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Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 3:56 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

Total - 36

ABSENT

Cloud	Jenkins	Miguez
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Total - 3

The President of the Senate announced there were 36 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Katrina Jackson-Andrews, 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 Katrina Jackson-Andrews, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of April 16, 2025, was adopted.

Message from the House

**CONCURRING IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 16, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and celebrate the Elmer Candy Corporation and recognize Tuesday, May 6, 2025, as Elmer Chocolate Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—

BY SENATORS CONNICK AND CARTER AND REPRESENTATIVES COX, GREEN AND WILDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Coach Hank Tierney and the Archbishop Shaw High School football team for their outstanding season and to congratulate them on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division II Select state championship.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 16, 2025, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day at the state capitol.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—

BY SENATORS CLOUD AND BARROW

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 21, 2025, as Light of Justice and Resilience Day in Louisiana, recognizing it as a statewide day of reflection and support for survivors of religious clergy sexual abuse and honoring their resilience, pursuit of justice, and journey of healing.

Reported without amendments.

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.

Reported without amendments.

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

**Introduction of Senate Bills
and Joint Resolutions**

SENATE BILL NO. 236—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4761(A) and (B), relative to removal of dangerous buildings or structures in parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to blighted property in the city of Baton Rouge and in the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the authority to condemn, demolish, or remove dilapidated and dangerous buildings or structures; to provide with respect to the mayor-president; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 237—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4754(A)(1), relative to municipalities and parishes; to provide relative to blighted property; to provide relative to the city of Lafayette and Lafayette Parish; to provide relative to the removal, securing, condemnation, and demolition of dilapidated and dangerous structures; to provide relative to the adoption of ordinances, rules, and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26—

BY SENATORS STINE, BOUDREAU, DUPLESSIS, HARRIS, MYERS AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and to recognize and celebrate the 2025 Bright Lights Awards Honorees for their outstanding contribution to the cultural and educational fabric of Louisiana.

Senator Stine asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 26 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27—

BY SENATOR WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University of Alexandria on its contributions to central Louisiana and the state.

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 27 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

A RESOLUTION

To approve the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2026, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

A RESOLUTION

To commend The Falcons swamp-pop band for being inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church on the occasion of its Ninetieth Anniversary celebration.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. William C. "Kip" Schumacher upon his selection as the 92nd recipient of the prestigious Lafayette Civic Cup and to recognize his extraordinary contributions to medicine, business, philanthropy, and the community of Acadiana and beyond.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Judge Jules D. Edwards III.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33—

BY SENATOR SELDERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Southern University for its 145 years of excellence in education, research, and public service, and to recognize April 22, 2025, as Southern University Day at the capitol.

Senator Selders asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 33 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Junior League and its members for their contributions to the state of Louisiana and to designate Thursday, April 24, 2025, as Junior League Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Senator Boudreaux asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 35 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend Gerald Guilbeaux on receiving the National Band Association's Academy of Wind and Percussion Arts Award.

Senator Boudreaux asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 36 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37—

BY SENATOR JENKINS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, April 24, 2025, as the inaugural Caddo Parish Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Senator Pressly asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 37 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38—

BY SENATOR STINE

A RESOLUTION

To designate April 23, 2025, as McNeese State University Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend McNeese State University for its recent successes and its vital contributions to the state of Louisiana.

Senator Stine asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 38 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39—

BY SENATORS SELDERS AND FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Louisiana State University Day at the Louisiana Legislature and to commend LSU for its enduring contributions to the state of Louisiana.

Senator Selders asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 39 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40—

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Kenneth Gravois on his appointment to the American Sugar Cane League Chair in Sugar Production.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Louisiana State University at Eunice Assistant Professor Nikki May upon being named a 2025 recipient of the "Innovative Contributions to Online Learning" award by LSU Online and Continuing Education Department during its Spring Innovation Series, and to recognize her dedication to advancing online education for students across Louisiana and beyond.

Senator Hensgens asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 41 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the creation of the Walter Hauck NJCAA Coaches Association President of the Year Award and to honor Coach Jeff Willis of Louisiana State University at Eunice as the inaugural recipient.

Senator Hensgens asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 42 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Braneshea Moore of Louisiana State University Eunice upon being awarded the 2024 Elsevier Educator of the Year by the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing.

Senator Hensgens asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 43 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Coca-Cola Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend Coca-Cola UNITED for its outstanding legacy, economic impact, and enduring commitment to the people and communities of Louisiana.

Senator Barrow asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 44 a first and second time.

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

**Introduction of
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY SENATORS CATHEY AND LUNEAU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Sport Fish Restoration Program, a part of the American System of Conservation Funding, on its seventy-fifth anniversary.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY SENATORS DUPLESSIS AND MYERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Fatherhood Engagement to study how Louisiana can increase the engagement of fathers in the lives of their children, to research best practices, and develop recommendations for each state agency to promote the full inclusion of fathers and the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children.

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. 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.

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

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 referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

Senate Resolutions on
Second Reading

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.

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AQUACULTURE,
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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

April 22, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 32—
BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:1424, relative to gypsum utilization; to provide for limitation of liability to agricultural producers and suppliers; to provide relative to gypsum analysis; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
STEWART CATHEY, JR.
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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

April 22, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 46—
BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:2057(A)(3) and to repeal Chapter 25 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:2201 through 2208, relative to the intentional release of substances into the atmosphere to affect weather or temperature; to provide for prohibitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 127—
BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2014.5, relative to permitting of advanced nuclear power generation; to provide for development of a permitting program; to provide for expedited processing of environmental permits; to provide for compliance; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
EDDIE J. LAMBERT
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

JUDICIARY B

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

April 22, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 53—
BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1310(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 15:1302(21) and 1310(D)(1)(f), relative to electronic surveillance; to provide relative to warrants for interception of communications; to provide definitions; to provide relative to warrant requests; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 181—
BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:90.3(B) and (E) through (K), and to enact R.S. 14:90.3(L), (M), and (N) and R.S. 27:28(L), (M), and (N), relative to illegal gambling by computer; to provide for definitions; to prohibit companies from doing business with terrorist-supporting countries; to prohibit sweepstakes gaming; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
MIKE REESE
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY C**

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

April 22, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 22—
BY SENATOR HODGES

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:67.24, relative to theft; to create the crime of theft of utility property; to provide relative to theft of property owned by a utility provider; to provide definitions and penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 99—
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:134(A)(2) and to enact R.S. 32:47(C), relative to malfeasance in office; to provide for the provisions for malfeasance in office; to provide for penalties for malfeasance in office; to provide for clarifying the penalties associated with the use of automated speed enforcement devices used in certain manners; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 101—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(A)(4)(a) and (M), 95.2(B)(3) and (C)(9), and 95.6(C)(1), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE**

Senator Glen Womack, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

April 22, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 71—
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4001 and R.S. 24:514(I), relative to the Louisiana Charter School Start-Up Loan Fund; to expand the authorized uses and purposes of the fund; to rename the fund; to provide for the administration, investment, and disposition of monies in the fund; to establish eligibility criteria; to authorize the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to enter into contracts and agreements; to authorize the reimbursement of administrative expenses; to provide for requirements and

limitations; to require certain loan agreements; to provide for the terms of loan agreements; to provide for the transfer of assets in certain circumstances; to provide for audit requirements; to require eligible charter schools to submit a supplemental reporting schedule; to provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 151—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1594(C)(1), 1595, 1621(A), (B), and (C)(1) and (3), 1630, 1641(A), 1643(A), 1644(A)(1), (B), and (C), 1671(F), 1672.3, 1672.4(A), 1683(E)(2), 1685(E)(2), the heading of 1691 and (A), (C), and (D), 1692(C), and 1702(A)(1) and to repeal R.S. 39:1600.2(B), relative to the Louisiana Procurement Code; to provide for advertisement and notice requirements for procurement and exceptions; to provide for competitive sealed proposals; to provide for negotiation and award of contracts; to provide for methods of procurement; to provide for the utilization requirements of certain procurement methods; to establish procedures for contract negotiations; to provide for the authority and duties of the commissioner of administration with respect to procurement and protests; to provide for certain exemptions; to provide relative to lease contracts; to provide for amendment of lease contracts; to provide for legal and contractual remedies; to provide relative to administrative appeals; to provide for cooperative purchasing; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
GLEN WOMACK
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
RETIREMENT**

Senator Edward J. "Ed" Price, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

April 22, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 1—
BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1305(D)(2), relative to the State Police Retirement System; to provide relative to the credit for out-of-state full-time law enforcement service; to provide for the actuarial purchase of such credit; to provide for determination and funding of the cost of the purchase; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 6—
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:1928.1, relative to reemployment of court reporters in the Parochial Employees' Retirement System; to provide with respect to contributions to the retirement system during the period of reemployment; to provide relative to disability retirees; to provide with respect to a critical shortage of skilled

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employees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD J. "ED" PRICE
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS**

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

April 22, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 28—
BY SENATOR TALBOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6044, relative to income tax credits; to establish an income tax credit program for expenses related to fortifying a roof; to provide for the purpose of the program; to provide for definitions; to provide for the amount of the credit; to provide for an application process, certification, and administration of the credit; to provide for application of the credits; to provide for the recovery and recapture of credits; to authorize the promulgation of rules; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 45—
BY SENATOR MCMATH
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.37 and 479.2, relative to tax exemptions; to authorize an exemption from motor vehicle registration and license taxes and fees for certain veterans and their spouses; to authorize a sales and use tax exemption for motor vehicles; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 52—
BY SENATOR MCMATH
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1483.1(F) and R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii), relative to grants from the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program; to provide an individual income tax exemption for grants from the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program; to provide relative to the definition of tax table income; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 57—
BY SENATOR FESI
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the special assessment level for ad valorem taxes; to provide for eligibility for the special assessment level for residential property receiving the homestead exemption; to remove income limitations for persons sixty-five or older; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 82—
BY SENATOR REESE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1967(F), relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide relative to the assessment of bank stock; to increase the percentage of assessed value of certain property deducted for assessment purposes; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 159—
BY SENATOR CATHEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:297.18(B)(2) and (I), relative to the individual income tax exemption for digital nomads; to expand the taxable periods to which the exemption applies; to extend the sunset date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 179—
BY SENATOR CATHEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1855(G)(2), relative to the assessment of public service properties; to provide relative to the allocation of ad valorem tax assessed values for certain types of property of nonresident companies; to provide for the implementation of an allocation methodology; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 232—
BY SENATOR BASS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6007(B)(18), the introductory paragraph of (C)(1)(a), the introductory paragraph of (C)(1)(b), (J)(3) and (4), and to enact R.S. 47:6007(C)(1)(d), relative to the motion picture production tax credit program; to rename the office of entertainment industry development for purposes of the program; to authorize a credit in accordance with program rules for projects meeting certain requirements; to provide relative to applications; to provide for rule promulgation; to provide relative to maximum credit amounts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANKLIN J. FOIL
Chair

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

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 by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 4 by Senator Lambert

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 13 through 16 and insert the following:

"B. Subject to school board policy, political campaign signs may be erected, displayed, or posted in or on the premises of any public school athletic field or public school gymnasium if the erection, display, or posting is paid for by a political candidate or political campaign.

C. The provisions of this Section shall not create an exception to R.S. 18:1462, relative to prohibited acts during early voting or on election day."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 10—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

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 by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

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 by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 17—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

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 by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 17 by Senator Boudreaux

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "amend and reenact" to "repeal"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, change "extend" to "repeal"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "hereby" delete the remainder of the line and insert "repealed."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 7 through 10

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

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 by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Wheat

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 5 and 6 and insert in lieu thereof the following: legislation to dedicate or rededicate funds; to provide for the number of"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 7, after "**taxes or fees**;" delete the remainder of the line.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 8 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following: "**legislate with regard to the dedication or rededication of funds**;" or legislate with regard"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 20 through 22 and insert the following:

"Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026, or on April 18, 2026, if an Act is passed to provide for a statewide election on April 18, 2026, whichever date occurs first."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, delete line 1 and insert "dedicate or rededicate funds?"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 26—

BY SENATORS BOUDREAU 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 by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

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 by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Original Senate Bill No. 40 by Senator Wheat

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 16, change "five hundred" to "five hundred two thousand"

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

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 by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

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 by the Committee on Natural Resources.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Original Senate Bill No. 73 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" delete "amend and reenact R.S. 30:1105(C)" and insert "enact R.S. 30:1105(D)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "R.S." delete "30:1105(C) is hereby amended and reenacted" and insert "30:1105(D) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 10 through 17, and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 3 and insert the following:

"D. The commissioner shall give substantial consideration to local government comments when determining the appropriate course of action to take in any matter requiring a public comment period or public hearing pursuant to this Chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this Chapter."

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

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 by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 104 by Senator Price

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "(30)," insert "(C)(1),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, after "(30)," insert "(C)(1),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 1 and 2, insert the following: "C.(1) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or designee, and a member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate president, the chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, or designee, shall serve as cochairs of the council."

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

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

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 by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Original Senate Bill No. 137 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 16, change "R.S. 44.4.1(B)(11)" to "R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11)"

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

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 by the Committee on Natural Resources.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Original Senate Bill No. 145 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 13, delete "**River**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 9, after "**bulkhead**" delete "**on any distributary of the Tchefeuncte River**"

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

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 by the Committee on Natural Resources.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Original Senate Bill No. 168 by Senator Womack

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 14, after "**period of**" delete "**ten**" and insert "**five**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 6, after "**period of**" delete "**ten**" and insert "**five**"

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

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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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Edmonds Mizell

Abraham	Fesi	Morris
Allain	Foil	Myers
Barrow	Harris	Owen
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Reese
Carter	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Hodges	Jenkins	Selders
Total - 3		

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

SENATE BILL NO. 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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Hodges	Jenkins	Selders
Total - 3		

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

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SENATE BILL NO. 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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Mizell
Abraham	Fesi	Morris
Allain	Foil	Myers
Barrow	Harris	Owen
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Reese
Carter	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Hodges	Jenkins	Selders
Total - 3		

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

SENATE BILL NO. 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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Mizell
Abraham	Fesi	Morris
Allain	Foil	Myers
Barrow	Harris	Owen
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Reese
Carter	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	Luneau	Stine

Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Hodges	Jenkins	Selders
Total - 3		

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

SENATE BILL NO. 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 prohibit trusts and estates from claiming the credit; to provide for the ability of cooperatives to claim the credit under certain circumstances; 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.

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

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 match funds for such projects; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Reese proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Reese to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 72 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 29, after "**Subsection**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**shall require a match of not less than twelve percent of the total project cost.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, at the beginning of line 1, delete "**less than twelve percent match.**"

On motion of Senator Reese, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Jenkins Selders
Total - 2

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

SENATE BILL NO. 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.

Floor Amendments

Senator Carter proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Carter to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 75 by Senator Miller

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, before delete "Solely to" and insert "To amend and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 15, delete "enacted" and insert "reenacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 7, after "court" insert ", including the Louisiana Supreme Court,"

On motion of Senator Carter, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Jenkins Selders
Total - 2

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

SENATE BILL NO. 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.

Floor Amendments

Senator Myers proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Myers to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 78 by Senator Myers

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 9 through 13 and insert:

"B. **(1)** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the term "drug paraphernalia" shall not include rapid fentanyl test strips (FTS) or any testing equipment or devices solely used, intended for use, or designed to determine if a substance contains ~~fentanyl or its analogues~~ **any controlled dangerous substance or chemical compound that can cause physical harm or death. Testing equipment may include, but is not limited to, the following:**

(a) Rapid fentanyl test strips.

(b) Portable drug testing kits certified by the FDA or the National Institute of Justice.

(c) Laboratory-based analytical devices, such as gas chromatograph-mass spectrometers used by laboratories accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors.

(2) No device listed in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be used to facilitate either the manufacture or distribution of controlled substances."

On motion of Senator Myers, the amendments were adopted.

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

April 22, 2025

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, Duplessis, Edmonds, Total - 37, Fesi, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns: Jenkins, Total - 2, Selders

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

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

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:989, relative to controlled dangerous 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.

Floor Amendments

Senator Myers proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Myers to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 98 by Senator Myers

AMENDMENT NO. 1 On page 2, line 4, after "substances" insert "by a person who is at least twenty-one years of age when"

AMENDMENT NO. 2 On page 2, line 6, after "practitioner" delete "who is at least twenty-one years of age"

On motion of Senator Myers, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Myers proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Myers to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 98 by Senator Myers

AMENDMENT NO. 1 On page 2, line 11, after "restaurant" delete the remainder of the line and insert: "; or food service, or The possession, use, or sale of houseware products by a person at least"

On motion of Senator Myers, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Talbot proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Talbot to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 98 by Senator Myers

AMENDMENT NO. 1 On page 2, delete line 11 and insert "preparation for restaurant; or food service; or The possession, use, or sale of houseware products by a person at least"

On motion of Senator Talbot, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns: Jenkins, Total - 2, Selders

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

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.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 116 by Senator Kleinpeter

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 15, following "notary" and before "in" insert "public"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Kleinpeter proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Kleinpeter to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 116 by Senator Kleinpeter

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 16, insert: "No additional bonding or further application or examination shall be required because of the expanded jurisdictional limits authorized by this Subsection."

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Jenkins Selders
Total - 2

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

SENATE BILL NO. 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 tax table 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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Jenkins Selders
Total - 2

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

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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Jenkins Selders
Total - 2

April 22, 2025

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

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.

The bill was read by title. Senator Jackson-Andrews moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns listing names (Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis) and their corresponding counts (Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Kleinpeter, Lambert, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack). Total - 36.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns listing names (Jenkins, Luneau, Selders) and their counts. Total - 3.

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

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.

Floor Amendments

Senator Jackson-Andrews proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Jackson-Andrews to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 147 by Senator Jackson-Andrews

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, at the beginning of line 1, delete "thereof" and insert "of issuance"

On motion of Senator Jackson-Andrews, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Jackson-Andrews moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns listing names (Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds) and their corresponding counts (Fesi, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack). Total - 37.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns listing names (Jenkins, Selders) and their counts. Total - 2.

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

Rules Suspended

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

Introduction of Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions

SENATE BILL NO. 238—
BY SENATOR CONNICK
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:411(11), R.S. 38:291(Y)(2), (4), and (5), and R.S. 49:214.6.8(B)(1)(j), relative to the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District; to change the name of the district; to provide for requirements for the board of commissioners; to provide for term limits; to provide for domicile of the board and meeting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

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

Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—
BY SENATORS STINE, ABRAHAM AND REESE AND REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, FARNUM, GEYMAN, ROMERO AND TARVER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Daniel Michael "Mike" Danahay Jr., and to recognize his lifetime of service, faith, and dedication to his family, community, and country.

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

April 17, 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:

The following Senate Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3— BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Tulane University of Louisiana for its vital contributions to the state of Louisiana.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5— BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend Archbishop/Dr. Joyce Turner Keller for her unwavering dedication to combating HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination and for her years of service as a minister, advocate, and community leader.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6— BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Grant Randall Pendergraft on being selected the 2024-2025 "Student of the Year", as a graduating senior, at Denham Springs High School in Livingston Parish.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7— BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Mason Daniel Hill on being selected the 2024-2025 "Student of the Year", as a graduating senior, at French Settlement High School in Livingston Parish.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8— BY SENATOR WHEAT

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Charles Vincent Baglio Jr. (Coach Bags) on the occasion of his passing, and to celebrate and record for posterity his life and legacy as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, coach, and community leader who touched many lives through his faith, dedication, and service.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9— BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Edward Queen on being selected the 2024-2025 "Student of the Year", as a graduating senior, at Holden High School in Livingston Parish.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10— BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Mackenzie Elizabeth Hutson, also know as "Mack", on being selected as the 2024-2025 "Student of the Year", as a graduating senior, at Maurepas High School in Livingston Parish.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11— BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Alexander David Townley Aucoin on being selected the 2024-2025 "Student of the Year", as a graduating senior, at Doyle High School in Livingston Parish.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12— BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Asia Cox on being selected the 2024-2025 "Student of the Year", as a graduating senior, at Springfield High School in Livingston Parish.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13— BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Dorothy McGehee Miller.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14— BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Joan Hatcher McCaskill.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15— BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Marguerite Gay May Town.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16— BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Mary Sunshine Hebert McCowan upon the occasion of her passing.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17— BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Rhett Joseph Pitarro on being selected the 2024-2025 "Student of the Year", as a graduating senior, at Walker High School in Livingston Parish.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18— BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 14, 2025, as Better Together-Children's Advocacy Centers and Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate Day in Louisiana.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19— BY SENATOR CONNICK

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Funeral Directors Association for its outstanding achievements and to designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Louisiana Funeral Directors Association Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20— BY SENATOR TALBOT

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 16, 2025, as AARP Louisiana's Tenth Annual Caregiver Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21— BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Michael J. Kober on being selected the 2024-2025 "Student of the Year", as a graduating senior, at Albany High School in Livingston Parish.

April 22, 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22—

BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Zachary McMenis on being selected the 2024-2025 "Student of the Year", as a graduating senior, at Live Oak High School in Livingston Parish.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23—

BY SENATORS MCMATH AND BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Geaux Far Louisiana Coalition and to designate Tuesday, April 15, 2025, as Geaux Far Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB KLEINPETER
Chairman

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

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 22, 2025

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. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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.

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.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Present, Absent. Lists names like Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Selders, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

Total - 38

ABSENT

Jenkins
Total - 1

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Jenkins 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for April 23, 2025, were announced:

Table with 3 columns: Committee, Time, Room. Lists meetings for Commerce, Education, Health and Welfare, Insurance, Labor and Ind. Rel., Local and Mun. Affairs, Natural Resources, Senate and Gov't Affairs, Transportation.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 5:22 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, April 23, 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