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STATE OF LOUISIANA
THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Fifty-First Regular Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 1:45 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Myers
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Price
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Reese
Carter	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cloud	Luneau	Stine
Connick	McMath	Talbot
Duplessis	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 32		

ABSENT

Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Womack
Cathey	Owen	
Hensgens	Selders	
Total - 7		

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

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Rick Edmonds, 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 Edmonds, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of April 15, 2025, was adopted.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family, friends and loved ones of Danielle Joy Raines upon her passing.

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

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

SENATE BILL NO. 233—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Chapter 2 of Subtitle VII of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 47:6102(7), and R.S. 47:6107(A)(1) as amended and reenacted by Section 1 of Act 6 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to the school readiness tax credits; to change the name of the credit; to provide for the definition of eligible business child care expenses; to provide for the percentages of eligible business child care expenses eligible for the credit; to provide for applicability; 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 Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

**Senate Resolutions on
Second Reading**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24—
BY SENATOR SELDERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Counseling Association and to recognize Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Louisiana Counseling Association Day at the state capitol.

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

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions on
Second Reading**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY SENATOR FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend the bicentennial anniversary of the Louisiana Civil Code's enactment and its enduring legacy in shaping the legal foundation of the state of Louisiana.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Miguez
Abraham	Foil	Miller
Allain	Harris	Mizell
Bass	Hensgens	Morris
Boudreaux	Hodges	Myers
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Carter	Jenkins	Price
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Reese
Connick	Lambert	Seabaugh
Duplessis	Luneau	Stine
Edmonds	McMath	Wheat
Total - 33		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Owen	Talbot
Cathey	Selders	Womack
Total - 6		

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

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House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5— BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the town of Ball, Louisiana, as the Moon Pie Capital of Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Luneau 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, Harris, Morris, Allain, Hensgens, Myers, Bass, Hodges, Pressly, Boudreaux, Jackson-Andrews, Price, Bouie, Jenkins, Reese, Carter, Kleinpeter, Seabaugh, Cloud, Lambert, Selders, Connick, Luneau, Stine, Duplessis, McMath, Talbot, Edmonds, Miguez, Wheat, Fesi, Miller, Foil, Mizell. Total - 34

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Abraham, Cathey, Womack, Barrow, Owen. Total - 5

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6— BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT AND SENATOR MORRIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Casey Durand of Central Timber Services on being named the 2024 Outstanding Louisiana Logger by the Louisiana Forestry Association.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Seabaugh 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, Foil, Mizell, Abraham, Harris, Morris, Allain, Hensgens, Myers, Bass, Hodges, Pressly, Boudreaux, Jackson-Andrews, Price, Bouie, Jenkins, Reese, Carter, Kleinpeter, Seabaugh, Cloud, Lambert, Selders, Connick, Luneau, Stine, Duplessis, McMath, Talbot, Edmonds, Miguez, Wheat, Fesi, Miller. Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns of names: Barrow, Owen, Cathey, Womack. Total - 4

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10— BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and honor the victims of Hurricane Katrina on the twentieth anniversary of its landfall and to designate August 29th as "Katrina Day" in remembrance of those affected by the storm.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Carter 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, Foil, Mizell, Abraham, Harris, Morris, Allain, Hensgens, Myers, Bass, Hodges, Pressly, Boudreaux, Jackson-Andrews, Price, Bouie, Jenkins, Reese, Carter, Kleinpeter, Seabaugh, Cloud, Lambert, Selders, Connick, Luneau, Stine, Duplessis, McMath, Talbot, Edmonds, Miguez, Wheat, Fesi, Miller. Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns of names: Barrow, Owen, Cathey, Womack. Total - 4

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12— BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Bryan Beam on the occasion of his retirement from service on the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Hensgens 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, Foil, Mizell, Abraham, Harris, Morris, Allain, Hensgens, Myers, Bass, Hodges, Pressly, Boudreaux, Jackson-Andrews, Price

Bouie	Jenkins	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cloud	Lambert	Selders
Connick	Luneau	Stine
Duplessis	McMath	Talbot
Edmonds	Miguez	Wheat
Fesi	Miller	

Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Owen
Cathey	Womack

Total - 4

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate April 11-17, 2025, as Black Maternal Health Week in Louisiana.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cathey	Owen	Womack
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Total - 3

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

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

April 16, 2025

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. 10—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1042(D)(2), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners; to provide for qualifications of board members; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 17—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2018.7(G), relative to the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council; to extend the termination date of the council; to provide for effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 26—

BY SENATORS BOUDREAUX AND EDMONDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:436.3.1, relative to diabetes information; to provide for development of certain type 1 diabetes information; to provide for distribution of the information to parents and legal guardians of students; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 104—

BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:1057(B)(24) and (30), (D)(4), and (H) and to repeal R.S. 51:1057(B)(13), (14), (17), (23), (25), and (29), relative to the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Council; to provide for membership of the council; to provide for meetings of the council; to provide for submission of an implementation plan; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK MCMATH
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

INSURANCE

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

April 16, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 40—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1573(D) and 1662(2)(b), relative to licensure requirements; to provide for certain continuing education requirements; to provide for claims that require licensed adjusters; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

April 16, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 136—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1464.1, relative to rate transparency reports; to require certain reports with rate filings; to provide for report review and approval; to provide for report requirements; to authorize rule and regulation promulgation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 137—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:1276, relative to certain notices provided to the Department of Insurance; to require insurers to notify the Department of Insurance when ceasing, pausing, or resuming the writing of policies in a particular region; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for penalties; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
KIRK TALBOT
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

SENATE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senator Caleb Seth Kleinpeter, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

April 16, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 4—
BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1470, relative to campaign advertising; to prohibit certain kinds of political advertising on public property; to authorize campaign signs on school athletic facilities and gymnasiums if paid for by the political candidate or campaign; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 20—
BY SENATOR WHEAT

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the legislature; to provide for the consideration of certain legislative instruments during regular sessions convened in odd-numbered years; to provide with respect to legislation regarding taxes or fees; to provide for legislation to repurpose or restrict the use of the proceeds of an existing tax or fee; to provide for the number of legislative instruments that may be prefiled during regular sessions convened in odd-numbered years; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC WORKS

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

April 16, 2025

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 BILL NO. 11—
BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:71(B)(2), relative to the operation of a motor vehicle on the right side of the road; to provide for fines for certain offenses; to include secondary and tertiary level offenses; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 50—
BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:335.4(C), relative to the Central Louisiana Regional Port; to provide for requirements relative to the issuance of bonds; to remove certain parameters; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK CONNICK
Chair

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
on Second Reading
Reported by Committees

SENATE BILL NO. 5—
BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 4843(E) and (G), relative to jurisdictional limits 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 Hammond; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 9—
BY SENATORS BASS, ABRAHAM, BARROW, CLOUD, HENSGENS,
HODGES, KLEINPETER AND MIGUEZ AND REPRESENTATIVE
BAMBURG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 14:337(A)(1) and (B)(4) and to enact R.S. 14:337(A)(1)(c), (B)(5), and (E)(5), relative to unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system; to prohibit use of an unmanned aircraft system over federal and state military installations and facilities; to provide definitions and penalties; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 9 by Senator Bass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, at the end of line 10, change "or" to "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 11, after "imprisoned" delete the remainder of the line and insert: "at hard labor for not more than five years. In"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 21—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:34.8(B)(3) and 40.9(B)(3), relative to assault and battery; to add veterinarians and veterinary clinics to the definitions of "healthcare professional" and "healthcare facility" for purposes of battery of emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional and unlawful disruption of the operation of a healthcare facility; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 21 by Senator Wheat

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 7, after "veterinarian," insert "veterinary staff,"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 38—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:67.23, relative to theft; to create the crime of theft of gift cards or gift card redemption information; to provide relative to fraudulent acquisition of gift cards or gift card redemption information; to provide relative to forgery, alteration, or duplication of gift cards, gift card packaging, or gift card redemption information; to provide definitions and penalties; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 65—

BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6006(A), the introductory paragraph of (B)(1), (2) and (4), relative to the tax credit for local inventory taxes paid; to provide for the ability of S corporations to claim the credit under certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 65 by Senator Foil

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "taxes paid;" insert "to prohibit trusts and estates from claiming the credit; to provide for the ability of cooperatives to claim the credit under certain circumstances;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 17 and on page 2, deletes lines 1 through 17 in their entirety and insert:

"(3)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection, no credit shall be allowed for taxpayers taxed as a C-corporation for federal income tax purposes for taxable periods beginning on or after July 1, 2026. For payment of ad valorem taxes made on or after July 1, 2026, no taxpayer taxed for federal income tax purposes as either a C-corporation or an estate or trust subject to the tax levied pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 47:300.1 shall earn the credit provided for in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection. However, the credit may be earned by cooperatives if the cooperative is allowed a federal income tax deduction for any patronage dividend paid or allocated to its members.

(b) For payments of ad valorem tax made on or after after July 1, 2026, a taxpayer taxed as an S corporation for federal income tax purposes may earn the credit only with regard to amounts which flow-through to shareholders and in proportion to amounts calculated pursuant to R.S. 47:287.732(B).

(4) However, any such Any taxpayer prohibited from earning a credit pursuant to Subparagraph (3)(a) of this Subsection may carry forward any remaining credits for an additional five years from the date that the credits would have expired under the provisions of this Section. This additional carry forward period shall not apply to any credits for which the carry forward period expired prior to January 1, 2025. For taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 2025, credit amounts earned by taxpayers taxed as a C-corporation for federal income tax purposes that exceed the taxpayer's tax liability shall not be eligible for refund and may only be used as a credit against subsequent Louisiana corporation income tax liability."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 72—

BY SENATORS REESE, BASS, BOUIE, CONNICK, FOIL, JENKINS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MIZELL AND WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:3394.3(B) and the introductory paragraph of (C) and to enact R.S. 17:3394.3(A)(6) and (D), relative to the issuance of bonds; to provide relative to financing for certain capital improvement projects within the Louisiana Community and Technical College System; to provide for debt service payment obligation limits; to provide for a list of projects authorized to be financed from the issuance of bonds; to require private match funds for such projects; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 72 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 7, after "to require" and before "match funds" delete "private"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 1, after "percent" and before "match" delete "private"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, at the beginning of line 2, delete "private" and after "satisfied," and before "Authorized" insert "The fair market value"

of donated property may be utilized as the source of matching funds."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, delete lines 28 and 29 and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 3 and insert:

"Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025; 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, 2025, whichever is later."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 75—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

Solely to reenact Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Act No. 19 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature as that Act was enacted by the legislature, which Act amended and reenacted R.S. 13:4163, relative to legislative continuances and extensions for legislators and legislative employees; to provide with respect to continuance and extension of deadlines; to authorize members of the legislature and legislative employees to file legislative continuances in certain circumstances; to provide for peremptory grounds; to provide with respect to time delays and procedures; to provide for a rebuttable presumption; to provide for service of process; to provide for notification and reporting requirements; to provide for electronic transmission; to provide for exceptions; to provide for denial of a motion for continuance or extension; to provide for the supreme court's authority to regulate disciplinary proceedings against a member of the legislature or legislative employee; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 78—
BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1021(B), relative to drug paraphernalia; to provide for exemptions from the definition of drug paraphernalia; to provide for an effective date; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 78 by Senator Myers

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 12, after "substance" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 13, after "or" and before "compound" insert "chemical"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 98—
BY SENATORS MYERS AND TALBOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:989, relative to dangerous chemical substances; to provide relative to the elements of unlawful inhalation, ingestion, use, or possession of certain substances; to provide for an exception; to provide for penalties; to provide for enforcement; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 98 by Senator Myers

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "dangerous chemical" to "controlled dangerous"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 19, after "corporation" insert ", including an online retailer,"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 116—
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 35:191(V), relative to notaries public; to provide authorization for a notary appointed and qualified in St. Martin Parish and St. Landry Parish to exercise notarial functions in all such parishes, without bonding or further application or examination; to provide for qualifications and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 118—
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3088 and to enact R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii), relative to the Achieving a Better Life Experience Account Program (ABLE); to provide relative to taxable income; to exclude certain deposits into ABLE accounts for financing of certain qualified expenses of persons with disabilities; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 144—
BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1862(C), relative to the Vidalia Port Commission; to provide relative to the issuance of bonds by the commission; to provide relative to limitations; to provide relative to obligations of the commission; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 146—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1503(C) and 1504(C), relative to the Lake Providence Port Commission; to provide relative to the powers of the commission; to provide relative to the issuance of bonds by the commission; to provide relative to limitations; to provide relative to obligations of the commission; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 147—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:2285, relative to the Tensas Parish Port, Harbor and Terminal District; to provide relative to the issuance of bonds; to provide relative to limitations and obligations; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

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and Joint Resolutions

SENATE BILL NO. 234—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:58.2(J) and 68.1 through 68.6, and to repeal R.S. 17:58.2(I) and 67 through 67.4, relative to school systems in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the St. George Community School System; to provide for the establishment and geographic boundaries of the school system; to provide for the school board, an interim school board, and an interim school superintendent; to provide for board membership, apportionment, qualifications, method of selection, terms of office, filling of vacancies, compensation, expenses, powers, duties, and responsibilities; to provide relative to facilities and property; to provide relative to the collection and remittance of certain taxes; to provide relative to the provision of certain student services; to provide relative to certain applications for funding; to provide for the reapportionment of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; to provide with respect to certain costs related to retired employees; to provide for effectiveness and for implementation; to repeal provisions of law with respect to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School District which did not take effect due to the failure to enact an authorizing constitutional amendment; 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 235—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297.26, relative to individual income tax; to provide for a credit toward a homeowner's insurance policy premium; to provide relative to limitation of the credit; to provide for refundability for certain taxpayers; to authorize the credit to be carried forward in certain circumstances; to require certain taxpayers to maintain documentation; to provide for rulemaking; 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.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES

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

April 16, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 73—
BY SENATOR REESE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1105(C), relative to carbon sequestration; to provide for the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the commissioner of conservation; to provide for public hearings, and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 145—
BY SENATOR MCMATH
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 41:1706(C) and R.S. 49:214.30(I), relative to the issuance of permits for construction in certain water bodies in St. Tammany Parish; to prohibit the issuance of Class B Permits and coastal use permits for certain construction; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 168—
BY SENATOR WOMACK
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:136(A)(1)(d) and Civil Code Art. 3501.2, relative to mineral leases granted by the state as lessor; to provide relative to the right to collect certain sums payable to the state in a mineral lease; to provide relative to bonuses, rentals, royalties, and shut-in payments; to provide relative to liberative prescription; to provide relative to certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
BOB HENSGENS
Chair

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

Total - 37

ABSENT

Cathey	Womack
Total - 2	

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Cathey	1 Day	Womack	1 Day
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Announcements

The following committee meetings for April 22, 2025, were announced:

April 16, 2025

Agriculture	1:30 P.M.	Room C
Environmental Quality	1:30 P.M.	Room A
Finance	10:00 A.M.	Room A
Judiciary A	1:30 P.M.	Hainkel Room
Judiciary B	1:00 P.M.	Room E
Judiciary C	1:00 P.M.	Room F
Retirement	11:00 A.M.	Room E
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs	10:00 A.M.	Hainkel Room

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 2:30 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 3:30 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE
Journal Clerk