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State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 3:48 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Edmonds	Mizell
Abraham	Fesi	Morris
Allain	Harris	Myers
Barrow	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Price
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Reese
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathy	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Total - 33		

ABSENT

Connick	Hodges	Seabaugh
Foil	McMath	Talbot
Total - 6		

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

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Pastor Wayne Neyland, 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 Abraham, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of April 22, 2025, was adopted.

**Introduction of Senate Bills
and Joint Resolutions**

SENATE BILL NO. 239—
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:130.401(A), 130.402(A)(1) and (2)(a) and (b), (E), (F), (G) and (H), and to repeal R.S. 33:130.402(A)(2)(c) and (d), relative to the St. Tammany Parish Development District; to provide relative to the purposes of the district; to provide relative to the district board of commissioners, members, and officers; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 240—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:294(C), relative to the standard deduction for purposes of personal income taxes; to provide for an additional standard deduction for a person sixty-five years of age or older; to provide for applicability; 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. 241—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.77, relative to sales and use tax; to provide for a sales and use tax exemption for the cost of repairs of certain rented or leased motor vehicles; to exempt parts and materials used in the repair; 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. 242—
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4096(A)(2), 4121(A)(2), 4123, 4159.1(A) through (E), and 4159.3(B)(6) and to repeal R.S. 33:4159.2, relative to the Public Service Commission; to provide relative to regulations, powers, duties, and authority of the Public Service Commission; to provide relative to Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans; to provide for water and sewerage rates in the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to audits, examinations, and reviews of books and accounts of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans; to provide relative to arbitration and appeals; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; 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. 243—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305.2(B)(1), relative to state and local sales tax exemptions; to provide relative to the sales tax exemption for the sale of certain prescription drugs; 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.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45—
BY SENATOR HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Jeffrey Carter and the LSU Health New Orleans burn team for their outstanding leadership in advancing burn and blast injury care, and to recognize their recent \$9.7 million Department of Defense grant supporting innovative research and field training that will improve outcomes for both military and civilian trauma victims.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46—
BY SENATOR HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Nicolas Bazan, world-renowned neuroscientist and Director of the Neuroscience Center of Research Excellence at LSU Health New Orleans, for his groundbreaking discovery of Elovans (ELVs) and his pioneering contributions to the understanding and treatment of critical brain injuries and neurodegenerative diseases.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47—

BY SENATOR HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Lucio Miele, MD, PhD, on his appointment as director of the LSU-LCMC Health Cancer Center and to recognize his outstanding leadership, contributions to cancer research, and dedication to improving cancer care and outcomes for the citizens of Louisiana.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To designate May 6, 2025, as Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Awareness Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

**Introduction of
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS AND REPRESENTATIVES FISHER AND MOORE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Pastor James Johnson, a dedicated educator, pastor, community leader, and servant of God, for his lifetime of service to the people of Louisiana and beyond.

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. 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 referred by the President to the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

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 referred by the President to the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

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 referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**Senate Resolutions on
Second Reading**

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 referred by the President to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

On motion of Senator Boudreaux 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.

On motion of Senator Duplessis 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.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing names of senators voting 'YEAS' for Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table listing names of senators who were absent during the roll call.

Total - 4

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

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 referred by the President to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing names of senators voting 'YEAS' for Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10.

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table listing names of senators who were absent during the roll call.

Total - 3

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 22, 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 passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HCR No. 19 HCR No. 20

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAMBURG, BAGLEY, CREWS, HORTON, AND MCMAHEN AND SENATOR BASS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of former state representative Billy Wayne "Coach" Montgomery.

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

April 23, 2025

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY AND SENATOR BOUIE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as LMA Municipal Day at the state capitol.

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

JUDICIARY A

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

April 22, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 35—
BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 3 of Chapter 3 of Title IV of Book II of the Civil Code, to be comprised of Civil Code Arts. 689 through 696, to enact Chapter 3 of Code Title IV of Code Book II of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:1281 through 1289, and to repeal Civil Code Art. 696.1, relative to legal servitudes; to provide for rights of passage; to provide for enclosed estates; to provide for utility servitudes; to provide for constructions; to provide for location; to provide for compensation; to provide for indemnification; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 49—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Art. 1575, 1576, and 1581 and Code of Civil Procedure Art. 2891, to enact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 2887, and to repeal Civil Code Art. 1577 through 1580.1, relative to testaments; to provide for the requirements of form for olographic testaments; to provide for the requirements of form for notarial testaments; to eliminate special requirements for notarial testaments for persons who are unable to sign or read; to eliminate special law for the execution of a testament in braille; to eliminate special requirements for notarial testaments for persons who are deaf or deaf and blind; to provide for the competency of witnesses to testaments; to provide for proof of testaments for probate; to provide for retroactive application; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 67—
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 2881, 2882, 2889, 2890, 2901, the heading of Chapter 5 of Title I of Book VI of the Code of Civil Procedure, and Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 5181(A) and 5186, relative to the continuous revision of successions and donations; to provide for ex parte probate; to provide for cross-references; to provide for proceeding without the prior payment of costs; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 93—
BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Art. 1519.1, relative to penalty clauses; to provide for the enforceability of penalty clauses; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 156—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:121 through 124 and 126 through 133 and to repeal R.S. 9:125, relative to in vitro fertilized human embryos; to provide for definitions; to provide for uses of an in vitro fertilized human embryo; to provide for legal rights of an in vitro fertilized human embryo; to provide for ownership of an in vitro fertilized human embryo; to provide for qualification to perform in vitro fertilization procedures; to provide for destruction of an vitro fertilized human embryo; to provide for judicial standards; to provide for liability; to provide for inheritance rights; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
GREGORY A. MILLER
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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

April 23, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 79—
BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:130.12 and R.S. 51:1202, relative to industrial areas; to provide for the inclusion of a data center as an industrial purpose; to provide for certain cooperative endeavor agreements for services and facilities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 92—
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:333(F)(13), relative to banks and banking; to provide for disclosure of financial records by a bank or an affiliate; to provide relative to disclosure demands; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 161—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:101(C)(1), 104(A)(17), the introductory paragraph of 108(B), and 109(B), R.S. 51:940.1(A), 2311(D), 2314, 3132(7), 3135, and 3136(A) and to enact R.S. 36:109(E) and (F) and R.S. 51:2364 and to repeal R.S. 47:6007(A)(18), 6022(C)(7), R.S. 51:935.1, 938.1, 3131,

3132(8), (9), and (10), 3133, and 3137, relative to economic development; to provide relative to Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for the structure and organization of Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for powers and duties of the secretary of economic development; to create the Louisiana Economic Development Innovation Fund; to provide for membership and duties of an advisory board; to provide terms and definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
BETH MIZELL
Chair

**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 23, 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. 41—
BY SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:91.3(A), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 15:587.1(C), 587.1(C)(1), and 1110.3(H), R.S. 17:8.7(A), the introductory paragraph of 8.7(B), and 8.7(B)(1), 8.9(A)(5), (C), (D)(1), (2), and (3), and (E)(2) and (3), 15(A)(1)(a), (b)(i)(bb) and (cc), and (b)(ii) and (2)(a)(ii) through (v), (D), (E), and (F), 16(A), 24.8(A) and (B)(2), 407.33(5), 407.35(A), 407.42(A)(2) and (B)(1)(b), 407.46(A)(1), 407.71(A), 443(B)(1), 493(C)(1), and 3996(B)(28), R.S. 40:2008.10(A)(3) and 2019(F)(3)(b), R.S. 46:51.2(A)(1)(b), 56(F)(1), (4)(c), (10)(b)(i), and (11), and 1414.1(A), Children's Code Art. 603(4)(a), (17)(d), and (18), 603.1(B), 610(A), (E)(1) and (2), and (H), 612(A)(3), 615(B)(2), (3), and (5), the introductory paragraph of 615(E) and 615(E)(1) and (4)(a) and (F), 616(B), the introductory paragraph of 616(D), 616(E) and (H), and 616.1.1(A) and to enact R.S. 17:8.9(A)(2)(c) and (3)(c) and (E)(4), 15(A)(1)(b)(i)(dd) and (2)(a)(vi) and (G), 407.41, and 3996(B)(82), Children's Code Art. 603(17)(l) through (o) and 610(l) and Civil Code Art. 2315.8, relative to child welfare; to provide for review of the state central registry for school employees; to provide for reporting placement on the state central registry; to provide for public information regarding certain school employees; to provide for the licensure of early learning centers; to provide for child welfare and safety minimum standards for prekindergarten programs; to provide for child abuse and neglect determinations; to provide for definitions in the Children's Code; to provide for mandatory reporting training; to provide for procedures for reporting child abuse and neglect; to provide for the responsibility of the Department of Children and Family Services to respond to reports; to provide for investigations of child sexual abuse in a school setting; to provide for liability for damages caused by sexual abuse in a school setting; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 70—
BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1227.5, relative to remote patient monitoring services; to provide for qualifications for a patient to participate in remote patient monitoring services; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 182—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.76.3, relative to Medicaid prior authorization during a declared emergency; to authorize the Louisiana Department of Health to suspend prior authorization requirements for certain Medicaid recipients during a declared emergency; to require payments to certain providers without prior authorization; to provide for documentation; to provide for notification to Medicaid recipients; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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 23, 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. 42—
BY SENATOR SELDERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.4 and R.S. 46:447.4, relative to perinatal behavioral health treatment; to require commercial insurance and Medicaid coverage for voluntary inpatient treatment following a perinatal psychiatric diagnosis; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 129—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1060.18, relative to cancer treatment; to require health insurers to provide coverage for proton therapy treatment for cancer patients; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
KIRK TALBOT
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

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

April 23, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

April 23, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 66—
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:111(A)(1) and (B), R.S. 23:332(A)(1) and (2), (B), (C)(1) and (2), (D), (E), (F), and (H)(1) and (4), R.S. 49:145 and 146(A)(1), and R.S. 51:2606(A)(1) through (5), relative to discrimination based on military status; to prohibit discrimination in public schools; to prohibit discrimination in employment; to prohibit discrimination in public buildings; to prohibit discrimination in facilities to which the public is invited; to prohibit discrimination in the sale or rental of housing; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 133—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:631(A)(1)(a), 633(A), and 635 and to enact R.S. 23:651(6), relative to payment of employees; to provide for the payment of wages; to provide relative to the frequency of the payment of wages; to provide penalties; to provide relative to deadlines for the payment of wages; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
ALAN SEABAUGH
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

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

April 23, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4712.26, relative to St. Martin Parish Hospital District No. 2; to authorize the governing authority of the district to name a medical office building in honor of a living person; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 18—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4712.26, relative to property and buildings; to provide relative to the naming of public buildings by the city of Lafayette; to authorize the governing authority of the city of Lafayette to name City Park in honor of a deceased person; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 29—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To repeal Subpart B-29 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:130.561 through 130.570, relative to the Vermilion Economic Development District; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 64—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.9(D)(1)(c), relative to the Shenandoah Estates Crime Prevention and Improvement District; to provide relative to the governing board of the district; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 76—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4712.26, relative to property and buildings; to provide relative to the naming of public buildings by the city of Lafayette; to authorize the governing authority of the city of Lafayette to name the soccer complex at Moore Park in honor of a deceased person; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 77—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4712.26, relative to property and buildings; to provide relative to the naming of public buildings by the city of Lafayette; to authorize the governing authority of the city of Lafayette to name Graham Brown Memorial Park in honor of a living person; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 107—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:293.2(5) and to enact R.S. 34:293.2(12) and (13), relative to the Lafayette Economic Development Authority; to provide relative to the redevelopment functions, powers, and authorities of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority; to provide for additional powers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 139—
BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 41:1215.4, relative to leases of public lands; to provide relative to the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center; to provide relative to the execution and approval of leases by the governing authority of Ascension Parish; to provide relative to the use of the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 140—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4712.26, relative to property and buildings; to provide relative to the naming of public buildings by the city of Lafayette; to authorize the governing authority of the city of Lafayette to name the Heymann Park Complex in honor of a living person; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 143—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1053(K)(1) and (L)(1), relative to hospital service districts; to provide relative to the Vermilion Parish Hospital Service Districts No. 1 and No. 2; to provide relative to the terms of office for certain members of the board of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 187—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact Subpart B-50 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:130.883 through 130.889, relative to economic development districts in St. Martin Parish; to create the St. Martin Parish Economic and Industrial Development District as a political subdivision of the state; to provide for the district boundaries, purpose, and governance; to provide relative to the authority, powers, duties and functions of the board of commissioners; to provide relative to the economic plans and projects; to provide relative to powers of the district, including the power of taxation with voter approval; to provide relative to the authorization of the district to issue and sell bonds and other debt obligations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH BOUIE JR.
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

April 23, 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. 31—
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 69—
BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:645(B), 3000(G), and 3004(A)(2) and to enact R.S. 56:645(C), relative to hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation Escrow Account; to provide for combination hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 88—
BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:1685(C)(27), relative to state parks; to revise the list of state parks; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 106—
BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:634(A), relative to frogging at night; to provide for carrying and possession of firearms; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 185—
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To provide relative to wildlife management areas, to designate the boat launch on the Bussey Brake Wildlife Management Area in Morehouse Parish as the "William Kinnison 'Kinny' Haddox Boat Launch"; to provide for location and placement of signage; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
BOB HENSGENS
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 23, 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. 51—
BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:3.3(B)(2), relative to public power authority and public records; to provide with respect to the city of Alexandria; to provide relative to commercially sensitive information; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 59—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(b), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 49:962(D)(1), and 962(E) and to enact R.S. 49:961(E)(4) and 962(B)(1)(d), relative to the Administrative Procedures Act; to provide for statements of fiscal and economic impact; to provide for approval of appropriations by certain subject matter committees; to provide for procedures for emergency rules with a fiscal impact between certain dollar limits over; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 80—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1462.1(D), relative to exit polling; to define exit polling; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

April 23, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 109—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to enact Article XI, Section 7 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to foreign donations in elections; 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 23, 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. 167—

BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(C)(3)(a), relative to public contracts; to provide for an increase to the annual limit on work performed by a public entity to restore or rehabilitate a levee which is not maintained with federal funds, including mitigation on public lands owned by the state or a political subdivision; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 190—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of US Route 61 in East Baton Rouge Parish as the "Jackson, Gerald, Garafola, Tullier Memorial Highway"; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK CONNICK
Chair

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE BILL NO. 1—

BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1305(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 by the Committee on Retirement. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

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

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Retirement.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Retirement to Original Senate Bill No. 6 by Senator Abraham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 23 through 29 and insert:

"(3) The chief judge of the employer shall certify to the retirement system that a critical shortage of qualified court reporters exists. Prior to making the certification for any full-time critical shortage position, the employer shall cause to be advertised for thirty days in the official journal of the employer's governing authority, notice that a critical shortage of skilled court reporters exists and the positions sought to be filled and that no person applied. Additionally, the employer shall cause notice to be posted at the career development office, or such similar entity, of the regional office of the Louisiana Workforce Commission."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, delete line 1

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, on line 15, after "the" delete the remainder of the line, delete lines 6 through 8, and insert "employer contribution to the retirement system as provided by this Chapter."

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

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 by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Original Senate Bill No. 22 by Senator Hodges

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "theft of" delete the remainder of the line and insert "critical infrastructure; to provide"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 3

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, change "utility property" to "critical infrastructure"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

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

"A. Theft of critical infrastructure is the misappropriation, taking, or illegal possession, as defined in R.S. 14:69(A), of

critical infrastructure. The intent to deprive the owner permanently of the critical infrastructure is essential.

B. As used in this Section, "critical infrastructure" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 14:61."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

Delete page 2 and insert:

"C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of theft of critical infrastructure when the misappropriation, taking, or illegal possession amounts to a value of less than twenty-five thousand dollars shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than fifteen years, or both.

(2) Whoever commits the crime of theft of critical infrastructure when the misappropriation, taking, or illegal possession amounts to a value of twenty-five thousand dollars or more shall be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, or imprisoned at hard labor for not more than twenty years, or both.

(3) Whoever commits the crime of theft of critical infrastructure wherein it is foreseeable that human life will be threatened as a result of the theft shall be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, or imprisoned at hard labor for not more than twenty years, or both.

D. In addition to the penalties provided in Subsection C of this Section, the offender shall be ordered to make full restitution to the victim. If the offender is found to be indigent and therefore unable to make restitution in full at the time of conviction, the court shall order a periodic payment plan consistent with the offender's financial ability."

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. 28—

BY SENATOR TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD
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 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. 28 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 3 and the beginning of line 4, delete "to provide for the purpose of the program;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "credit;" and before "to" insert "to provide for an annual cap; to provide for the administration of the cap;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 12 through 15

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the beginning of line 16, delete "**B.**" and insert "**A.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, at the beginning of line 10, delete "**C.**" and insert "**B.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, at the end of line 17, insert the following: "**In no event shall a qualifying property be eligible for more than one tax credit authorized pursuant to this Section.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, between lines 18 and 19, insert:

"(4)(a) The total amount of credits issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall not exceed ten million dollars per fiscal year.

(b) The issuance of tax credits authorized by this Section shall be on a first-come, first-served basis. If the total amount of credits issued in a particular fiscal year exceeds the amount of tax credits authorized for that year, the department shall treat the excess as having been applied for on the first day of the subsequent year.

(c) The department shall treat all requests received on the same business day as received at the same time. If the aggregate amount of the requests received on a single business day exceeds the total amount of available tax credits, the department shall issue tax credits on a pro rata basis."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, at the beginning of line 19, delete "**D.**" and insert "**C.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 23, after "**exceed**" and before "**years.**" delete "**five**" and insert "**three**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, at the beginning of line 24, delete "**E.**" and insert "**D.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, at the beginning of line 6, delete "**F.(1)**" and insert "**E.(1)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 3, line 16, after "**interest**" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 3, at the beginning of the line 17, delete "**R.S. 9:3500(B)(1),**" and insert "**determined in accordance with R.S. 47:1601(A)(2),**"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 3, at the beginning of line 22, delete "**G.**" and insert "**F.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 3, at the beginning of line 26, delete "**H.**" and insert "**G.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 3, between lines 28 and 29, insert the following:

"H. A taxpayer shall not receive any other state tax credit, exemption, exclusion, deduction, or any other tax benefit for which the taxpayer has received a tax credit pursuant to this Section."

On motion of Senator Jenkins, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

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 by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

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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 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. 45 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 17, after "taxes" insert "upon initial issuance or renewal,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:
"C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any personalized license plate or special prestige license plate which is not classified as a military honor plate."

On motion of Senator Jenkins, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

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 by the Committee on Environmental Quality.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Environmental Quality to Original Senate Bill No. 46 by Senator Fesi

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 15, after "dispersal" insert "under one thousand feet above ground level"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 17, after "application" insert "under one thousand feet above ground level"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the end of line 1, insert "The department may utilize information and surveillance capabilities of the Louisiana Air National Guard unless otherwise prohibited by law."

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

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 by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

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

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 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. 57 by Senator Fesi

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete line 12, and insert "effective January 1, 2027, and shall apply to all taxable years beginning on January 1, 2027."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 14, after "November" delete "15," and insert "3,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 15, delete "2025." and insert "2026."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 71—
BY SENATORS FOIL, CLOUD, EDMONDS, MIGUEZ, SELTERS, STINE AND WOMACK

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 provide for 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 by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Original Senate Bill No. 71 by Senator Foil

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 12, after "R.S. 17:3983" delete ", an" and insert "An"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 13, after "Code" delete the comma ",₁"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 14, after "entity" and before the period "." insert "is eligible to apply for a loan or facilitate the use of a loan for the benefit of an eligible charter school"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, line 14, after "school" delete the remainder of the line and insert "or"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, line 15, after "facility" delete the remainder of the line and insert ", or"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 6, line 9, after "repaid, all" insert "cash assets,"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 6, line 20, change "calendar" to "fiscal"

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

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 by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

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 by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Original Senate Bill No. 99 by Senator Cathey

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2 after "R.S. 14:134(A)(2) and" insert "the introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:47(A) and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "malfeasance in office" insert "regarding issuance of traffic camera citations; to provide relative to traffic camera recording devices"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 16, after "Section 2." insert "The introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:47(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete line 17 and insert the following:

"§47. Use of ~~handheld~~ speed recording devices; restrictions

A. Automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed cameras pursuant to R.S. 32:43 and 45 that are ~~handheld or manned,~~ **and used to** issue a citation of an alleged violation by mail, shall only be used by local municipal authorities or local parish authorities in the following instances:"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 6, after "mail" insert "intentionally"

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

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 by the Committee on Environmental Quality.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Environmental Quality to Original Senate Bill No. 127 by Senator Bass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, after line 17 insert:

"(3) For purposes of this Section, "electric public utility" shall include the definition provided in R.S. 45:121, in addition to any provider, operator, owner, generator, developer, designer, or customer of a small modular reactor."

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

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

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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 by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Original Senate Bill No. 151 by Senator Mizell

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 39:1594(C)(1)" and before the comma "," insert "and (3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 17, after "R.S. 39:1594(C)(1)" and before the comma "," insert "and (3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:
"(3) Each advertisement shall may be published in the official journal of the state. In the case of any purchase to meet the needs of a single budget unit the advertisement shall be published also in a newspaper of general circulation printed in the parish in which the budget unit is situated or, if there is no newspaper printed in the parish, in a newspaper printed in the nearest parish, which has a general circulation in the parish in which the budget unit is situated.
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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, at the beginning of line 19, delete "fifty one hundred" and insert "one hundred fifty"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 10, line 24, after "file" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 10, delete line 25 in its entirety and insert the following:
"The office of state procurement shall advise such proposer of the termination of negotiations and confirm the termination"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 10, at the beginning of line 26, delete "be confirmed"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 13, line 5, after "commissioner" and before "administration," delete "or" and insert "of"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 14, line 14, after "protested" before "an award" insert "a solicitation or"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 14, line 15, after "protest" and before "an award" insert "a solicitation or"

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

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 by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

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 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. 179 by Senator Cathey

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 25 through 29 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 9 and insert:

(i) For the taxable period beginning on January 1, 2026, twenty-five percent of the assessed value shall be allocated to Louisiana parishes in accordance with the allocation methodology provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph and seventy-five percent shall be allocated to East Baton Rouge Parish.

(ii) For the taxable period beginning on January 1, 2027, fifty percent of the assessed value shall be allocated to Louisiana parishes in accordance with the allocation methodology provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph and thirty-three and fifty percent shall be allocated to East Baton Rouge Parish.

(iii) For the taxable period beginning on January 1, 2028, seventy-five percent of the assessed value shall be allocated to Louisiana parishes in accordance with the allocation methodology provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph and twenty-five percent shall be allocated to East Baton Rouge Parish.

(iv) For taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 2029, one hundred percent of the assessed value shall be allocated to Louisiana parishes in accordance with the allocation methodology provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.

On motion of Senator Jenkins, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

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 by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Original Senate Bill No. 181 by Senator Bass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "relative to" insert "gaming; to provide for"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 16, change "games" to "game"

On motion of Senator Reese, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

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 by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

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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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Foil

Total - 1

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

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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Foil

Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 35

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NAYS

Edmonds Hodges Miguez
Total - 3

ABSENT

Foil
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 17—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Morris
Abraham Harris Myers
Allain Hensgens Owen
Barrow Hodges Pressly
Bass Jackson-Andrews Price
Boudreaux Jenkins Reese
Bouie Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Carter Lambert Selders
Cathey Luneau Stine
Cloud McMath Talbot
Connick Miguez Wheat
Duplessis Miller Womack
Edmonds Mizell
Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Foil
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 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 dedicate or rededicate funds; 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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Myers
Abraham Harris Owen
Allain Hensgens Pressly
Barrow Jackson-Andrews Price
Bass Jenkins Reese
Boudreaux Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Bouie Lambert Selders
Carter Luneau Talbot
Cathey McMath Wheat
Cloud Miller Womack
Duplessis Mizell
Edmonds Morris
Total - 34

NAYS

Connick Miguez
Hodges Stine
Total - 4

ABSENT

Foil
Total - 1

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. 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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Morris
Abraham Harris Myers
Allain Hensgens Owen
Barrow Hodges Pressly
Bass Jackson-Andrews Price
Boudreaux Jenkins Reese
Bouie Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Carter Lambert Selders
Cathey Luneau Stine
Cloud McMath Talbot
Connick Miguez Wheat
Duplessis Miller Womack
Edmonds Mizell
Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Foil
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 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.

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. 40 by Senator Wheat

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 13, after "(2)" insert "* * *

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Harris	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Total - 38		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Foil

Total - 1

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and 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. 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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Miguez
Total - 1

ABSENT

Foil
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 73—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:1105(D), 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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Harris	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Total - 38		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Foil
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 104—

BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:1057(B)(24) and (30), (C)(1), (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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Foil Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 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.

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. 136 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 7, following "R.S." and before "is" change "22:1461.1" to "22:1464.1"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Foil Total - 1

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

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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Foil
Total - 1

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

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.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Foil
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 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.

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 Harris Myers
Allain Hensgens Owen
Barrow Hodges Pressly
Bass Jackson-Andrews Price
Boudreaux Jenkins Reese
Bouie Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Carter Lambert Selders
Cathey Luneau Stine
Cloud McMath Talbot
Connick Miguez Wheat
Duplessis Miller Womack
Edmonds Mizell

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Foil
Total - 1

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.

Rules Suspended

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49—
BY SENATOR HENRY

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Metairie Park Country Day School on winning its 8th Louisiana High School Athletic Association Select Division III State Championship in boys basketball.

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

EDUCATION

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

April 23, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 25—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to certain effects and purposes for the proposed St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish which shall be regarded and treated as a parish and shall have the authority granted parishes with respect to operating a school system, including the purposes of certain funding and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to specify an election date for submission of the proposition to electors and to provide for a ballot proposition.

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Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 117—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:192.3, relative to school nutrition programs; to prohibit serving and selling ultra-processed food to students in public schools; to require certain information to be posted on the state Department of Education's website; to provide a definition for ultra-processed food; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

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.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
RICK EDMONDS
Chair

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 23, 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 Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

April 23, 2025

To the Honorable Secretary of State:

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
Chairman

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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Harris	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Total - 38		

ABSENT

Foil
Total - 1

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Foil 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for April 28, 2025, were announced:

Finance	10:30 A.M.	Room A
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs	10:00 A.M.	Hainkel Room

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 5:25 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Monday, April 28, 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

