 'YEAS' including Mr. President, Edmonds, Miller, Abraham, Fesi, Mizell, Allain, Fields, Morris, Barrow, Foil, Owen, Boudreaux, Harris, Pressly, Bouie, Hensgens, Price, Carter, Hodges, Reese, Cathey, Jenkins, Seabaugh, Cloud, Kleinpeter, Stine, Connick, Lambert, Talbot, Coussan, Luneau, Wheat, Duplessis, Miguez, Womack.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table listing members who were absent: Bass, Jackson-Andrews, McMath.

Total - 3

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE BILL NO. 508— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 288 by Senator McMath)

BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVE CARVER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:100.13, relative to expanded academic support for certain low-performing students; to provide for high-dosage tutoring; to provide for high-quality tutoring providers; to provide for the responsibility of the state Department of Education; and to provide for related matters.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 81—

BY SENATOR FIELDS AND REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Supreme Court to study the family court for the parish of East Baton Rouge.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 84—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS
A RESOLUTION

To recognize the economic and workforce development opportunities that can be realized by the State of Louisiana's participation in the offshore wind industry's supply chain.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Wilbert Ellis upon receiving the 2024 Louisiana Sports Ambassador Award and on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing members who voted 'YEAS' including Mr. President, Fesi, Miller, Abraham, Fields, Mizell, Allain, 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, Edmonds, Miguez.

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow  
Total - 1

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57—**  
BY SENATOR FESI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide a long-term solution for the housing crisis suffered by Louisiana residents displaced due to the devastation of Hurricane Ida.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58—**  
BY SENATORS LAMBERT AND PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, BRASS, EDMONSTON AND WILEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Amant High School softball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Class 5A state championship.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow  
Total - 2  
Jackson-Andrews

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**

May 8, 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. 244	HB No. 267	HB No. 653
HB No. 979	HB No. 980	HB No. 981
HB No. 703	HB No. 930	HB No. 380
HB No. 440	HB No. 688	

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 244—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, CARLSON, CARVER, FREIBERG,  
SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, AND YOUNG  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Part III of Chapter 43 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:4032.1, relative to academic assistance for certain public school students; to provide for student and service provider eligibility, program administration, payment amounts and uses, notifications, reports, and funding; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 267—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, CARLSON, FREIBERG, HUGHES,  
SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, AND YOUNG  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.10(A)(4)(a), (F), and (G) and to enact R.S. 17:24.10(H) through (K), relative to public education in kindergarten through third grade; to provide for annual numeracy assessment of certain students; to provide numeracy support to certain students; to require numeracy improvement plans; to authorize consolidation of certain academic plans for certain students; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 380—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES ZERINGUE, GREEN, JACKSON, NEWELL, AND  
THOMPSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:754(A) through (D) and (F) and 850(A), Code of Civil Procedure Article 253(B) and (D), and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 14.1(A) and (F) and to enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 253(I) and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 14.1(G), relative to electronic filings; to provide relative to the membership and duties of the Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access Authority; to provide relative to electronic filing standards and requirements; to provide relative to facsimile transmissions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 440—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN,  
AND WYBLE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:3198(A)(3), relative to homeowners associations, property owners associations, condominium owners associations and other planned communities; to provide for the disclosure of association documents; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 653—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES VENTRELLA, MCMAHEN, AND THOMPSON  
AN ACT

To enact Subpart B of Part VI of Chapter 17 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 3:2481 through 2484, relative to the Louisiana Commemorative Pet Stamp Program and its purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for the design, sale, and marketing of commemorative pet stamps and prints; to provide for the annual creation of commemorative pet stamps by regulation; to provide for the creation of the Commemorative Pet Stamp Fund; to provide relative to transfer and distribution of funds; to provide for maintenance of financial records; to provide for uses and expenditures; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 688—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN  
AN ACT

To enact Part XVII of Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:1420.31, relative to certain local government officials; to provide relative to training authorized for such officials; to provide relative to resources and training offered by certain associations or groups; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 703—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, BEAULLIEU, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, AND MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1201(F) and 1201.1(A), (D), (F), (G)(1), and (I) and 1314(E)(1), relative to workers' compensation; to provide for penalties and attorney fees under certain circumstances; to provide for payment of workers' compensation claims; to provide for the controversion of compensation and medical benefits; to provide for disputed claims; to require certain notice and delivery requirements; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 930—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES VENTRELLA, BUTLER, CREWS, EGAN, EMERSON, OWEN, AND WILDER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:595(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 37:575(A)(18), relative to cosmetology; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology; to require the creation of a website by the board; to provide for the requirements for cosmetology schools; to reduce the hours of instruction needed for a cosmetology license; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 979— (Substitute for House Bill No. 496 by Representative Horton)**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 29:26.2, relative to veterans benefits; to provide for definitions; to prohibit compensation for assisting any individual to obtain veterans benefits; to prohibit compensation for referring any individual to another individual for assistance to obtain veterans benefits; to provide for fees; to provide for fee agreements; 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.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 980— (Substitute for House Bill No. 712 by Representative Crews)**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:457 and to enact R.S. 17:438(E) and (F), relative to labor organizations; to provide for the resignation from labor organizations dues for teachers or other school employees; to provide for the resignation from labor organization and union dues for public employees; to provide for collective bargaining agreements or contracts; to provide for reporting and notification requirements; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 981— (Substitute for House Bill No. 902 by Representative Melerine)**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, BILLINGS, CARLSON, CHENEVERT, CREWS, EDMONSTON, GLORIOSO, MCMAHEN, AND WILDER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:263(H), relative to investments of public retirement systems; to provide relative to proxy voting on shareholder sponsored proposals; to provide relative to the use of advice from proxy advisory firms; and to provide for related matters.

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 118—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL  
AN ACT

To enact Part III of Chapter 8 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 23:861, relative to pre-dispute arbitration agreements; to prohibit pre-dispute arbitration agreements for claims or accusations of sexual harassment in the workplace; to provide for an exception; 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. 800—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, AMEDEE, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BERAULT, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COX, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HORTON, ILLG, MIKE JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MUSCARELLO, MYERS, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, ST. BLANC, TARVER, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VENTRELLA, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE  
AN ACT

To provide for the calling of a limited constitutional convention for the purpose of framing a new constitution; to provide for legislative findings; to fix the time and place for the convention; to provide for the delegates of the convention; to provide for the organization and staff of the convention; to require that the constitution as adopted by the convention be submitted to the qualified electors for adoption and to provide relative to such submission; to provide for the application of specified laws, including provisions of law containing criminal penalties, to delegates and staff of the convention; to provide for the disbursement of funds for the convention and otherwise provide with respect to funds for the convention; to place limitations on the convention to propose changes; to fix the effective date of the new constitution if approved by the electorate; 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 Senate and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 904—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:2122, 2123, and 3996(B)(82) and to repeal R.S. 17:2122, 2123, and 3996(B)(82), relative to education; to require each public school and public postsecondary education institution to submit a report relative to funding and personnel used for programs related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; to provide for the content of the reports and submission either to the state Department of Education or the Board of Regents, as applicable; to require the department and the board to report to certain legislative committees relative to the reports submitted by the schools and institutions; to provide for definitions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on  
Second Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 107—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SELDERS, BRYANT, GREEN, AND YOUNG  
AND SENATOR HARRIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Day at the state capitol.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Hodges
Total - 2	

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MYERS, AMEDEE, BEAULLIEU, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BRASS, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, CHASSION, EMERSON, FARNUM, HEBERT, HENRY, JACOB LANDRY, MILLER, ROMERO, ST. BLANC, TARVER, WILEY, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, BOUDREAUX, COUSSAN, HENSGENS, KLEINPETER, MIGUEZ, PRICE, REESE, AND STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the 2024 Festival Acadiens et Créoles in Lafayette on the occasion the festival's fiftieth anniversary.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miguez
Abraham	Fesi	Miller
Allain	Fields	Mizell
Barrow	Foil	Morris
Bass	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 Senate concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109—

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Thomas Anthony "Tony" Tramonte.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miguez
Abraham	Fesi	Miller
Allain	Fields	Mizell
Barrow	Foil	Morris
Bass	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 Senate concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

May 8, 2024

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate May 9 annually as Louisiana Gray Day to increase awareness of brain cancer.

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

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Molly Buchmann and Sharon Mathews on the occasion of their retirement as artistic directors of Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre.

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

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, 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 - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cathey
Total - 1

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 116—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRASS AND WILEY AND SENATORS LAMBERT AND PRICE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Lutcher High School girls' powerlifting team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division II state championship.

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

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRASS AND WILEY AND SENATORS LAMBERT AND PRICE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Lutcher High School softball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division II Non-Select state championship.

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

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. Total - 39

Cloud	Kleinpeter	Stine
Connick	Lambert	Talbot
Coussan	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack

Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

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 8, 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. 357—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S.10:9-102(a)(29) and to enact R.S. 10:9-102(a)(82), relative to central bank digital currency; to provide an exception to a deposit account; to define central bank currency; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 488—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT  
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 22 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:1501 through 1506, relative to digital assets and cryptocurrency; to prohibit certain government regulations of digital assets; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to prohibit governing authorities from requiring use, payment, or testing of central bank digital currency; to provide for node operating and the use of home digital asset mining; to provide for exceptions; to provide for limitations of liability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 493—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 8:454.3, relative to the merger of cemetery trust funds; to provide for the plan of merger; to provide for the articles of merger; to provide for when a merger becomes effective; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 638—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:3294(C), relative to licensed private security business entities; to provide for licensure for businesses; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 713—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:682(14) and 711.2(4), (12), and (14) and to enact R.S. 37:702(8), relative to the practice of land surveying and the practice of engineering; to provide for the definitions of the practice of land surveying, engineer, and the practice of engineering; to provide for a saving clause; to provide for the practice of geoscience; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 835—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 45:1622(3)(b), relative to electric vehicle charging technology and equipment networks; to provide for legislative intent; to urge certain actions of the Public Service Commission; to provide for certain definition exclusions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
BETH MIZELL  
Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON**  
**EDUCATION**

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

May 8, 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. 416—**  
BY SENATOR BOUIE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:158(K) and to enact R.S. 17:158(L), relative to school buses; to provide with respect to the operation of school buses that transport public school students; to enhance the safety of students by requiring disciplinarians or other school personnel to ride on the buses at certain times; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 426—**  
BY SENATOR JENKINS AND REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN  
AN ACT

To enact Subpart C-1 of Part X of Chapter 2 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:1214, and R.S. 17:3996(B)(82), relative to parental leave for educators; to provide for paid leave for eligible employees; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements to qualify for parental leave; to provide for compensation and length of time for use of parental leave; to provide for policies and procedures to implement the parental leave; to provide for certain notification; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**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.

Reported favorably.

**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.

Reported favorably.

**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.

Reported favorably.

**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.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 5—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3383, relative to events hosted by public postsecondary education institutions; to provide relative to sales of goods, concessions, and merchandise; to provide relative to payments in such transactions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 47—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170(E), relative to student immunization requirements; to require that any communication issued to students or their parents or guardians relative to immunization requirements include information relative to exemption from such requirements; to provide that exemptions apply to those attending schools in addition to those seeking to enter schools; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 340—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS, CHENEVERT, DAVIS, DICKERSON,  
DOMANGUE, FREEMAN, LAFLEUR, MARCELLE, MOORE, TAYLOR,  
AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:172, relative to schools; to require local public school governing authorities to adopt rules relative to the development and implementation of a tracking system for parental complaints; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 363—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS, ADAMS, BOYD, BRASS, BROWN,  
BRYANT, CARPENTER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER,  
CHASSION, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GREEN, HUGHES,  
JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MANDIE  
LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE,  
NEWELL, SELDERS, STAGNI, TAYLOR, WALTERS, WILLARD, AND  
YOUNG AND SENATORS BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, DUPLESSIS,  
FIELDS, HARRIS, LUNEAU, AND PRICE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:436.5 and 3996(B)(82), relative to school nurses; to require local public school boards to adopt policies requiring school nurses to participate in a training program relative to sickle cell disease; to specify that the training include information on caring for students with sickle cell disease at school; to require the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission to provide training materials to the state Department of Education and to require the department to make it available to school boards; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 390—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 25:214.6, relative to the Allen Parish Libraries Board of Control; to provide relative to compensation for members of the board; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 456—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS, AMEDEE, BRASS, CARPENTER,  
EDMONSTON, AND HILFERTY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:436.1(M) and to enact R.S. 17:436.1(O), relative to the administration of medication at schools; to require rather than authorize schools to adopt policies relative to the administration of naloxone or other opioid antagonists; to provide for the administration of certain life-saving medications at schools; to provide relative to the training of school personnel; to provide relative to a limitation of liability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 629—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:233(B)(1)(b), relative to truancy; to provide for parental and school responsibilities with respect to truant students; to provide for criminal penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 881—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:652(A), relative to the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana; to provide relative to the membership of the council; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.



**HOUSE BILL NO. 903—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:343(A), relative to the Louisiana State Museum; to provide relative to the position of museum director; to change the criteria for such position; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**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.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 917—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS  
AN ACT

To provide that Act No. 84 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature shall be known and may be cited as "Armani's Law".

Reported favorably.

**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.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
RICK EDMONDS  
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 8, 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. 479—**

BY SENATOR DUPESSIS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:251(C)(1) and to enact R.S. 36:258(M) and Part I-B of Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:2025.1 through 2025.3, relative to the creation of the office of violence prevention within the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for purposes and functions of the office; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for reporting; to provide for authorized sources of funding; and to provide for related matters.

Reported by substitute.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 303—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:933.1 and 933.2, relative to SNAP benefits; to require the office of juvenile justice to report relative to juveniles in custody to the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide for the adjustment of SNAP benefits under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 393—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2200.7.2(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(introductory paragraph), relative to support services for individuals with dementia; to provide for Alzheimer's and other dementia disease training; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to educate healthcare providers on dementia services and care; to require certain services from the office of public health outreach programs; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 421—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:31.12(3)(h), relative to immunization records; to report a sickle cell disease diagnosis in certain circumstances; to establish procedures to obtain patient consent prior to reporting; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 602—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS AND CHASSION  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1142, relative to stock emergency medications; to provide for definitions; to deem certain medications as life-saving; to identify which entities may be considered qualified entities; to establish certain provisions for qualified entities; to establish a protocol; to provide for a standing order; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 829—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:470(A) and (D), to enact R.S. 36:259(D)(9), and to repeal R.S. 36:4(B)(30), relative to the Louisiana State Agency Interagency Coordinating Council for EarlySteps: Louisiana's Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and Their Families; to transfer the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the EarlySteps Program to the Louisiana Department of Health; to transfer the EarlySteps Program to the Louisiana Department of Health; to assign certain duties to the administrator of the program; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 849—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 28:53.1 and R.S. 40:1165.1(A)(5), relative to care for patients with behavioral health issues; to provide for discharge procedures; to provide for communication between healthcare professionals, patients, and patient's family, caregivers, and loved ones; to require the provision of educational documents; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

May 8, 2024

**HOUSE BILL NO. 869—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS, FISHER, AND JACKSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1270(A)(8), relative to continuing education requirements for certain physicians and physician assistants; to provide for the treatment of sickle cell disease; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; to require continuing education for the treatment of sickle cell disease; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 883—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS, FISHER, AND JACKSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1125.13, relative to sickle cell disease; to provide for the sickle cell disease registry; to provide for individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease; to provide for the exchange of data by a healthcare provider with certain associations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 888—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES STAGNI AND FISHER  
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 35-A of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 37:2731 through 2746, relative to the Social Work Licensure Compact; to establish the purpose of the Compact; to identify certain objectives; to provide for definitions; to provide eligibility requirements for state and social worker participation; to establish provisions for the issuance of a multistate license; to authorize the Interstate Compact Commission; to provide for member licensing authority; to establish certain provisions for military families; to establish authority for certain entities to take adverse action; to establish the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission; to require usage of a coordinated data system; to require the promulgation of certain rules; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of certain provisions; to provide for construction and severability; to require consistency and conflict resolution between states; to establish provisions for a criminal background check for the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners; 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 8, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

**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.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 428—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:2292, 2322, and 2336, relative to the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; to provide relative to insurable property; to provide an option to exclude coverage of personal property; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 839—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES HEBERT, BAGLEY, BRAUD, ILLG, AND WILDER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1053(A)(1) and (L) and to enact R.S. 22:1053(M), relative to step therapy or fail first protocols; to require coverage for prescribed ventilators when certain criteria apply; to provide for technical changes; 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 8, 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:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 7—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:3812(K), relative to waterworks commissioners; to provide relative to the board of the South Cameron Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 of Cameron Parish; to provide for the number of members on the board; to provide for qualifications; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 225—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9091.28, relative to Orleans Parish; to create the Tall Timbers Crime Prevention and 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.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 255—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN  
AN ACT

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

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 270—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 33:2828, relative to the Orleans Parish assessor; to remove the process and fee for obtaining an ad valorem tax exemption for nonprofit property in New Orleans.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 271—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1095(B)(1) and (C)(3) and to enact R.S. 46:1095(B)(8) and (9), relative to the parish hospital service district in Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the governing authority of the district; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 272—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.18(F)(1) and (3)(b), relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Pressburg East Neighborhood Improvement and Security District; to provide relative to the parcel fee collected to fund the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 323—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1233(B), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the members of the parish governing authority; to provide relative to a travel allowance authorized for such members; to provide for an increase in the maximum amount of the travel allowance; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 331—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

AN ACT

To enact Part XIV of Chapter 6 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:3121, relative to ad valorem property taxes in Orleans Parish; to require certain notifications when ad valorem property taxes in Orleans Parish are the subject of certain agreements; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 353—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:127.4, relative to highway right-of-way crossings; to authorize golf carts to cross Louisiana Highway 378 at McKinley Street and at Louisiana Highway 379 at Hilma Street and Gray Street in the city of Westlake; to require the Department of Transportation and Development to post crossing signs; to provide for consultation between the department and the governing authority of the city of Westlake regarding guidelines for placement of crossing signs; to restrict the application of certain provisions of law; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**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.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 560—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4702(B)(2)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal R.S. 33:4702(B)(2)(i), relative to the New Orleans Regional Business Park; to provide relative to the board of commissioners; to provide for membership and the qualifications and terms of members; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**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 authority to engage in tax increment financing; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 562—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:130.862(A), relative to the New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority Economic Growth and Development District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; to provide for effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**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.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 634—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.70.6, relative to certain parishes; to authorize the governing authority of the parish to distribute sales and use tax revenue collected on the sale of admission tickets to certain events; to provide relative to the approval of such distributions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 635—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1501.9, relative to Caddo Parish Fire District No. 6; to authorize the district to levy a sales and use tax, subject to voter approval; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 643—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:531(B)(2)(a), relative to the Housing Authority of New Orleans; to provide relative to the appointment of commissioners to the authority; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**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.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 807—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1510(A)(3), relative to fire protection districts and fire departments; to allow expenditure of public funds for awards and recognition; to establish service award eligibility for firefighters; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH BOUIE JR.  
Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON**

**LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

Senator Alan Seabaugh, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, submitted the following report:

May 8, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to submit the following report:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 119—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1595 and to enact R.S. 23:1606, relative to unemployment compensation; to provide for the duration of benefits; to provide definitions; to provide for extended benefits; to provide for the termination of extended benefits; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 156—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER  
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 23:213, relative to employment of minors; to repeal the provision of law relative to recreation or meal periods for minors.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 247—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1601(8) and to enact R.S. 23:1714(D), relative to unemployment compensation benefits; to provide relative to the disqualification of benefits; to provide for certain penalties for the acceptance of overpayments of benefits; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALAN SEABAUGH  
Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON**

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

May 8, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—**

BY SENATOR STINE  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to apply any means necessary to reverse the liquified natural gas (LNG) export pause implemented by the Biden Administration and to allow Louisiana LNG to serve global markets and avoid a disastrous energy shortage worldwide.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 382—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT  
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 56:103(B) and (C)(2), relative to hunting license provisions.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 400—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES RISER, BRYANT, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, FREEMAN, GLORIOSO, GREEN, JACKSON, LAFLEUR, OWEN, SELDERS, VENTRELLA, AND WALTERS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:649.7 and 3005, relative to lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses; to establish resident and nonresident infant lifetime licenses; to establish fees for infant lifetime licenses; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 660—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:327.1, relative to the naming of a flood control structure; to provide for the naming of a surge barrier to honor a former president; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 684—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.45(C)(1) and R.S. 56:10(B)(9) and 291 and to enact R.S. 56:103(D), 116.3(I), 3002(A)(6), and 3007(H), relative to bear hunting; to provide for the use of funds in the Conservation Fund black bear account; to provide relative to bear hunting licenses; to establish fees for bear hunting licenses; to authorize the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to create a bear harvest permit lottery; to authorize the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to auction one bear harvest permit; to establish a lottery application fee; to dedicate funds to the black bear account; to allow the feeding of wild bears for purposes of baiting; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 795—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:3000.1, relative to recreational hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for revenue reductions from free and discounted recreational hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for reimbursement of revenue reductions as a result of free and discounted recreational hunting and fishing licenses; to provide relative to the authority of the legislative auditor; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 806—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN  
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 49:214.5.1(B)(5) through (9) and (12), relative to Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board membership; to remove certain members of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to make technical changes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 810—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES GEYMAN AND JACOB LANDRY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:351(B) and (C), 354(A)(15) and (B)(2) and (6), 356(B), 357(B) and (C), 358(C) and (D)(2), 359(B)(1) and (2), 401(C)(1)(b)(i), and 405(A)(1)(b), to enact R.S. 36:354(A)(19), 356.1, 358(E) through (G), and 359(B)(4), and to repeal R.S. 36:408(I) and 409(C)(8), relative to the organization, powers, duties, and functions of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources; to create and provide for the office of enforcement, the office of energy, and the office of land and water; to provide for the duties and functions of the secretary and assistant secretaries of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources; to provide relative to the office of conservation; to create and provide for the Louisiana Natural Resources Trust Authority; to provide for the Louisiana oil spill coordinator; to provide for the remediation of oil spills; to provide for the management of state lands and water bottoms; to provide for certain rights of way and leasing on state lands and water bottoms; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 847—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:10(B)(19), relative to the Marine Finfish Stock Enhancement Fund; to create the Marine Finfish Stock Enhancement Fund; to provide for authorized uses of the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 934—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES LACOMBE, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, CARRIER, COATES, DEWITT, EDMONSTON, FONTENOT, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, MARCELLE, ORGERON, OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, TAYLOR, AND THOMPSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:149(B)(introductory paragraph) and (C) and 209.2(B)(introductory paragraph) and (C) and to enact R.S. 30:149(D), 157, and 209.2(D), relative to the dedication of revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration on state lands; to provide for revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration on property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to dedicate revenue to local governing authorities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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 8, 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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide with respect to a special joint legislative committee composed of selected members of the House of Representatives and the Senate to study and make recommendations with respect to Louisiana's regulatory environment.

Reported with amendments.

**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.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 95—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(dd), relative to public meetings of certain public bodies; to provide for the use of a consent agenda at meetings of certain parish governing authorities and certain school boards; to provide for the

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population parameters used to identify certain parish governing authorities and school boards; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 103—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:23 and to enact R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(c), relative to broadcasts of public meetings; to require certain public bodies to broadcast meetings live; to require certain information on the notice of the meeting; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 114—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES FARNUM, AMEDEE, BACALA, BILLINGS,  
BUTLER, CHENEVERT, DOMANGUE, EMERSON, FIRMENT, HORTON,  
ILLG, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, AND TARVER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:192, 193(H), and 198(A), to enact R.S. 18:191.1, and to repeal R.S. 18:193(B) and (I), relative to the annual canvass of persons registered to vote; to provide for criteria for the annual canvass; to provide for the duties of the Department of State; to provide relative to the address confirmation notice; to provide relative to the inactive list of voters; to provide for updating voter registration information; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 268—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:11, relative to the confidentiality of personnel records; to provide for the confidential nature of certain personal information in a personnel record; to remove certain exceptions relative thereto; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 285—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Part V of Chapter 2 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 18:49.1, relative to the Department of State; to provide relative to investigations of election irregularities; to change the name of the elections compliance unit to the division of election integrity; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 426—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, BUTLER, AND GEYMAN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1123(41), relative to ethics; to provide an exception to allow certain educational professionals to tutor certain students, including the use of school facilities under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 461—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:22.2, relative to public records; to provide an exception for certain documents related to economic development negotiations by local government; to require certain procedures and notices; to provide a limitation on the amount of time certain information regarding the negotiations may remain confidential; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 677—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:110(D), 154(F)(3), 173(D), 193(A) and (E), 423(H)(2), 434(F), 494(A), 512(C), 572(A)(1) and (2)(a), 574(E)(1), 1259(B)(2)(b), (4), and (6), 1280.21(C), 1406(C), the heading of Part VIII of Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 1551, 1553, 1554, and 1555(B), and R.S. 26:584(B)(4), to enact R.S. 18:154(F)(8), and to repeal R.S. 18:154(G) and 173(B), relative to the revision of the system of laws providing for elections; to make revisions to the Louisiana Election Code; to provide for statements requesting cancellation of voter registration; to provide for the disclosure of an application to vote absentee by mail and related information; to provide for the disclosure of voided votes; to provide for the cancellation of voter registration; to provide for notification of deaths for purposes of cancellation of voter registration; to provide for the qualification of a commissioner removed for cause; to provide for objections to candidacy; to provide for the timing for an election following a tie vote in a general election; to provide for the transmission of documentation to the secretary of state following an election; to provide for the promulgation of returns; to provide for the timing for notifications provided by the state central committee of a recognized political party; to provide for the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; to provide for the disbursement of the surplus campaign contributions of a deceased candidate; to provide relative to local option elections; to provide for the language required on a petition for a local option election; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 763— (Substitute for House Bill No. 90 by Representative Beaulieu)**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:425.2, relative to elections; to provide relative to directives, guidance, and funding from the federal government regarding elections; to require certain notifications regarding such directives, guidance, and funding; to prohibit implementation of directives and guidance and acceptance of federal funds under certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 768—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:35(E)(1), relative to the Public Records Law; to provide relative to enforcement proceedings; to provide a limitation of liability in certain instances for certain persons having custody or control of a public record; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 799—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Chapter 23 of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 25:1011, 1012, 1013(A)(3) and (5) and (B), and 1014 and R.S. 36:4(B)(36), to enact R.S. 42:17(E) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(40), and to repeal R.S. 25:1016, relative to the Louisiana Governor's Mansion Advisory Commission; to provide for the jurisdictional area of the commission; to provide for membership; to provide for the term of membership for certain members; to provide for the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the commission; to provide for exceptions to the Public Records Law and Open Meetings Law; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 856—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1366(4); relative to voting systems; to provide additional requirements for voting systems; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 906—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT, BILLINGS, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, NEWELL, BACALA, EGAN, FISHER, GREEN, JACKSON, AND WYBLE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1491.1(E), 1491.4(E), 1495.2(E), 1505.2(E), (H)(1)(a) and (c), (2)(a) and (b), and (3)(a), and (K)(1) and (2), and 1511.4(A) and R.S. 42:1125(A), (C)(introductory paragraph) and (D)(2) and to enact R.S. 18:1483(21), 1491.1(G), 1505.2(H)(7), and 1505.2.1, relative to political contributions; to provide for the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; to provide for independent expenditure-only political committees; to provide for the registration of political committees; to provide for electronic payments and filing; to increase the amount of payments made from petty cash; to increase campaign contribution limits; to provide for the designation of political contributions for specific elections; to provide for the attribution of political contributions to certain contributors; to provide for limitations; to provide for procedures; to provide for complaints filed with the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance; to provide requirements for the filing of complaints; to provide for notifications; to increase limits on contributions made for gubernatorial transition and inauguration; to provide for such contributions in the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; to provide for a study conducted by the Board of Ethics; to require the Board of Ethics to report to the legislature, governor, and secretary of state; to provide for effectiveness; 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 8, 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:

**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.

Reported favorably.

**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 BILL NO. 146—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2322(A), relative to board appointments for the Sabine River Authority; to provide relative to qualifications for board members residing in Calcasieu Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**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.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,  
PATRICK CONNICK  
Chairman

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 459—**  
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:29(C)(1), (3)(a), (5), and (6), (D)(2), (3), (E)(1), (H)(1), (I)(2) and (4), (M)(1)(c) and 29.1 and to repeal R.S. 30:29(M)(1)(d), relative to the evaluation or remediation of oilfield sites and exploration and production sites; to provide for responsibility for environmental damage; to provide for regulatory standards; to provide for exceptions; to provide for remediation plans; to provide for appeals; to provide for payments; to provide for attorney fees; to provide for judicial remedies; to provide for definitions; to provide for damages; to provide for notification; to provide for environmental testing; 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. 459 by Senator Seabaugh

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**  
On page 3, line 17, delete "taken to the Court of Appeal for the First Circuit"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**  
On page 3, line 18, delete "and shall be"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**  
On page 4, line 6, after "appeal bonds," insert the following: "If a responsible party directly pays the cost of implementing the most feasible plan, then the responsible party shall provide to the district court a summary of costs paid each quarter until the most feasible plan is fully implemented or the district court orders that no further summaries are required."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, line 27, after "testing," delete the remainder of the line and insert the following: "A defendant shall be entitled to recover from the plaintiff reasonable attorney fees and all costs including expert witness fees, environmental evaluation, monitoring, investigation, and testing, if that defendant is found at trial not to have caused or is otherwise not legally responsible for the alleged environmental damage."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, delete lines 28 and 29 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 6

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

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 6, line 6, after "(c)", insert the following: "Economic loss damages may be recovered if proven by clear and convincing evidence. All other nonremediation damages shall be limited to the market value of the property impacted by environmental damage. The fair market value of the property at issue is based on the value of the property as if it has no environmental damage."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, delete lines 12 and 13 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 6, after line 25, insert the following: "Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall apply to any case in which the court on or before December 31, 2024, has not approved a plan as the most feasible plan or a party has not made a limited admission."

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.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 59—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2403(B)(1)(f), relative to law enforcement officers; to provide relative to the membership of the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training under the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice; to change the name of a member of the council; 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. 60—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:101.2(D), relative to the unauthorized use of sperm, ovum, or embryo; to provide for an exception; 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. 94—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, ADAMS, BACALA, BOYER, HORTON, KNOX, AND MOORE AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 908(C) and (D) and to enact Children's Code Article 908(E), relative to birth certificates and state identification for children in custody of the office of juvenile justice; to require the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to ensure children in custody have

certain records; 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. 125—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:34.5.1(B) and (C), relative to battery of a bus operator; to provide for 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. 127—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:97, relative to the crime of simple obstruction of a highway of commerce; to provide relative to the elements of the offense; to provide relative to 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. 145—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY AN ACT

To enact R.S. 16:205 and 266, relative to the parishes of Sabine and Winn; to provide with respect to the district attorney's office; to require relative to group health insurance coverage for eligible retired employees; 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. 147—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2575.2.1, relative to the city of Slidell; to provide relative to administrative adjudication of certain ordinance violations and judicial review of administrative hearings; to provide for definitions; 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. 147 by Representative Glorioso

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 13, before "also encompasses" change "Chapter" to "Section"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 16, after "provided in this" change "Chapter" to "Section"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 8, after "writ" change "does" to "shall"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 15, after "Slidell" change "is not" to "shall not be"

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. 173—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT, MIKE JOHNSON, AND WILDER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:109, relative to offenses affecting law enforcement; to create the crime of approaching a peace officer lawfully engaged in law enforcement duties; to provide for a definition; to provide for an affirmative defense; to provide for 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. 189—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:440.4(A)(5) and Children's Code Articles 323 and 326(A)(7) and to enact R.S. 15:440.2(D) and 440.4(C) and Children's Code Article 326(C), relative to the taped statements of a protected person; to provide for an additional person who is authorized to supervise the taking of a protected person's statement; to provide for a definition; 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 Engrossed House Bill No. 189 by Representative Willard

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 14, after "and" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 15 through 18 and insert: "who has completed training required by that law enforcement agency. Required training shall include, but not be limited to, basic investigative training and specific training on investigation of crimes involving a protected person."

On page 2, line 22, after "and" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 23 through 27 and insert: "who has completed training required by that law enforcement agency. Required training shall include, but not be limited to, basic investigative training and specific training on investigation of crimes involving a protected person."

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. 316—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:12(B), 63(A) and (B), and 226(A) and (B), relative to required financial disclosures of certain members and employees of the Gaming Control Board and of the gaming enforcement division in the office of state police, Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide for a period of time within which to file certain disclosure documents; 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. 316 by Representative Larvadain

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 27:12(B)," insert "14(B)(2), 27.5(C)," and after "relative to" insert "gaming; to provide for"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "Corrections;" insert: "to provide for human trafficking awareness and prevention training;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "documents;" insert "to provide for certain compensation and benefits for the chairman of the Gaming Control Board;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 8, after "R.S. 27:12(B)," insert "14(B)(2), 27.5(C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, between lines 3 and 4, insert:

"§14. Compensation

B. \* \* \*  
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(2) The chairman of the board shall devote full time to his duties as chairman and shall not engage in any other business or profession. During such service, the chairman shall not earn compensation of any kind other than his salary paid as a board member. The chairman shall be considered a full-time employee of the state. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the chairman shall be eligible for membership in the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and shall receive an annual salary equal in amount to the same compensation, expenses, benefits, and emoluments, including any supplemental pay, as now or hereafter provided for a judge of the courts of appeal of this state, as provided in R.S. 13:314.

§27.5. Uniform human trafficking awareness and prevention training \* \* \*

C. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act setting forth the minimum training requirements that are necessary to implement the provisions of this Section to be imposed on all licensees and permittees that are licensed or otherwise authorized to conduct gaming operations pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, unless specifically excluded herein. Each licensee, permittee, and employee of a licensee or permittee For purposes of this Section, each owner, officer, director, manager, security guard of a licensee, or any employee as determined by the board who is employed at the licensed premise, licensed establishment, official gaming establishment, or facility shall certify participation in and completion of the human trafficking awareness and prevention training to the division on an annual basis as a condition of maintaining any gaming license or permit issued by the board. For purposes of this Chapter, a licensee includes those licensed as a riverboat, an official gaming establishment, a pari-mutuel live racing facility, an eligible facility, an offtrack wagering facility, a qualified truck stop facility, a hotel and motel licensed establishment, a sports watering licensee, or a sports wagering platform provider in a retail establishment, but does not include those licensed as a bar, tavern, lounge, restaurant, device owner, service entity, manufacturer, or distributor pursuant to the Louisiana Gaming Control Law, R.S. 27:1 et seq.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, after line 29, insert:

"Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2024, whichever is later."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 391—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, CHASSION, AND KNOX  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:572.2, relative to pardons; to provide that persons convicted of certain offenses of possession of marijuana shall be eligible for pardon by the governor without the requirement of completion of sentence and without recommendation to the Board of Pardons; 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. 443—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES COATES, AMEDEE, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CHENEVERT, DAVIS, DICKERSON, FREEMAN, LAFLEUR, MOORE, PHELPS, TAYLOR, WALTERS, BRAUD, BUTLER, ROBBY CARTER, DEWITT, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, OWEN, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(8) and (39) and to enact R.S. 15:440.7 and 440.8 and Children's Code Articles 328.1 and 328.2, relative to records of protected persons; to provide procedures for subpoenas of videos of protected persons; to provide an exception to the Public Records Law; 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. 445—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 335, relative to bond forfeitures; to provide relative to procedures for bond forfeiture; to provide time periods for filing; 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. 470—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC AND SENATOR ALLAIN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(h), relative to courts in St. Mary Parish; to require an additional court fee in criminal matters in all courts in St. Mary Parish; to provide relative to the coroner's operational fund; 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. 497—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 311(4)(c), relative to constructive surrender; to provide for the payment of certain costs; 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. 552—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:501(B)(4), relative to district courts; to provide relative to the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District; to authorize the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court to hear civil and criminal matters under the jurisdiction of the court in Plaquemines Parish west of the Mississippi River; 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. 552 by Representative Braud

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 12, after "(4) In" insert "the interest of judicial efficiency and to promote access to affordable legal representation, in"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, line 13, after "criminal sessions" delete "of court" and insert "on non-jury matters and summary proceedings at a designated location"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 1, after line 13, insert

"Section 2. The provisions of Subsection (B)(4) of this Section shall not be construed as legislative approval of the removal or relocation in any manner of the Plaquemines Parish courthouse."

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. 557—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2136.2(A) and (B), relative to the Louisiana Protective Order Registry; to provide for the purpose of the registry; to provide for the contents of the registry; 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. 608—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILDER, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, GADBERRY, GALLE, GEYMAN, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HORTON, ILLG, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KERNER, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, ORGERON, OWEN, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, ST. BLANC, TARVER, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WILEY, AND WYBLE AND SENATORS BASS, CLOUD, EDMONDS, FESI, HODGES, KLEINPETER, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, SEABAUGH, AND STINE  
AN ACT

To enact Part I-A of Chapter 1 of Code Title I of Code Book I of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:55 through 65, relative to women; to provide for the safety and protection of women; to provide relative to distinctions between sexes; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for a standard of review; to provide for causes of action; to provide for application; to provide for remedies; 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. 754—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:842.4, relative to the establishment of the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to provide for definitions; to authorize the clerk of court of East Baton Rouge Parish to establish the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program; to provide for additional filing fees in certain civil suits; to establish the Complex Litigation Section Fund; 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. 757—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:991(A), relative to court costs; to provide relative to judicial expense funds of district courts; to provide relative to the judicial expense fund for the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to increase filing fees and court costs in civil suits; 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. 789—**BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE  
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.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 803—**BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 3462 and Code of Civil Procedure Article 863(F), relative to prescription; to provide for the interruption of prescription; to provide for the imposition of sanctions; to provide for comments; 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. 803 by Representative Muscarello

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 4, after "comments;" insert "to provide for an effective date;"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 2, after line 10, insert

"Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall not become effective in the event that House Bill No. 315 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted and becomes law."

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. 823—**BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:95(A)(5), relative to unlawful carrying of firearms; to provide relative to the unlawful carrying of weapons; 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. 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.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 874—**BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER  
AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 320.1, relative to global positioning monitoring systems; to provide for registration; to provide relative to eligibility; to provide for submission of reports; to provide for penalties; to provide for a prohibition; 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. 905—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, CARVER, CHASSION, COX, DAVIS, DEWITT, DOMANGUE, FISHER, GREEN, HILFERTY, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MILLER, MOORE, MYERS, RISER, SELDERS, STAGNI, TAYLOR, WALTERS, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:3049.2, relative to juror per diem compensation in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to establish a two-year pilot program that enables jurors to voluntarily donate their per diem compensation to certain organizations; to provide for the use of donations; to exempt certain information from public records; 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.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage****SENATE BILL NO. 313—**BY SENATOR EDMONDS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:236 and to enact Chapter 43-C of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:4037.1 through 4037.4, relative to elementary and secondary education and school choice; to authorize the development of the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship program; to provide for educational savings accounts to encourage learning environments and to support parental choice for educational opportunities; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to require the Department of Education in coordination with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to conduct a survey on educational resources; to authorize the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop the program and promulgate rules; to provide relative to funding for the program; 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. 313 by Senator Edmonds

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 3, line 13, change "Subsection C" to "Subsection F"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 3, line 16, change "Subsection C" to "Subsection F"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 3, line 17, change "Subsection C" to "Subsection F"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Senator Edmonds, the amended bill was read by title and returned to its regular order on Third Reading and Final Passage.

**SENATE BILL NO. 494—**BY SENATOR MIZELL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:4(A)(2), 101(A), 102, 104(A)(6), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 47:318(B)(2), R.S. 47:318(B)(2)(a), and R.S. 51:2311(A)(2) and (B), 2403(E) and (F)(3), to enact R.S. 36:104(A)(16), (17), and (B)(10), and 110, R.S. 39:196(D) and 1554(T), and R.S. 51:2312(D)(15), and to repeal R.S. 36:106 and 107, relative to the economic development; to provide relative to Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for the powers, duties, and

organization of Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for powers and duties of the secretary of Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for an advisory committee to Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for membership of the advisory committee; to provide relative to the membership of the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation; to provide for the development and implementation of a strategic plan and an economic development plan; to provide relative to procurement; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the distribution and investment of certain funds; to provide relative to information technology services and procurement of Louisiana Economic Development; to provide relative to terms, conditions, exceptions, and procedures; and provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Womack proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Womack to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 494 by Senator Mizell

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 4, after "and 110," delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 5, delete "and 1554(T),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 13, after "plan," delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 14 through 16 and insert the following: "to provide for the distribution and investment of certain funds; to provide relative to terms,"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, delete lines 5 through 28

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 6, at the beginning of line 29, change "Section 3." to "Section 2."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 7, at the beginning of line 19, change "Section 4." to "Section 3."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 10, at the beginning of line 10, change "Section 5." to "Section 4."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 10, at the beginning of line 11, change "Section 6." to "Section 5."

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 10, at the beginning of line 14, change "Section 7." to "Section 6."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 10, at the beginning of line 17, change "Section 8." to "Section 7."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 10, at the beginning of line 20, change "Section 9." to "Section 8."

On motion of Senator Womack, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

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

SENATE BILL NO. 507— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 419 by Senator Talbot)

BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(I)(1) and (2) and (L) and 1382(A)(1) and (C) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.3(I)(7) and 1382(A)(3) and (D), relative to the illegal carrying of handguns; to provide relative to negligent carrying of a concealed handgun; to increase the penalties for negligent carrying of a concealed handgun in certain areas; to provide for returning a forfeited handgun; and to provide for related matters.

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

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Called from the Calendar

Senator Owen asked that Senate Bill No. 138 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 138—

BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:753(C)(2)(b), 761(C), and 793(H)(2) and to enact R.S. 37:753(K), relative to dentistry; to provide relative to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry; to provide for board membership and terms of office; to provide for requirements of applications for dental licenses; to provide relative to anesthesia and sedation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Owen proposed the following amendments.

**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senator Owen to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 138 by Senator Owen

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert "from a roster of all licensed **board-eligible or board-certified pediatric** dentists in the state. A vacancy occurring in"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 7, delete "**additionally shall be qualified as**"

On motion of Senator Owen, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Owen 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
Boudreaux	Hodges	Pressly
Carter	Jenkins	Price
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cloud	Lambert	Seabaugh
Connick	Luneau	Talbot
Coussan	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Total - 33		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bass	Harris	Jackson-Andrews
Bouie	Hensgens	Stine
Total - 6		

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

**Called from the Calendar**

Senator Owen asked that Senate Bill No. 475 be called from the Calendar.

**SENATE BILL NO. 475—**  
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:17.8, relative to curricula requirements; to provide relative to high school graduation requirements; to provide for virtual teaching under certain circumstances; to provide relative to a virtual Health Education course; 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
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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	Talbot
Connick	Lambert	Wheat
Coussan	Luneau	Womack
Duplessis	McMath	

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Stine  
Total - 1

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.

**Called from the Calendar**

Senator Harris asked that Senate Bill No. 341 be called from the Calendar.

**SENATE BILL NO. 341—**  
BY SENATOR HARRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:1260 (G) and (H) and to repeal R.S. 51:1260(I), relative to the Major Events Incentive Fund; to provide relative to financial incentives for events held in Louisiana; to provide relative to oversight of the Major Events Incentive Program; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

**Floor Amendments**

Senator Harris proposed the following amendments.

**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senator Harris to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 341 by Senator Harris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "(G) and (H)," to "(B), (C)(5) and(6)(f), (E), and (G), and1261(B)and(F)," and change "R.S. 51:1260(I)," to "R.S.51:1260(I) and (H) and 1261(G)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "Fund" insert "and the Events Incentive Fund"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, after "Louisiana;" insert "to provide relative to administration of the Major Events Incentive Program and the Events Incentive Program"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 5, after "Program" insert " and the Events Incentive Program"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 8, change "(G) and (H)," to "(B), (C)(5) and(6)(f), (E), and (G), and1261(B)and(F)"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, between lines 11 and 12 insert the following:  
"B. There is hereby created the Major Events Incentive Program, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "program", to be

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administered by the ~~office of lieutenant governor, through the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism division of administration.~~ The program shall provide grant funding to event producers and hosts, local organizing committees, endorsing municipalities, endorsing parishes, official tourism commissions, convention and visitors bureaus, and official destination marketing organizations, for costs associated with attracting and hosting qualified major events as provided in this Section.

C. As used in this Section, the following terms have the following meanings:

\* \* \*

(5) "Qualified major event" means a National Football League Super Bowl, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four tournament game, the National Basketball Association All-Star Game, the X Games, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision postseason game, a college tournament or championship, the World Games, a national collegiate championship of an amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the sport that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee, an Olympic activity including a Junior or Senior activity, training program, or feeder program sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee's Community Olympic Development Program, a mixed martial arts championship, the Breeders' Cup World Championships, a Bassmasters Classic, a National Motorsports race, the Red Bull Signature Series, a football kickoff game between two National Collegiate Athletic Association teams, a national championship or Olympic trials of an amateur or professional sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the sport, the United States Bowling Congress Tournament, the WWE WrestleMania, the Bayou Classic, the Essence Festival, the Zurich Classic or other PGA Tour event, a national military event, a national political convention of the Republican National Committee or of the Democratic National Committee, or any National Collegiate Athletic Association conference, convention, or conference media event, including conference media days, or any event sanctioned by the international governing body of soccer, Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the international governing body of rugby, World Rugby, the national governing body of soccer, U.S. Soccer, or the national governing body of rugby, USA Rugby, including but not limited to World Cups, International "friendlies" matches between national or professional teams, or tournaments between national teams or professional teams from countries that are members of the international governing bodies.

The term includes any activities related to or associated with a qualified major event.

(6) "Site selection organization" means any of the following:

\* \* \*

(f) The national or international governing body of an organization not listed in Subparagraphs (a) through (e) of this Paragraph, that schedules a qualified major event as defined in this Subsection.

\* \* \*

E. The ~~lieutenant governor, through the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism commissioner of administration,~~ is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with an event producer or host, a local organizing committee, endorsing parish, endorsing municipality, official tourism commission, convention and visitors bureau, or official destination marketing organization to recruit, solicit, acquire, or organize for Louisiana any qualified major event that will have a significant positive impact in the state. The contract shall provide for a financial commitment to the entity.

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AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 9, change "Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism" and insert "~~Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism~~ division of administration"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, delete lines 14 through 18 and insert:

"\* \* \*

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\* \* \*

B. There is hereby created the Events Incentive Program, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "program", to be administered by the ~~lieutenant governor~~ commissioner of administration, through the ~~Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism division of administration.~~ The program shall provide grant funding to municipalities, parishes, official tourism commissions, convention and visitors bureaus, official destination marketing organizations, and nonprofit corporations hosting an event for costs associated with planning, marketing, and conducting events held in Louisiana.

\* \* \*

F. No later than September first of each year, the ~~lieutenant governor~~ commissioner of administration shall submit an annual report on the program to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. The report shall include the entities that received grant funding for events in the previous fiscal year pursuant to this Section and the economic impact of the events to the state, to the extent possible."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 19, delete "is" and insert "and (H) and 1261(G) are"

On motion of Senator Harris, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Harris 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	Talbot
Connick	Lambert	Wheat
Coussan	Luneau	Womack
Duplessis	McMath	

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Stine

Total - 1

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

Rules Suspended

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

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Bagneris Rule

Senator Henry moved to invoke the rule to temporarily pass over controversial House Bills on Third Reading and Final Passage with

the intention of taking them up later, in their regular order and to suspend the rules to specifically start with House Bill No. 543.

Without objection, so ordered.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 543—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 6 of Act No. 356 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature and R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f), 302.9(B), (C)(3)(c), and (G), and 3001(A)(4) and (5) and (B)(5) and (6), to enact R.S. 56:302.1 and 3001(A)(6) and (B)(7), and to repeal R.S. 56:3007(C), relative to fishing; to require saltwater fishing licenses; to provide for terms and conditions of the saltwater fishing license; to provide for charter fishing licenses; to provide for the charter promotion fee, and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Fesi 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	Price
Bouie	Hodges	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Talbot
Connick	Lambert	Wheat
Coussan	Luneau	Womack
Duplessis	McMath	
Total - 35		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cloud	Pressly
Jackson-Andrews	Stine
Total - 4	

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 551—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES BRASS, CARVER, AND MELERINE  
AN ACT

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

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miguez
Abraham	Fesi	Miller
Allain	Fields	Mizell

Barrow	Foil	Morris
Bass	Harris	Owen
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Pressly
Bouie	Hodges	Price
Carter	Jenkins	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Connick	Lambert	Talbot
Coussan	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cloud	Jackson-Andrews	Stine
Total - 3		

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 559—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:3007(E), relative to waterfowl hunting licenses; to allocate revenues collected from waterfowl hunting licenses to the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Allain 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	Jenkins	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Talbot
Connick	Lambert	Wheat
Coussan	Luneau	Womack
Duplessis	McMath	
Total - 35		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cloud	Seabaugh
Jackson-Andrews	Stine
Total - 4	

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

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

To enact R.S. 47:463.230 through 463.236, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the establishment of the "3" for Cyclists", the "Support our Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", "Evangel Christian Academy", "United States Submarine Veterans", "Leesville

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High School Alumni", and "Humane Society of Louisiana" specialty license plates; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Duplessis 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 Pressly
Boudreaux Hodges Price
Bouie Jackson-Andrews Reese
Carter Jenkins Seabaugh
Cathey Kleinpeter Talbot
Connick Lambert Wheat
Coussan Luneau Womack
Duplessis McMath
Edmonds Miguez
Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cloud Stine
Total - 2

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 651— BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1923(introductory paragraph) and (2)(introductory paragraph), 1964(13), and 2198(A) and to enact R.S. 22:1923(2)(p), relative to insurance fraud and unfair trade practices; to modify definitions; to provide relative to subpoena powers of the commissioner of insurance; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Connick 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 Pressly
Boudreaux Hodges Price
Bouie Jackson-Andrews Reese
Carter Jenkins Seabaugh
Cathey Kleinpeter Talbot
Connick Lambert Wheat
Coussan Luneau Womack
Duplessis McMath
Edmonds Miguez
Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cloud Stine
Total - 2

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 661— BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1) and (2) and (J)(1), relative to charter boat fishing guides; to require commercial marine insurance for charter boat fishing guides; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Allain 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 Pressly
Boudreaux Hodges Price
Bouie Jackson-Andrews Reese
Carter Jenkins Seabaugh
Cathey Kleinpeter Talbot
Connick Lambert Wheat
Coussan Luneau Womack
Duplessis McMath
Edmonds Miguez
Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cloud Stine
Total - 2

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 698— BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:414(N), relative to the suspension of driving and motor vehicle registration privileges; to provide for penalties for payments and fees made with an insufficient funds check or any form of payment that is the subject of a chargeback; 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

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

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Cloud	Womack
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Total - 3

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 798—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE  
AN ACT

To redesignate the "Robinson Canal Bridge" in Chauvin, Louisiana, as the "Lapeyrouse Bridge"; and to provide for related matters.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bouie	Cloud
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Total - 2

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 885—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG, BAYHAM, BRAUD, CARRIER, COX,  
DAVIS, FISHER, FONTENOT, HILFERTY, KERNER, RISER, SCHLEGEL,  
ST. BLANC, STAGNI, THOMAS, THOMPSON, VILLIO, AND WILDER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.230, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the establishment of the "Jefferson

Parish Bicentennial" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate; and to provide for related matters.

**Floor Amendments**

Senator Connick proposed the following amendments.

**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senator Connick to Reengrossed House Bill No. 885 by Representative Illg

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 14, after "with" insert "the governing authority of"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, line 15, delete "Government."

On motion of Senator Connick, the amendments were adopted.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cloud	Stine
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Total - 2

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 938—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.73(G), relative to special prestige license plates; to provide for the "Baker High School" and the "East Feliciana High School" special prestige license plates; to provide for creation and application of existing issuance, design, fees, distributions, and rule promulgation applicable to license plates; and to provide for related matters.

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

May 8, 2024

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, Connick, Coussan, Edmonds, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Talbot, Wheat.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Cloud, Duplessis, Lambert, Stine, Womack.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 943—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.73(G), relative to special prestige license plates; to provide for the "St. Edmund Catholic School" special prestige license plate; to provide for creation and application of existing issuance, design, fees, distributions, and rule promulgation applicable to license plates; 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

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Cloud, Duplessis, Jackson-Andrews, Stine.

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it returned to the House. Senator Price 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:

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator Edmonds asked that Senate Bill No. 313 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 313— BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:236 and to enact Chapter 43-C of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:4037.1 through 4037.4, relative to elementary and secondary education and school choice; to authorize the development of the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship program; to provide for educational savings accounts to encourage learning environments and to support parental choice for educational opportunities; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to require the Department of Education in coordination with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to conduct a survey on educational resources; to authorize the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop the program and promulgate rules; to provide relative to funding for the program; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Talbot proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Talbot to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 313 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "4037.4" to "4037.12"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 12, after "program;" insert "to provide requirements; to provide for eligibility; to provide for accountability; to provide for protection of program funds; to provide for the prosecution of fraud or theft of program funds;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, delete lines 13 through 18

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, between line 26 and 27, insert the following:

"(4) "Account" means an education scholarship account established pursuant to this Chapter and composed only of state fund dollars deposited on behalf of a student eligible to participate in the program, subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature, that is in an amount equivalent.

(5) "Amount equivalent" means the state general fund dollars that are deposited into the education savings account fund in the amount that is equivalent to the average state allocation per pupil as provided in the minimum foundation program which shall include all weighted funds based upon student characteristics.

(6) "Account funds" means the funds deposited into an account on behalf of a participating student.

(7) "Department" means the state Department of Education.

(8) "Parent" means a parent, legal guardian, or custodian.

(9) "Participating school" means a school participating in the program pursuant to this Chapter.

(10) "Participating student" means a student who has been determined to be eligible to participate in the program and for whom an account has been established pursuant to this Chapter.

(11) "Phase" refers to the particular year of the program's implementation, if the provisions of R.S. 17:4037.4 are met.

(12) "Program" means the program created by this Chapter.

(13) "Qualified education expenses" means any of the following:

(a) Tuition or fees at a nonpublic school or for nonpublic online learning programs.

(b) Curricula and textbooks or other instructional materials, including but not limited to any supplemental materials or online instruction required by a participating school or service provider.

(c) Tuition, fees, instructional materials, and examination fees at a career or technical school.

(d) Fees for accountability and testing including the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program tests or such other accountability examination that is approved by the state board, national norm-referenced examinations, Advanced Placement examinations, and examinations related to postsecondary education institution admission.

(e) Educational services and therapies, including but not limited to occupational, behavioral, physical, speech-language, and audiology therapies.

(f) Tuition and fees at an institution of higher education that provides course instruction for the student who is participating in dual enrollment.

(g) Any other educational expenses approved by the state board.

(14) "Service provider" means a person or entity other than a participating school that receives payments from accounts for qualified education expenses."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 7, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

"Section 2. R.S. 17:5029(F) and R.S. 17:4037.5 through 4037.12 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

#### §4037.5. Requirements; state board; notification

If after having met the survey and reporting requirements in R.S. 17:4037.4(A) and if the state board elects to develop the program as authorized in R.S. 17:4037.4(B) and subject to an appropriation by the legislature, then the following requirements shall apply:

A. The state board shall adopt rules for program administration that shall, at minimum, provide for all of the following:

(1) Determination of the eligibility of students, participating schools, and service providers.

(2) Financial audits of the program and accounts to ensure that expenditures are made in accordance with this Chapter, including, at minimum, an annual random audit.

(3) The authority of the department to deem any participating student ineligible for the program and to refer a case involving the misuse of account funds to the attorney general for recovery of misused funds.

(4) The establishment of an online anonymous fraud reporting service.

(5) Requiring a surety bond or a letter of credit for participating schools or service providers that have been operating for fewer than three years and that will receive more than one hundred thousand dollars in account funds in a school year.

(6) The establishment of a standardized appeals process for students, schools, or service providers removed from the program.

(7) A rolling enrollment process adhering to the phases and student priority set forth in this Chapter and shall be used in the

event that there are insufficient funds to fund all students who parents apply for program participation.

B. The department shall inform parents of a participating student, at the time of his initial entry into the program and at the beginning of the student's school year in grades eight through twelve, of the eligibility requirements for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students for participating students as provided in R.S. 17:5029(F).

#### §4037.6. Account funds

If after having met the survey and reporting requirements in R.S. 17:4037.4(A) and if the state board elects to develop the program as authorized in R.S. 17:4037.4(B) and subject to appropriation by the legislature, then the following shall apply:

A. The department, on a quarterly basis for students enrolled full-time in a participating nonpublic school and twice annually for students not enrolled full-time in a participating nonpublic school shall allocate to each account the funds appropriated by the legislature in the amount equivalent, as defined in R.S. 17:4037.3, for the purpose of this Chapter.

B. The amount allocated to an account shall be prorated if a student transfers into the program after the beginning of a school year.

C. If a participating school or service provider requires partial payment of tuition or fees prior to the start of the school year to reserve space for a student, the department may make the partial payment prior to the start of the school year and deduct the amount from subsequent quarterly account deposits to ensure adequate funds remain available throughout the school year; however, if the parent decides not to use the school or service provider, the school or service provider shall return the partial reservation payment to the department which shall credit the amount to the account.

D. The department shall implement a system for parents to direct funds from accounts to participating schools and service providers for qualified education expenses by electronic or online funds transfer. The system shall also allow parents to publicly rate, review, and share information about participating schools and service providers.

D.(1) Account funds shall be used only for qualified education expenses for the participating student. Funds in a student's account that are not used in a given school year shall be retained in the account for future use.

(2) The department shall continue to allocate funds to an account until any of the following occurs, at which point the account shall be closed and funds returned to the state general fund:

(a) The parent enrolls the student full-time in a public school.

(b) The department determines that a parent has failed to comply with the provisions of this Chapter or state board rules pertaining to the program, including but not limited to a determination that the parent has misused account funds.

(c) The parent withdraws the student from the program.

(d) The student graduates from high school.

(e) The account has been inactive for two consecutive years unless inactivity is due to lack of available funding for accounts.

E. No account funds shall be refunded, rebated, or shared with a parent or student in any manner. Any rebate or refund for goods or services purchased with account funds shall be credited directly to the account.

#### §4037.7. Student eligibility; initial and continuing

A.(1) A student is initially eligible for an account if he meets both of the following the requirements:

(a) The student's parent submits an application for an account in accordance with procedures established by the department.

(b) The student's parent agrees in writing to all of the following:

(i) To provide an education for the participating student in at least the subjects of English language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.

(ii) To use account funds only for qualified education expenses of the participating student.

(iii) To comply with all program requirements.

(2)(a) In the first-year phase, a student is initially eligible if the student meets the requirements of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and at least one of the following criteria:

(i) The student participated in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program for the previous school year. A student meeting this criterion shall be granted first priority in terms of participation during the first phase of the program.

(ii) The student is entering kindergarten.

(iii) The student was enrolled in a public school for the previous school year.

(iv) The student is from a family with a total income at or below two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

(b) In the second-year phase, a student is initially eligible if the student meets the requirements of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and at least one of the following criteria:

(i) The student is entering kindergarten.

(ii) The student was enrolled in a public school in the previous school year.

(iii) The student is from a family with a total income at or below four hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

(c) In the third phase, a student is initially eligible if the student meets the requirements of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. In this phase, first priority shall be granted to the following groups of students with equal consideration being given to each group:

(i) A student who meets the criteria provided in R.S. 17:4031(B)(2) to participate in the School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities.

(ii) A student who is from a family with a total income at or below two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

B.(1) The written agreement pursuant to Subparagraph (A)(1)(b) of this Section satisfies the compulsory school attendance requirements of R.S. 17:221. The parent of a participating student shall ensure the student is complying with the attendance requirements of the participating school or service provider. Each participating student who fails to comply with the attendance requirements shall be reported to the state director of child welfare and attendance by the participating school or service provider and shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 17:233.

(2) A participating student is eligible to participate in the program through in-person education, virtual education, or a hybrid approach that combines both methods.

§4037.8. Participating schools; eligibility; participation

A. To be eligible to participate in the program, a school shall meet all of the following criteria:

(1) To be eligible to participate in the program, a school shall be approved by the state board pursuant to R.S. 17:10 or R.S. 17:11.

(2) It is in compliance with the criteria set forth in *Brumfield, et al. v. Dodd, et al.*, 425 F. Supp. 528 (E.D. La. 1977). § 4037.9. Participation by schools; optional public school participation for part-time participating students

A. A public school governing authority or a public charter school governing authority may adopt a policy authorizing the acceptance of account funds for providing services covered as qualified education expenses to a participating student who is enrolled part-time in a school under its jurisdiction or who takes individual courses provided by such a school without being enrolled in the school. The public school governing authority shall not include any such part-time participating student in its student count for purposes of receiving funding through the minimum foundation program formula or any other state funding.

B.(1) To be eligible to participate in the program, a nonpublic school or service provider shall apply to participate in the program and, if determined to be eligible, accept account funds for providing services covered as qualified education expenses. A nonpublic school shall annually report its full-time tuition and fees to the department.

(2) If the department finds that any participating school or service provider has failed to maintain continuing eligibility criteria or has demonstrated gross or a persistent lack of academic competence, the department shall restrict its ability to

serve additional students though the program and may terminate its participation in the program. The department shall report any such action to the state board and to parents of participating students as soon as practicable. Additionally, the state superintendent of education may declare a school or service provider immediately ineligible to participate in cases of financial malfeasance or if its participation endangers the academic welfare, health, or safety of children.

(3) A school deemed ineligible to participate in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program or a charter school not approved for charter renewal by the authorizer is not eligible to participate in the program.

(4)(a) Nothing in this Chapter shall be deemed to limit the independence or autonomy of any participating nonpublic school or service provider or to make the actions of a nonpublic school or service provider the actions of the state government.

(b) Participating nonpublic schools and service providers shall be given maximum freedom to provide for the educational needs of participating students without governmental control.

(c) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to expand the regulatory authority of the state, its officers, or any school district to impose any additional regulation of participating nonpublic schools or service providers beyond those necessary to enforce the requirements of the program.

(d) A participating nonpublic school or service provider that accepts funds pursuant to this Chapter is not an agent of the state or federal government.

(e) No participating nonpublic school or service provider shall be required to alter its creed, practices, admissions policy, religious statement of faith, or curricula in order to accept account funds.

§4037.10. Students with exceptionalities

A. If a participating student enrolled in a participating nonpublic school would have been entitled to receive special education services in the resident school system, his parent shall acknowledge in writing, as part of the program enrollment process, that the parent agrees to accept only such services as are available to all students enrolled in the participating school.

B. A parent may make a parental placement to receive special education and related services from a participating school that has demonstrated the capacity to offer such services.

C.(1) A participating school may adhere to its own admissions policy in considering the admission of students participating in the program. A participating school shall not discriminate against a child with special educational needs during the program admissions process. However, a participating school is required to offer only those services that it already provides or such services as necessary to assist students with special needs that it can provide with minor adjustments. A participating school may partner or contract with the local school system to provide special education services.

(2) The department shall make information regarding the services participating schools and the resident school system can provide to children with special needs available to parents prior to the enrollment process.

§4037.11. Accountability; testing and assessment

In order to provide accountability for funds appropriated by the legislature, the department shall develop a process for the annual administration of either of the following to participating students:

(1) Any examination in English language arts and mathematics required pursuant to the school and district accountability system at the prescribed grade level.

(2) A nationally norm-referenced test or assessment approved by the state board that substantially aligns with the curriculum of the student.

§4037.12. Reports

Not later than April thirtieth of each year, the department shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget regarding the implementation of the program. The report, at a minimum, shall include the following information:

- (1) The total number of students participating in the program.
- (2) A list of all participating schools and service providers.
- (3) The total student enrollment of each participating school, the number of participating students enrolled in each school, and the percentage of the total enrollment of each school represented by program participants.
- (4) Aggregate test result data for participating students based upon R.S. 17:4037.11.
- (5) The percentage of funds used for each type of qualified education expense.
- (6) An analysis of the program's fiscal impact.
- (8) The amount of program funds received by each participating school and service provider.

§5029. Alternative initial eligibility requirements

F. A student participating in the LA GATOR Scholarship Program as provided in Chapter 43-C of this Title shall be eligible to receive an award pursuant to this Chapter if he qualifies as follows:

(1) The participating student has graduated from a public or approved nonpublic high school as provided in R.S. 17:5021 and has met all requirements of this Chapter applicable to such graduates.

(2) Any other participating student has been certified by a parent, legal guardian, or custodian to have successfully completed at the twelfth grade level an educational program provided through the LA GATOR Scholarship Program and has met the following criteria:

(a) He became a participant in the LA GATOR Scholarship Program no later than the conclusion of his tenth grade year.

(b) He meets the requirements of Paragraphs (B)(2) and (3) of this Section.

Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute, pursuant to its statutory authority, is hereby authorized and directed to make the technical changes to arrange in alphabetical order and renumber the provisions of law in R.S. 17:4037.3 with respect to "Definitions" in Section 1 of this Act."

**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

On page 7, line 20, change "Section 2." to "Section 4." and after "This" insert "Section and Section 1 of this"

**AMENDMENT NO. 7**

On page 7, after line 24, insert the following:

Section 5. This Section and Section 2 of this Act shall become effective if, and on the date that, the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approves the program by the favorable vote of a majority of the state board as provided in R.S. 17:4037.4 in Section 1 of this Act.

On motion of Senator Talbot, the amendments were adopted.

**Floor Amendments**

Senator Jackson-Andrews proposed the following amendments.

**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senator Jackson-Andrews to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 313 by Senator Edmonds

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 14, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

**"§4037.13. State content standards; state testing**

**A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a participating nonpublic school shall provide instruction in accordance with the state content standards promulgated by the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, but may utilize instructional material of their own choosing.**

**B. A participating nonpublic school shall ensure that participating students are administered all examinations required**

**pursuant to the school and district accountability system at the prescribed grade level, including the end of course test that is administered to public school students. The results of the test shall be provided to the parent.**

**C. A scholarship cohort index that is calculated in a manner that is substantially similar to the school performance score outline in Bulletin 111, as promulgated by the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall be produced for each participating nonpublic school after the school year in which assessments are taken. The scholarship cohort index shall measure only the participating students who are enrolled in the nonpublic school.**

**D. The scholarship cohort index and the corresponding letter grade using the scale applicable to school performance scores for each participating nonpublic school shall be posted on the website maintained by the department and otherwise published in the same manner as the annual school performance score that is attributable to public schools.**

**E. If the participating nonpublic school receives a scholarship cohort index less than fifty on a scale of one hundred and fifty in the second year of participation or in any year thereafter, the school shall not enroll any additional participating students.**

**F. If a participating nonpublic school for three consecutive years receives a scholarship cohort index below fifty, the nonpublic school shall be ineligible to participate in the program in the subsequent year.**

**G. A participating nonpublic school shall perform all screeners and other testing mandated to be administered to any public school student, including but not limited to the literacy screener required in R.S. 17:24.9."**

Senator Jackson-Andrews moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Edmonds objected.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Abraham	Fields	Miller
Barrow	Harris	Morris
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Bouie	Lambert	Wheat
Carter	Luneau	Womack
Duplessis	McMath	
Total - 20		

**NAYS**

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Allain	Foil	Owen
Cathey	Hensgens	Pressly
Connick	Hodges	Reese
Coussan	Kleinpeter	Stine
Edmonds	Miguez	Talbot
Total - 18		

**ABSENT**

Cloud  
Total - 1

The Chair declared the amendments were adopted.

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

**Rules Suspended**

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

Message from the House

DISAGREEMENT TO HOUSE BILL

May 8, 2024

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has refused to concur in the proposed Senate Amendment(s) to House Bill No. 792 by Representative Bacala, and ask the President to appoint on the part of the Senate a committee to confer with a like committee from the House on the disagreement.

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

Message from the House

PASSED SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

May 8, 2024

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 39— BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 503— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 275 by Senator Lambert)

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 16-A of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 30:2383.1 through 2383.11, relative to air monitoring; to provide for creation of the community air monitoring; to provide for a purpose; to provide for standards for community air monitoring programs; to provide for data collection; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for program requirements; to provide for data communication; to provide for prohibited uses of data; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86— BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 15, 2024, as Peace Officer Memorial Day and May 12 - 18, 2024, as Police Week at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

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 8, 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 Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53— BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Kerry Joseph on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54— BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Kevin Jackson on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55— BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Seimone Augustus on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted, CLEO FIELDS Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

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

May 8, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Bills have been properly enrolled:

**SENATE BILL NO. 4—**  
BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

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

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

AN ACT

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 45—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BRYANT, CARVER, CHASSION, COX, DAVIS, FISHER, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HILFERTY, HUGHES, KNOX, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MUSCARELLO, NEWELL, OWEN, RISER, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILEY AND YOUNG

AN ACT

To provide relative to highways in the state; to designate an elevated portion of Interstate 12 in St. Tammany Parish as the "Patricia 'Pat' Brister Memorial Bridge"; to designate a portion of United States Highway 51 in St. John the Baptist Parish as the "Arnold J. Labat Memorial Highway"; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 71—**  
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer of certain state property in Allen Parish and East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the property description; to provide for reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 104—**  
BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 121—**  
BY SENATOR COUSSAN

AN ACT

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 152—**  
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2793.12(B) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 2 of the 2024 Second Extraordinary Session, the introductory paragraph of R.S. 14:95(M), R.S. 14:95(N) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 1 of the 2024 Second Extraordinary Session, and R.S. 40:1379.3(I)(1) and (2) and the introductory

paragraph of 1379.3(I)(3), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide relative to exceptions; to make technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 194—**  
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1796, relative to preemption of state law; to provide relative to the regulation of firearms; to provide with respect to the authority of political subdivisions to regulate the sale, purchase, possession, ownership, transfer, transportation, license, or registration of firearms or ammunition; to provide relative to remedies; to provide relative to terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 214—**  
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 233—**  
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H)(2) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.1.3(D),(E),(F), and (G) and 1379.1.4(F),(G),(H), and (I), relative to carrying of concealed firearms; to provide relative to carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers and retired law enforcement officers and certain state officials; to provide relative to penalties for violation of concealed carry provisions; to provide relative to authority of attorney general to bring civil actions; to provide for court costs and attorney fees; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 377—**  
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 273—**  
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:497(B)(2), relative to taking of bait shrimp; to provide for the duty and authority of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to provide for a special bait dealers permit; to provide for use of certain gear; and to provide for related matters.

Respectfully submitted,  
CLEO FIELDS  
Chairman

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

**Message to the Governor**

**SIGNED SENATE BILLS**

May 8, 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:

May 8, 2024

SENATE BILL NO. 1—

BY SENATOR PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVES BRYANT, CHASSION, DAVIS, JACKSON, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, NEWELL, SELDERS AND WALTERS

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2—

BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3—

BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 36—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 53—

BY SENATOR WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES RISER AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 15 in Franklin Parish as the "Lainey Wilson Highway"; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 65—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 67—

BY SENATORS WHEAT, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAU, BOUIE, CLOUD, CONNICK, EDMONDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MIZELL, MORRIS, OWEN, PRÉSSLY, PRICE, SEABAUGH, STINE, TALBOT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, CREWS, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMONT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, JACOB LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MCCORMICK, MCMAHEN, MENA, MOORE, MYERS, NEWELL, OWEN, PHELPS, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WYBLE, YOUNG AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 82—

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 95—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 103—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 105—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 114—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 117—

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 132—

BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.2.1(A) and 95.2.2(C)(2), relative to offenses affecting the public; to provide relative to the crimes of illegal carrying of a firearm at a parade and reckless discharge of a firearm at a parade; to provide relative to penalties; to provide relative to exceptions; and to provide for related matters.



SENATE BILL NO. 204—  
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

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

SENATE BILL NO. 211—  
BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.1(A)(3)(b), relative to possession limits for certain fish; to provide for size limits for spotted sea trout and red drum; to provide for possession of fish fillets; to provide for the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 260—  
BY SENATOR CLOUD AND REPRESENTATIVES CARRIER, CHASSION,  
DEWITT, EDMONSTON AND SCHAMERHORN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387.14, relative to commercial truck permits; to provide for a multi-use permit; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 375—  
BY SENATORS KLEINPETER AND MILLER AND REPRESENTATIVES  
CARRIER, CHASSION, JACKSON, LYONS AND SELDERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.230 and 463.231, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the establishment of the "Telecommunicator" and the "Special Need Advocacy, Support and Inclusion for all Abilities" special prestige license plates; to provide for creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; 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 8, 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. 92—  
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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.

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.

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.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—  
BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT,  
BILLINGS, BRAUD, BROWN, BUTLER, CARPENTER, CARRIER,  
WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, COX, EGAN, GLORIOSO, GREEN,  
HUGHES, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB  
LANDRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MOORE, ORGERON, RISER,  
STAGNI, TAYLOR, WALTERS, WILDER, AND WILLARD  
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.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, CREWS, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GEYMANN, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HENRY, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, JACOB LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MCCORMICK, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MYERS, NEWELL, OWEN, PHELPS, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TARVER, TAYLOR, THOMAS, TURNER, VENTRELLA, WALTERS, WILEY, WILLARD, WRIGHT, WYBLE, YOUNG, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CONNICK, COUSSAN, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, HARRIS, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MIZELL, PRESSLY, PRICE, SEABAUGH, AND WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to support H.R. 82 and S. 597 of the 118<sup>th</sup> 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.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—  
BY REPRESENTATIVES EMERSON AND CHASSION  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the city of Carencro as the Seasoning Capital of the World.

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.

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 8, 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. 74—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 404(J), relative to jury commissions; to provide for the functions of the jury commission in the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, and St. James; to transfer the functions of the jury commission to the clerks of court of Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, and St. James Parish; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 163—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554.9(D) and (F), relative to the employee insurance fund for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Cameron Parish; to provide relative to the membership of the investment advisory board; to provide for the terms of members; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 202—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, ADAMS, BOYER, COX, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, WALTERS, AND WILEY  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:67.6 and 67.7, relative to offenses against property; to create the crime of mail theft; to create the crime of theft or unauthorized reproduction of a mail receptacle key or lock; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 206—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 657 and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 657.3, relative to the continued commitment of certain committed persons; to provide for an exception; to provide for continued custody of certain committed persons based on criteria; to provide for the duration of active supervised release; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 212—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:1844(Y), relative to victim notification in certain circumstances; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to provide notice to certain parties when a person committed to their custody is transferred or released from custody; to require the office of the district attorney to provide notice to certain parties; to provide with respect to electronic notice when a defendant escapes or absconds; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 214—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO AND THOMPSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:72.2, relative to offenses against property; to provide relative to the offense of monetary instrument abuse; to provide relative to elements of the offense; to provide relative to definitions; to provide for a penalty; to provide for restitution; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 235—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES COATES, CARPENTER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COX, DEWITT, JACKSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MACK, NEWELL, SELDERS, TAYLOR, AND WYBLE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212.1(A)(2)(a), relative to public bid law exceptions; to increase the exception limit that triggers the application of certain public bid law requirements to the purchase of vehicles for conversion into law enforcement or fire service vehicles; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 381—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 48:250.4.2, relative to Department of Transportation and Development spending; to provide for the Department of Transportation and Development's use of toll revenue and credits generated in connection with the Belle Chasse Bridge project; and to provide for related matters.

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 654—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY  
AN ACT

To provide for authorized uses of certain public property in Orleans Parish and to amend and reenact Sections 1 and 2 of Act No. 152 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the lease of certain state property in Orleans Parish and Jefferson Parish; to authorize the lease of public property; to provide relative to cooperative endeavor agreements between the City of New Orleans, Jefferson Parish, and the state; to provide property descriptions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 9—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1636(B)(1) and (2), relative to the District Attorneys' Retirement System; to provide technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 102—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT  
AN ACT

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 184—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(36), relative to the village of Calvin and Winn Parish; to authorize the abolition of the office of police chief and the police department in the village of Calvin; to authorize making the police chief an appointed position; to authorize the town to contract with other law enforcement entities in the parish for law enforcement services; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 296—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(2)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(12)(g), relative to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries 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; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 350—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 1 of Act No. 160 of the 2017 Regular Session, relative to the Grand Isle Port Commission; to provide relative to the use of certain state property near Grand Isle for seafood research; to provide relative to the specification of the boundaries and size of the areas in which the research will be conducted; to require the port commission adhere to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 369—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS  
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 13:621.24.1, relative to the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court; to repeal authorization for a separate environmental docket.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 385—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, CHASSION, AND KNOX  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:288(A)(1) and (B)(1), relative to survivor's education benefits; to provide for education benefits for survivors of qualified veterans; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 397—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.13(B)(2), 1749.14(C)(1)(b)(iii) and (v), and 1749.15(B), to enact R.S. 40:1749.12(20) through (22) and 1749.13(E), and to repeal R.S. 40:1749.21(C) and (D), relative to the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law; to provide for definitions; to provide for excavations and demolitions; to provide for regional notification centers; to provide for emergency excavations; to remove obsolete provisions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 403—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, CHASSION, AND KNOX  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.76(B)(48) and (49), relative to exemptions from local sales and use taxes; to provide relative to the local sales and use tax exemption for the procurement and administration in medical clinics of certain prescription drugs administered by infusion, injection, or topical system; to provide for diseases and conditions for which such drugs must be prescribed in order to qualify for the local sales and use tax exemption; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 450—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(2)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(12)(d), relative to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections 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; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 527—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:295(C), relative to veterans cemeteries; to provide for burial fees; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 537—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:266(D)(1), relative to appropriations; to provide for reallocation of money received from fur trapping licenses into the Louisiana Fur Public Education and Marketing Fund; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 540—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES GEYMAN AND AMEDEE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:101.9(D)(5), relative to the Fishermen's Gear Compensation and Underwater Obstruction Removal Dedicated Fund Account; to provide for disbursement and expenditure of monies in the account; to provide for eligible claimants; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 576—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2582(G) and 2622, relative to justices of the peace; to provide relative to qualifications; to provide relative to elections and designations of justices of the peace; to provide for the territorial jurisdiction of certain justice of the peace courts in Plaquemines Parish; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 718—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:314(E), R.S. 9:1515(C) and (D), and R.S. 47:2437, relative to taxes; to repeal from certain provisions of law references to a previously repealed inheritance tax; to repeal certain notification requirements relating to a previously repealed inheritance tax; to make technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 720—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL  
AN ACT

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

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	Seabaug
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Stine
Connick	Lambert	Talbot
Coussan	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack

ABSENT

Total - 0

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**Announcements**

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

Finance	9:30 A.M.	Room A
Retirement	1:00 P.M.	Room E
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs	10:00 A.M.	Hainkel Room

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 7:20 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Monday, May 13, 2024, at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE  
Journal Clerk