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Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 2:24 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Duplessis	Luneau
Abraham	Edmonds	Miller
Allain	Fesi	Mizell
Barrow	Foil	Myers
Bass	Harris	Price
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Reese
Bouie	Hodges	Stine
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	Talbot
Cathey	Jenkins	Wheat
Cloud	Lambert	Womack
Total - 30		

ABSENT

Connick	Miguez	Pressly
Kleinpeter	Morris	Seabaugh
McMath	Owen	Selders
Total - 9		

The President of the Senate announced there were 30 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Pastor Avery Dixon, following which the Senate joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Senator Wheat, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of May 19, 2025, was adopted.

**Privileged Report of the
Legislative Bureau**

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following instruments are approved as to construction and duplication. We advise and suggest the following amendments:

HOUSE BILL NO. 12—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:961.1 and 966(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 14:93.16 and 93.17 and R.S. 40:966(A)(4) and (B)(4), relative to unlawful sales of consumable hemp; to provide for possession of consumable hemp by minors; to prohibit the manufacturing and possession of consumable hemp under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties; to provide exceptions for industrial hemp; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 40—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1651(C), relative to Acadia Parish; to provide relative to the office of parish secretary-treasurer; to provide for the election of a parish administrator; to provide for terms; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 52—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:270(B)(2)(n), relative to curricula; to add an instructional requirement in the high school financial literacy course; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 53—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.12(F)(2) and (4)(b) and to repeal Section 3 of Act No. 307 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Upper Audubon Security District; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to increase the maximum fee authorized to be imposed; to provide limitations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 54—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3138.5(B)(1) and (D)(3) and (4)(d) and to enact R.S. 17:3138.5(B)(2)(f) through (i), relative to postsecondary education institutions; to change the name of a designation an institution may earn from "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus" to "Purple Star Campus"; to provide for requirements; to provide relative to the length of the term of the designation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 55—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9097.42, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the creation of the Cross Gates Subdivision Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District; to provide for the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 69—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.40(B), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Delmont Neighborhood Crime Prevention District; to expand the boundaries of the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 79—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893.2 and 893.3(A) through (D) and (E)(1)(a), relative to sentencing; to provide for the applicability of firearm enhancement sentencing provisions to plea agreements; to provide for stipulations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 89—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:41(C)(6), relative to death certificates; to permit a notary to obtain a death certificate in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 91—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:333(C)(2)(b) and (G), relative to disclosure of financial records; to require satisfaction of certain conditions before a bank may disclose financial records; to provide for notification and service requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 92—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, COX,
FARNUM, FONTENOT, JACKSON, AND STAGNI
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2267.6, relative to the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory District; to authorize the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission to name the new Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory building; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 115—
BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1312(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 37:1312(15) and 1313(A)(3), relative to licensing requirements for clinical laboratory personnel; to provide for definitions; to create an exemption to licensing requirements for clinical laboratory personnel working in certain source plasma donation centers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 118—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(G)(7)(b)(i), relative to the issuance of a emergency certificate in the parish of St. Tammany; to provide for the manner of initial examination; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 119—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:361.1(C)(1), relative to motor vehicle sun screening device regulations; to reduce the allowable light transmission percentage for any sun blocking film or device on the front side windows of motor vehicles; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 121—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1693(G) and 1706(H)(introductory paragraph) and R.S. 37:2159.1(Section Heading), (introductory paragraph), and (3) and to enact R.S. 22:1706(H)(11) and R.S. 37:2159.1(7) and (8), relative to property and casualty insurance; to provide for public adjusters; to provide for prohibited acts; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 122—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Chapter 14 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and to enact R.S. 22:2271, relative to the Department of Insurance; to create the Louisiana Roof Registry; to authorize submission of information relative to building permits; to provide for rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 143—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MENA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 334, relative to bail; to provide relative to notice of warrant for arrest; to provide for additional recipients of a notice of warrant for arrest; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 148—
BY REPRESENTATIVES WILEY AND BROWN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:881.1, 1452(C)(introductory paragraph) and (6), 1454(A), and 1465(A)(1) and (4) and to repeal R.S. 22:1451(D), 1452(C)(4) and (15), 1453, and 1455, relative to the powers and duties of the commissioner of insurance; to provide with respect to rate filings and methods; to modify relative to excessive rates; to provide for disapproval of rates by the commissioner of insurance; to repeal relative to competitive and noncompetitive markets; to provide relative to insurers; to provide relative to homeowners' and private passenger motor vehicle insurance; to require insurers to provide the prior premium amount with renewals; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 154—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN
AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer of certain state property in Webster and Bienville Parishes; to provide property descriptions; 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 without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 159—
BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2418(F)(1) and (2), relative to the practice of physical therapist assistants; to provide for the supervision of physical therapist assistants and unlicensed supportive personnel; to repeal the requirement for documented conferences between a physical therapist and a physical

therapist assistant; to provide for the treatment and reassessment of patients; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 161—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5002(D)(1) and 5081(B)(1) and (D)(4) and to enact R.S. 17:3047.1(H), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to provide relative to TOPS Tech and TOPS Tech Early Start; to provide for eligibility requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 170—

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:408(B)(2)(d), relative to a Class "D" chauffeur's license; to remove the requirement that taxi cab drivers obtain a chauffeur's license; to specify that taxi cab drivers are only required to hold a Class "E" driver's license; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 173—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:1688(C) and to enact R.S. 56:1688.1, relative to the authority of state park wardens; to authorize state park wardens to enforce litter laws statewide; to provide for an administrative hearing process for litter citations; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 180—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

AN ACT

To redesignate a portion of United States Highway 425 between the northern junction of Louisiana Highway 132 and the southern junction of Louisiana Highway 584 in Richland Parish as the "Sheriff Gary Lynn Gilley Memorial Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 191—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.8(F)(2)(a) and (4)(c) and to repeal R.S. 33:9091.8(F)(4)(b), relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Lakewood Crime Prevention and Improvement District; to provide relative to the parcel fee levied within the district; to provide for the maximum fee amount; to provide for the expiration and renewal of the fee; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 196—

BY REPRESENTATIVES STAGNI AND VILLIO

AN ACT

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

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 204—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:153, relative to annual duck stamps; to remove fees for resident and nonresident duck stamps; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 206—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:6, relative to prohibiting certain changes to election procedures without legislative approval; to prohibit election officials and the state and parish boards of election supervisors from entering into certain agreements regarding election procedures; to provide for legislative approval of such actions by concurrent resolution; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 214—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 900(A)(6)(e)(i)(bb) and 901(A) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 901(D), relative to probation; to provide relative to revocation of probation; to provide relative to a technical violation of probation; to provide for an exception; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 219—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:125(B), relative to sex identification of deer; to eliminate the requirement for hunters to maintain sex identification of deer after tag validation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 246—

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1964(D)(5), relative to the Jimmy D. Long, Sr. Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts; to provide for the salary schedule established by the board of directors for teachers and other school employees; to provide for the funding of the salaries; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 263—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 6:333(F)(19), relative to access to documents by the office of elderly affairs; to clarify the authority granted to the office; to clarify that banks and their affiliates are authorized to disclose financial records to the office that are needed to perform its duties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 281—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1462(A)(4), relative to acts prohibited during early voting or on election day; to prohibit the wearing of campaign apparel; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 291—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GALLE, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BAYHAM, BERAULT, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CREWS, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, KNOX, STAGNI, TAYLOR, VENTRELLA, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 2315.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and 2315.2(B) and to enact Civil Code Articles 2315.1(F) and 2315.2(F), relative to prescription in wrongful death and survival actions; to provide for a prescriptive period of two years from the date of death of the deceased; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 292—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 812, relative to jury polling; to provide for polling when a verdict is not reached; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 293—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:457 and to enact R.S. 17:438(E) through (H), relative to labor organizations; to provide for the resignation from labor organization dues or fees for teachers or other school employees; to provide for the resignation from labor organization and union dues or fees for public employees; to provide for collective bargaining agreements or contracts; to provide for applicability; to provide for reporting and notification requirements; to provide for mass transit employees; to allow the secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission to waive certain requirements; to require labor organizations or unions to cover administrative costs incurred from the collection of dues or fees and for opting out; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 314—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2109(B)(6), relative to establishing classifications of and standards for hospitals; to remove exemptions for certain hospitals to the requirement of maintaining in-house obstetric anesthesia personnel on a twenty-four-hour basis; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 316—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:219.1, 219.2(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a)(introductory paragraph) and (xi) and (c)(i), (iii), and (viii) and (2), 219.3(A), and 219.4 and to enact R.S. 49:219.2(B)(1)(a)(xiv) and (xv), relative to the Drug Policy Board; to provide for the policy and purpose of the board; to provide for the membership of the board; to update and modernize language; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 327—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5024(A)(1), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to require schools to use a ten-point grading scale to assign grades used to calculate the minimum grade point average for initial qualification for a program award; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 329—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HEBERT, BAMBURG, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, DOMANGUE, HENRY, AND MELERINE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:439(A)(1)(c), (E), and (F), 821(C), and 831(C), relative to revenues collected by the Department of Insurance; to dedicate certain revenues to the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program Fund; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the commissioner of the Department of Insurance; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 351—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1401(G), relative to objections to candidacy; to provide for penalties for attesting to false information in a notice of candidacy; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 358—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1212, relative to pharmacy technicians; to permit a pharmacy technician to work remotely in certain circumstances; to require a pharmacy to protect confidential information; to prohibit certain administrative actions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 372—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5025.7(introductory paragraph) and 5026(F)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal Section 6(A) and (D) of Act No. 211 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to curricula; to provide relative to Computer Science as a required high school course; to provide for alignment with the core curriculum requirements for qualifications for TOPS awards; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 401—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1428(C) and to repeal R.S. 40:1428(A)(3), relative to fees assessed on direct premiums of insurers; to provide relative to fee collection by the Department of Insurance; to provide for deposits into the Insurance Fraud Investigation Dedicated Fund Account; to provide for unexpended and unencumbered funds; to repeal certain fee reductions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 420—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:441(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 18:107(G) and 441(B)(4) and (E), relative to political parties; to provide for recognition of a political party; to provide for party affiliation for voter registration; to prohibit recognition of certain political parties; to prohibit designation of party affiliation with certain parties for voter registration; to require a change in party affiliation under certain circumstances; to provide for a procedure allowing a political party to request that it be dissolved; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 431—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHENEVERT, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARVER, COATES, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, GADBERRY, GALLE, HENRY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 2323(A), relative to comparative fault; to establish a modified comparative fault system; to provide for the recovery of damages; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 434—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, CARLSON, CHENEVERT, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, GLORIOSO, MIKE JOHNSON, MELERINE, TURNER, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:866(A)(1), (C), and (F), relative to the recovery for certain damages; to provide a limitation of recovery under certain circumstances; to require automobile insurance to recover certain damages; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 436—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT AND EDMONSTON

AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Article 2315.12, relative to recovery of damages for unauthorized aliens; to provide a definition; to prohibit award of certain damages for unauthorized aliens in an automobile accident; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 437—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1892(A)(7), (B)(4), and (B)(5)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and to enact R.S. 22:1892(A)(8) and 1892.3, relative to property and casualty insurance; to provide for payments of claims for property damage; to provide for payments of deductibles; to provide for insurers' payments for replacement costs of insured property; to provide for sources used to determine retail costs; to provide with respect to motor vehicle insurance; to provide for first-party insureds and third-party claimants; to provide for settlement practices relative to claims for rental vehicles; to provide for penalties; to provide for proof of loss statements with respect to insurers' payments of claims; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 438—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1452(C)(introductory paragraph) and (7) and 1454(B)(3) and to enact R.S. 22:1452(C)(9.1), relative to expenses of insurers; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the use of certain expenses in setting rates; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 450—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, ORGERON, OWEN, ROMERO,

SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, TARVER, TURNER, VILLO, WILDER, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To enact Code of Evidence Article 306.1, relative to the presumption of causation of injuries; to prohibit a presumption of causation in certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; to provide for prospective application; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 456—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1248.3, 1248.5(D)(3), 1248.8(B) and (D), and 1248.9, relative to the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program; to provide for multi-parish funding districts; to provide for power and duties of parishes; to provide for local hospital assessment payments; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 524—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212.1(N)(3) and (P)(3), relative to qualified group purchasing organizations; to provide relative to fire and public safety departments agreements with group purchasing organizations; to expand the definition of "qualified group purchasing organization"; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 526—

BY REPRESENTATIVES JACOB LANDRY, BOYER, CARRIER, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, GADBERRY, HEBERT, HENRY, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, VILLO, AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 43:81 and R.S. 49:1301 through 1308 and to repeal R.S. 42:19(A)(2)(c) and R.S. 43:81.1 through 90, relative to the official journal of the state; to provide that the official journal of the state shall be a website established and maintained by the commissioner of administration; to remove requirements designating a newspaper as the official journal of the state, including provisions relative to printing, contracts, and bidding; to provide for the publication of notices for a proposal to effect certain changes related to any retirement system for public employees; to apply requirements pertaining to a website containing information about certain boards and commissions to the website serving as the official journal of the state; to broaden the application of such requirements; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to redesignate certain provisions of law; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 544—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9) and (14), and (G) and to repeal Part IV-C of Chapter 9 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:2048.61, R.S. 36:651(L)(1)(b) and (c), and Subpart C of Part III of Chapter 11 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:1007, relative to health care workforce development; to provide for the Louisiana Health Works Commission; to provide for its membership; to provide for committees of the commission; to abolish the Nursing Supply and Demand Council; to abolish the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 564—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:10(B)(20) and Part VII of Chapter 8 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 56:1938.1 and 1938.2, relative to wildlife resources and habitat; to establish a conservation incentive program account; to provide for assisting private landowners with enhancing wildlife habitats and wetlands on private property; to address impacts of invasive species; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 589—
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:205(A), 216(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), 407.101(G), and 416.21(N)(3)(b)(ii), to enact R.S. 17:2, and to repeal R.S. 17:202, 203, 205(B)(1) and (2), 215, 217, 220(B)(5) and (C), 253, and 407.101(E)(8) and R.S. 36:651(E)(2), relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide relative to reports required for submission to the legislature by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or state Department of Education; to provide that each law requiring such a report shall cease to be effective two years following the date of its first publication unless renewed by the legislature; to reduce the required number of annual meetings of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission; to abolish the task force created by the commission; to abolish the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission and transfer certain commission duties to the department; to abolish the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 592—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:2(4), 18(D), 25(B), 104(C)(1)(introductory paragraph), 108(A) and (C), 110(B)(introductory paragraph), 111, 154(C)(2)(e), 192(A)(1) and (2), 401.2(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), and (3), 402(A)(1), (D), (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), and (G)(1), 410.1 through 410.3, 410.4(B), 410.5(A), 410.6(B)(1) and (2), 410.7, 410.8, 410.9(A), 425.1, 426(A) and (B), 434(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1), 435(A)(4)(b) and (c) and (B)(1), 501(A)(1), (B)(1), and (C), 531(B), 533(A)(2) and (B)(1), 534(A) and (B)(1) and (2)(a), 551(B), (C)(1)(c)(i) and (2), and (D), 553(E)(2), 571(A)(8), 573(E)(1) and (4), 1259(B)(6) and (C), 1279, 1280.21(B), 1285(B)(1)(a), 1286.1, 1299.1, 1300(C)(1), 1300.2(C)(2)(b), 1300.7(A), 1300.11, 1306(E)(1)(f), 1307(E), 1309(D)(1)(c) and (d) and (2), (E)(1), (H), and (N)(2), (5), and (7), 1309.1(A), 1313(F), (H)(3), and (K)(1), 1313.1(F), (I)(2), and (L)(1), 1315(D)(1), 1333(D)(2) and (E), 1362.1(L), 1363(A)(3) and (4), 1405(C), 1462(F), 1501.3(C)(introductory paragraph), Section 2 of Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, and Section 5 of Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, to enact R.S. 18:2(20) and (21), 401.1(H), Part IV of Chapter 6 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:1280.31, 1286(C), 1307(L), 1310(E) and (F), 1333(D)(3), 1409(K), and 1461.7(E), and to repeal R.S. 18:1280.21(C) and (D), 1280.21.1, 1371(A)(2)(c), and Section 2 of Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the revision of the system of laws providing for elections; to make revisions to the Louisiana Election Code; to provide for agreements for sharing voter registration information; to provide for the annual report of the State Board of Election Supervisors; to provide for affidavits and attestations; to provide for the reinstatement of voter registration; to provide for name changes; to provide for address data in connection with the annual canvass of registered voters; to provide for the effectiveness of a change in voter registration;

to provide for duties of the clerk of court; to provide for perjury for false statements made in an attestation and criminal penalties therefore; to provide for polling places during a state of emergency; to provide for consolidation of polling places; to provide for election dates and the calculation of days related thereto; to provide for commissioner qualifications and selection; to provide for alternate political party super watchers; to provide for ballot arrangement; to provide for voting in the presidential preference primary election; to provide for testing of voting machines; to provide for replacement absentee by mail ballots; to provide for tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots; to provide for the validity of ballots deemed challenged; to provide for address confirmation for nursing home early voting program participants; to provide for the allocation of voting machines; to provide for the requirements of the secretary of state related to an objection to candidacy; to provide for actions contesting an election on a proposed constitutional amendment; to provide for the preparation of a question or proposition to be submitted to voters; to provide for the filling of vacancies in closed party primary offices; to provide for emergency elections; to provide for closed party primary ballot selection by an unaffiliated voter; to provide for procedural requirements as they relate to closed party primary elections; to provide for the effectiveness of Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature and Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature and specific provisions thereof; to provide for definitions; to correct terminology; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

LEGISLATIVE BUREAU AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Legislative Bureau to Reengrossed House Bill No. 592 by Representative Beaulieu

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 3, delete "110(B)(introductory paragraph),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 3, line 3, following "401.2(A) and" delete "(B)(1)" and insert "(B)(introductory paragraph), (1)"

Respectfully submitted,
GREGORY A. MILLER
Chair

Adoption of Legislative Bureau Report

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 125—
BY SENATOR STINE

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Hamilton Christian Academy Warriors on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Boys' Basketball Select Division IV state championship game.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to post the Five-Star Quality Rating for each Louisiana nursing home on its website.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 127—

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Michael Williams.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 128—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Workers' Compensation.

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

Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Joe Scheuermann on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend George "Bobby" Soileau on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Herb Vincent upon receiving the 2025 Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award and on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the family of Ed Daniels upon Ed Daniels posthumously receiving the 2025 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Vickie Johnson on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Danny Granger on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Danny Broussard on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dale Weiner on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend April Burkholder Coulter on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Nick Saban on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Andrew Whitworth on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Glenn Guilbeau upon receiving the 2025 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading

**SENATE BILL NO. 246— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 105
Senator Abraham)**

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(c) and (4)(a), relative to student assessments; to provide with respect to the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; to provide with respect to standards-based assessments in English language arts,

mathematics, science, and social studies; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 247— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 172 by Senator Allain)

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1354(1), 1452(C)(6), 1453, 1454(A), and 1465(A)(1) and (4), to enact R.S. 22:1452(C)(26), and to repeal R.S. 22:1451(D), 1452(C)(4) and (15), and 1455, relative to insurance rate regulation; to provide for definitions; to prohibit rates from being excessive; to provide for disapproval of rates; to provide for refunding of rates; to repeal distinctions between competitive and noncompetitive markets; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 248— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 227 by Senator Cloud)

BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1541(A) and 1576, relative to unemployment compensation; to provide with respect to contributions; to provide relative to the social charge account; to provide relative to the unemployment benefit charges; to provide relative to an employer's experience rating records; to provide relative to the notice of separation; and to provide for related matters.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Academy of the Sacred Heart Girls Golf Team for winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Girls Division II State Golf Championship and for their dominant performance in the Metro Championship.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

A RESOLUTION

To commend West Baton Rouge Parish for its outstanding achievements and to designate Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as West Baton Rouge Parish Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118—

BY SENATOR SELDERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Baton Rouge Community College Bears softball team for its historic season and for reaching the semifinals of the South-Central District Tournament in Piedmont, Oklahoma.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 119—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Education to develop and implement a system for collecting and reporting aggregated, non-identifiable data on suicide risk assessments conducted in public schools and to submit an annual report of the data to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare, and to involve Peer Initiative and the Louisiana Mental Health Association in the development, implementation, and training associated with this process.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Committee on Finance, or a subcommittee thereof, to study and make recommendations on court costs in suits involving the state and political subdivisions in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court prior to the convening of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request local governing authorities throughout the state of Louisiana to adopt ordinances providing for the abatement of public nuisances in order to deter illicit businesses, including massage therapy establishments operating without a license or engaging in criminal acts.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request law enforcement agencies in Louisiana to use restorative approaches in their efforts to keep the communities they serve safe and healthy.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 124—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To express Louisiana's support for farmers, specifically farmers growing specialty crops, in light of ongoing market fluctuations, staffing changes, and funding cuts to state and local departments at the federal level.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the K-12 School Safety Task Force to study and make recommendations relative to school safety and security.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Somebody'sPraying.com and to proclaim July 2025, as a month of prayer and fasting, depriving ourselves in order to awaken our hunger for and need of God, humbling ourselves before Him, asking His forgiveness, and seeking His blessings, grace, and mercy so that we, our communities, our state, and our nation will be transformed.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Kleinpeter	Myers	Seabaugh
McMath	Owen	Selders
Total - 6		

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of former state legislator and mayor-president of East Baton Rouge Parish Melvin Lee "Kip" Holden and to posthumously commend him for a lifetime of significant achievements.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Duplessis	Miguez
Abraham	Edmonds	Miller
Allain	Fesi	Mizell
Barrow	Foil	Morris
Bass	Harris	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Price
Bouie	Hodges	Reese
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Total - 33		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Kleinpeter	Myers	Seabaugh
McMath	Owen	Selders
Total - 6		

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

May 19, 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 Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HB No. 74	HB No. 77	HB No. 85
HB No. 193	HB No. 256	HB No. 368
HB No. 392	HB No. 433	HB No. 494
HB No. 500	HB No. 507	HB No. 513
HB No. 685	HB No. 687	HB No. 688

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 74—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:323(E) and Chapter 28-E of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:2191 through 2196, relative to the disabling of remote access technology on motor vehicles; to provide for definitions; to provide for a civil fine; to establish a fund; to provide limitations on manufacturers; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 77—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TURNER, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, FREIBERG, HORTON, ILLG, KERNER, MACK, SCHLEGEL, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5002(A), (E)(1) and (3), and (G), 5025(introductory paragraph), 5029(B)(3)(b)(ii) and (iii) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 5041(introductory paragraph), (1)(c), and (4), and 5043(1) and to enact R.S. 17:5002(I), 5002.1, and 5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e) and (3), and (D), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to create a new program award level; to provide a definition of tuition for certain program purposes; to revise academic initial eligibility criteria for a TOPS-Tech award; to provide for qualification for a TOPS-Tech award based on the attainment of certain early college credits; to provide for an additional test for purposes of determining initial award eligibility for certain students; to allow certain students who qualify for a program award to apply unused award amounts to medical and dental school under certain circumstances; to require repayment of award amounts

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under certain circumstances; to require the Board of Regents to provide by rule for collection and exceptions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 85—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1730.23(K), relative to permits for construction; to provide for the enforcement of building codes by municipalities and parishes; to provide for roofing and reroofing permits and inspections; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 193—
BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEV
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1184(A)(2), relative to suits by prisoners; to provide for the procedure for suits by prisoners; to provide for the dismissal of suits by prisoners; to provide relative to peremptory exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 256—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MCKAMIN, BOYD, AND CHASSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1432(B), relative to the Louisiana Real Estate Commission; to provide for the terms of appointment of commissioners; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 368—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 5 of Code Title XII of Code Book III of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:3591.1 through 3591.7, relative to consumer-directed earned wage access services; to provide definitions; to require and prohibit certain acts of providers of earned wage access services; to provide for statutory compliance and applicability; to provide for annual reporting of earned wage access services data; to provide for enforcement; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 392—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.12(11) and 1749.13(B)(1) and (E)(1) and (7) and to enact R.S. 40:1749.13(B)(6), relative to the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure of excavations and demolitions; to require certain training; to provide relative to conflict in large project excavations; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 433—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 51:2316, relative to special funds; to establish the Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, deposit,

and use, as specified, of monies in the Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund; to provide for the powers and duties of the state treasurer; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of Louisiana Economic Development; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 494—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 45:251(1) and (3) and 255, relative to common carriers; to provide for definitions; to provide for regulation of tank facilities by the Public Service Commission; to provide for retroactive and prospective application; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 500—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:337.51(A)(1), 337.102(D), 1401, and 1403(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 47:337.51.1 and 1402(A)(3), relative to the administration and adjudication of tax disputes; to provide for certain notice requirements related to assessments; to authorize the mediation of certain disputes; to provide for requirements and limitations related to mediation agreements; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board; to provide for the issuance of policy advice; to provide for requests for private letter rulings from the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board; to provide for certain reviews by the Board of Tax Appeals; to provide for the responsibilities of judges on the Board of Tax Appeals; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 507—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 47 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2771, relative to the High Impact Jobs Program; to establish the program; to provide relative to qualification for and administration of the program; to provide relative to the powers and duties of Louisiana Economic Development and its secretary; to provide relative to special treasury funds; to provide relative to the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain special treasury funds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 513—
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To enact Part II-A of Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:3530.1 through 3530.7 and to repeal R.S. 6:661.1(A)(2), relative to the Louisiana Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; to provide for definitions; to provide for consumer loans; to provide for the calculation of interest; to provide for the payment of loans; to provide for loan agreements; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for powers of the commissioner; to repeal certain criteria for credit unions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 685— (Substitute for House Bill No. 421 by Representative Chenevert)
 BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT
 AN ACT

To enact Part XV of Chapter 26 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:3399.51, and Chapter 23 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:1601, relative to state agencies; to prohibit certain agency programs and practices related to diversity, equity, and inclusion; to require public postsecondary education institutions to take certain actions related to diversity-, equity-, and inclusion-related coursework; to require reports to the presiding officers of the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 687— (Substitute for House Bill No. 616 by Representative Wright)
 BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT, HUGHES, MENA, AND TAYLOR
 AN ACT

To enact Subpart D of Part 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 34 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 34:51 through 57, relative to the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor roadway; to provide for the purposes of the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor roadway; to designate powers and duties to the board; to provide for the establishment, design, construction, and financing of the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor roadway; to authorize the use of public-private partnerships; to provide coordination with the Department of Transportation and Development and the Port of New Orleans; to establish supplemental powers and authority; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 688— (Substitute for House Bill No. 633 by Representative Braud)
 BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (i) and (ii), (2)(b) through (e), (3)(a) through (c), and (4) and (D) and to enact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(a)(xii) and (f) and (g), relative to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank; to change membership of the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East; to appoint the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as secretary of the nominating committee; to replace certain requirements of the regional directors, or in their absence, the presidents of the boards of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank with the chair; to change timeframes for notification of unexpected and expected vacancies within the flood authorities, to reduce consecutive terms of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 1—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
 AN ACT

Making annual appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the ordinary expenses of the executive branch of state government, pensions, public schools, public roads, public charities, and state institutions and providing with respect to the expenditure of said appropriations.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 2—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
 AN ACT

To provide with respect to the capital outlay budget and the capital outlay program for state government, state institutions, and other public entities; to provide for the designation of projects and improvements; to provide for the financing thereof making appropriations from certain sources; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
 AN ACT

To enact the Omnibus Bond Authorization Act of 2025, relative to the implementation of a five-year capital improvement program; to provide for the repeal of certain prior bond authorizations; to provide for new bond authorizations; to provide for authorization and sale of such bonds by the State Bond Commission; to provide relative to the submission of capital outlay applications; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 126—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, FREIBERG, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, LAFLEUR, MARCELLE, OWEN, ROMERO, AND THOMPSON
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to state funding for parish councils on aging; to modify the funding formula for determining annual state funding for each such council; to provide for distribution of such funding; to provide minimum amounts to be appropriated for such funding; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 188—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN
 AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.2(B)(13) and to repeal R.S. 47:305.2(A)(4), relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for exemptions from sales and use taxes imposed by certain taxing authorities; to authorize a local sales and use tax exemption for certain adaptive driving equipment and motor vehicle modifications; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 199—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1186(A) and (B)(1) and 1188(B)(2), relative to civil claims of prisoners; to provide relative for proceeding in forma pauperis; to provide for procedural requirements; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 257—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC
 AN ACT

To enact R.S. 45:1206, relative to receivership of water or wastewater companies; to provide for definitions; to provide for a bond; to provide for orders by the court; to provide for the

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dissolution of a receivership; to provide for a transition and operational plan; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 259—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 35:71(A), (B), (D)(2), and (E), 191(A)(3)(c), 192(A), 201(A)(3), 391(6), and 412(C), to enact R.S. 35:192(C), and to repeal R.S. 39:342, relative to bonds of notaries public; to provide relative to the bond amount notaries public are required to maintain; to provide relative to insurance requirements for notaries public; to provide relative to the filing requirements for bonds of notaries public; 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 Judiciary A.

HOUSE BILL NO. 295—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Sections 10(C) and (E) and 11(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state finances; to provide for calculation of a limit above which certain funds may only be appropriated for certain purposes; to provide for exceptions; to authorize the legislature to change the limit in certain circumstances; to provide for the establishment of an initial limit; to provide relative to the duties of the governor with respect to state finances; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the Revenue Estimating Conference; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 343—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 20:1(C)(9), relative to the homestead exemption from seizure; to add an exception to the exemption from seizure for certain unpaid or accelerated costs subject to the Louisiana Condominium Act; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 371—
BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, GLORIOSO, HORTON, MACK, MCCORMICK, MOORE, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, TARVER, TAYLOR, VENTRELLA, WILDER, AND WYBLE AND SENATOR HODGES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5232(1), 5233, 5234(3), (5), and (6)(introductory paragraph), 5237, 5239, and 5240(A) and (B) and R.S. 17:407.33(1) and to enact R.S. 13:5232(7) and 5233.1 and R.S. 17:236.1(H) and 407.33(9) and (10), relative to the Preservation of Religious Freedom Act; to provide relative to the free exercise of religion; to provide for protections for places of worship; to prohibit certain restrictions against places of worship; to provide for an effective date; to provide relative to home study cooperatives; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 383—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6006(A)(3), relative to income tax; to provide with respect to tax credits; to provide for the claiming by certain filers of the tax credit for local inventory taxes paid; to extend the period in which certain corporate taxpayers may claim the credit; to provide for credit amounts available to those taxpayers; to provide for termination of the credit for those filers; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 402—
BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX, NEWELL, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and 297.26, relative to income tax; to authorize an income tax deduction for veterans with certain service-connected disabilities; to provide for the amount of the deduction; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 408—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1028.6, relative to health insurance; to require coverage of therapies and treatments for pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and related types of autoimmune encephalitis; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 423—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:22 and 1743.1(A) and R.S. 51:413(B), relative to healthcare professionals; to require healthcare professionals to display evidence of proper licensure in person or in advertisements; to provide for sanctions for misrepresentation of licensure by a healthcare professional; to provide for enforceability; to make technical corrections; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 454—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER
AN ACT

To enact Part V of Chapter 8 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:977.41 through 977.43, relative to Medicaid insurance coverage for doula services; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to require Medicaid coverage for maternity services provided by doulas; to provide for enrollment qualifications; to assign certain duties to the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 460—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To appropriate funds and to make certain reductions from certain sources to be allocated to designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations

and reductions for said agencies and purposes for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; 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 Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 461—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:100.112(F)(2)(d), relative to certain treasury funds; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to authorize appropriation from the Revenue Stabilization Fund; 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 Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 462—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To provide with respect to the Revenue Sharing Fund and the allocation and distribution thereof for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 463—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To provide for the establishment and reestablishment of agency ancillary funds, to be specifically known as internal service funds, auxiliary accounts, or enterprise funds for certain state institutions, officials, and agencies; to provide for appropriation of funds for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; to provide for an effective date; and to regulate the administration of said funds; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 493—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6001(A) and to repeal R.S. 47:6001(B), relative to tax exemptions; to provide for a property tax exemption for certain aircraft; to repeal inoperative provisions relating to the exemption; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 517—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BRASS AND MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:841.2, relative to the tobacco tax; to establish the Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of the monies in the fund; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 520—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND STAGNI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:337.9(D)(36) and 463.8(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:305.21, relative to taxes and fees; to provide for sales tax exemptions; to establish a state and local sales and use tax exemption for certain antique motor vehicles; to provide with respect to fees for certain antique motor vehicle license

plates; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 559—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, BAGLEY, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER,
JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, WILDER, AND WRIGHT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:914(D)(1) and 918(A) and to enact R.S. 28:914(E), relative to human services district and authority boards; to provide for the hiring of executive directors of the boards; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the boards; to provide for reporting of the actions of the boards; to provide for monitoring of the boards; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 565—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.71(E) and 460.76.3, relative to the state medical assistance program; to provide for claim payment information; to provide for third-party liability; to require notification; to provide penalties; 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 Health and Welfare.

HOUSE BILL NO. 575—
BY REPRESENTATIVES VENTRELLA, EMERSON, AMEDEE, BUTLER,
CARRIER, DEVILLIER, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DICKERSON,
EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, HORTON, MACK, MCCORMICK,
OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, THOMPSON, AND WILDER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.12, relative to abortion; to provide a cause of action; to provide damages; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 588—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MENA AND BOYD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1655(A)(1)(c)(ii) and (2) and (I)(1) and (2), 1656(23), and 1656.1(B)(3), (C)(2) through (5), (D), and (E) and to repeal R.S. 48:1656(24) through (26), relative to the Regional Transit Authority; to provide for the membership of the board of commissioners; to provide for certain powers and authority of the board; to require transit-specific training for members added to the board; to require a minimum of ten meetings per year for board members; to provide for voting and quorum; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 593—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER
AN ACT

To enact Part VI of Chapter 4 of Title 4 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 4:281 through 290, relative to the Louisiana Equestrian Corporation; to provide for purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for the functions of the corporation; to provide for the board of directors; to provide for powers of the corporation; to provide for liability or debt; to provide relative to other applicable law; to provide for dissolution; and to provide for related matters.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 647—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To appropriate funds to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary, including the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, District Courts, Criminal District Court of Orleans Parish, and other courts; 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 Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 653—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS AND MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6023(B)(1), (3), (5), and (9), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph), (c), and (d), (3)(a), and (4)(a)(iii), (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (b) through (e), (3), and (4), (E)(1), (F), and (I), relative to tax credits; to provide with respect to the sound recording investor tax credit; to provide for definitions; to provide for administration of the tax credit program by the office of cultural development; to provide for credit amounts; to provide for requirements and limitations; to extend the period in which investors may apply for the tax credit; to authorize promulgation of emergency rules; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 664—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To appropriate funds for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Legislature, including the expenses of the House of Representatives and the Senate, of legislative service agencies, and of the Louisiana State Law Institute; to provide for the salary, expenses, and allowances of members, officers, staff, and agencies of the Legislature; to provide with respect to the appropriations and allocations herein made; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 683— (Substitute for House Bill No. 599 by Representative Emerson)
BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:94(A) and (B), 97(B), 100.112, and 100.116(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), to enact R.S. 39:94(D), and to repeal R.S. 39:94(C)(5), 100.112, and 100.116(A)(12), (C), and (D) relative to finances of the state; to provide with respect to the disposition of certain state revenues; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to repeal certain treasury funds and accounts; to repeal certain dedications of revenue; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 684— (Substitute for House Bill No. 237 by Representative Mack)
BY REPRESENTATIVES MACK, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, COATES, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, JACKSON, OWEN, SPELL, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7(5)(b)(i), 416.1(B)(3)(b), 416.21, 1944.1(A) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 1948(A) and (B), to enact R.S. 17:7.2(A)(10), 8.1(A)(8), and 1944.1(D)(1)(d), and to repeal R.S. 17:1948(C)(7) and (9) and (G), relative to the behavior of students with exceptionalities; to provide relative to

the use of seclusion and seclusion rooms; to provide relative to the use of physical restraint; to provide for reporting and documentation; to require the installation of cameras in special education classrooms; to require teacher preparation programs to include instruction on the use of seclusion and physical restraint of students with exceptionalities; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To provide for a hospital stabilization formula pursuant to Article VII, Section 10.13 of the Constitution of Louisiana; to establish the level and basis of hospital assessments; to establish certain reimbursement enhancements for inpatient and outpatient hospital services; to establish certain criteria for the implementation of the formula; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate March 5, 2026, as Louisiana Academy of Sciences Day at the state capitol.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Myers
Barrow	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 35		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cathey	Seabaugh
McMath	Selders
Total - 4	

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

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:

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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:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—(Substitute for House Concurrent Resolution No. 21 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to study and make recommendations on the issues addressed by the Processing Revival and Intrastate Meat Exemption Act (PRIME Act) as proposed during the 118th United States Congress to enhance operations for small meat processing businesses in Louisiana, emphasize local control, economic resilience, support for small farmers, and meet the needs of Louisiana citizens.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 652— (Substitute for House Bill No. 550 by Representative Kerner)

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:5.5.2(B)(2), 5.5.3(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (H), 5.10.1(B), and 31.35(C), to enact Part IV of Chapter 30 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 3:4749 through 4749.3, and R.S. 36:624(C) and 629(L)(5), and to repeal R.S. 36:204(A)(10) and 209(D)(4), R.S.40:31.35.1, and Section 2 of Act No. 667 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to commercial seafood; to transfer authority for imported seafood sampling, testing, and enforcement from the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to transfer the Seafood Safety Task Force to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide for the powers of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; to provide for penalties; to provide for reporting by processors and distributors to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to remove the authority of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to promulgate rules; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
STEWART CATHEY, JR.
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

JUDICIARY A

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

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Supreme Court of Louisiana to require attorneys to complete a one-hour course on the legislative process as a part of the annual continuing legal education requirement.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 225—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:3258.2, relative to civil actions; to provide relative to short-term rentals; to provide relative to operation of short-term rentals and short-term rental structures; to provide relative to licensing requirements; to provide with respect to violation of local planning and zoning ordinances; to provide for certain definitions; to provide relative to a right and cause of action; to provide relative to certain remedies; to provide relative to nonprofit organizations; to provide relative to written notice and time delays; to provide relative to certain relief; to provide relative to prescription; to provide relative to certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 26—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 1:55(A)(3), relative to legal holidays; to provide relative to clerks of court holidays; to extend the legal holiday of the Washington Parish Free Fair; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 72—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, CARVER, FIRMENT, HENRY, MIKE JOHNSON, WILDER, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:5701, relative to prescriptive periods for certain debts; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 98—

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part III-F of Title 19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 19:135(2), 135.1(A), 135.2(1) and (3), 135.4, and 135.7(1), relative to expropriation by Lincoln Parish; to authorize Lincoln Parish to expropriate by a declaration of taking; to define terms; to provide for purposes of the expropriation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 178—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 3462 and Code of Civil Procedure Articles 74.2(E), 371, 684, 863(F), 927(A)(5), 966(B)(5), 1201(C), 1313(A)(4), 1351, 1551, 1702(A)(5), 1811(A)(1), 1911(B), 1913(A), (C), and (D), 1914(B) and (D), 1915(A)(1), (4), and (5), (B), and (C), 1974, 2088(A)(11), 2595, 4607, 4873, and 5059, to enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 1915(D), and to repeal Code of Civil Procedure Articles 74.2(F), 2088(A)(12), and 3784, relative to civil procedure; to provide

for the interruption of prescription; to provide for the imposition of sanctions; to provide with respect to child custody proceedings; to provide with respect to attorney conduct; to provide with respect to interdicts; to provide with respect to objections raised by peremptory exception; to provide with respect to summary judgment procedure; to provide with respect to service of citation; to provide with respect to electronic service; to provide with respect to the issuance of subpoenas; to provide for pretrial and scheduling conference orders; to provide with respect to default judgments; to provide with respect to motions for judgment notwithstanding the verdict; to provide with respect to the signing of final judgments; to provide for notice of judgments; to provide for final, interlocutory, and partial judgments; to provide with respect to delays for applying for new trial; to provide with respect to divesting the trial court of jurisdiction; to provide with respect to the trial of summary proceedings; to provide with respect to partitions by licitation or by private sale; to provide with respect to the procedure to transfer to district court; to provide for the computation of time; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 181—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Articles 14, 159, 234, 811(B), 1805, 1899, 1900, the heading of Chapter 7 of Title IV of Book III of the Civil Code, and Civil Code Articles 1978, 1979, 1981, 1985, 2021, 2035, 2315.1(E), 2315.2(E), 2321(C)(3), 2442, 2701, 2806(B) and (C), 2838, 2841, 2843, 2844(A) and (C), 3025, 3506, and 3536, to enact Civil Code Articles 15 and 3514, and to repeal Civil Code Article 3343, relative to the signification of terms; to provide for definitions; to provide for use of gender and number; to provide with respect to parental authority; to provide with respect to abandonment in the survival and wrongful death actions; to provide with respect to multistate cases and conflict of laws; to provide with respect to third persons and third parties; to provide for Comments; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
GREGORY A. MILLER
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY B**

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

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 96—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5364(1), R.S. 14:34(C)(1) and (2), 34.1(B)(1) and (2), and 34.7(B)(1) and (2), R.S. 15:1199.23(2), R.S. 17:269 and 1915(Article II)(R), R.S. 37:3651(N) and 3662(2), R.S. 46:121(1)(a) and (4)(introductory paragraph), and R.S. 47:463.195(C), relative to definitions of the United States Armed Forces; to provide for the inclusion of the United States Space Force in various statutory definitions of United States Armed Forces; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 113—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 26:496, relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Washington Parish; to provide for the sale or consumption of certain alcoholic beverages in Washington Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 134—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2079.1, relative to city courts; to provide relative to the office of the Ward Three marshal of the city court of Lake Charles; to provide relative to the payment of a supplemental salary for deputy marshals; to authorize compensation from community policing; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 212—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:351(3)(a) and (4)(a) and to enact R.S. 26:351(3)(c), relative to container sizes for beverages of high alcohol content; to provide for a maximum number of containers allowed; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 412—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:903(1) through (4), 911(B)(2) and (E), and 926.1 and to enact R.S.14:91.16, relative to alternative nicotine products; to provide for an increase in permit fees; to provide for the prohibition of remote sales of alternative nicotine products; to provide for penalties; to provide for submission of marketing approval of alternative nicotine products to the commissioner of the alcohol and tobacco commission; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 563—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:241(18), relative to manufacturers or brewers; to provide for the definition of manufacturers or brewers; to provide for the sale and service of the products of manufacturers or brewers; to provide for regulations; 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:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 35—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMERO AND TARVER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:100(C)(2), relative to the crime of hit-and-run driving; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 67—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 571.1 and Code of Evidence Article 804(B)(5) and to enact R.S. 14:42.1(A)(3), relative to sex offenses involving minors; to provide for an additional circumstance that constitutes second degree rape; to provide relative to the time limitations upon which to institute prosecution for certain sex offenses; to provide relative to hearsay exceptions in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 111—

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO, ADAMS, BACALA, COX, HORTON,
MOORE, AND WILEY AND SENATOR BASS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:91.1(D) and to enact R.S. 14:91.1(A)(3) and 91.2(A)(7), relative to offenses affecting the health and morals of minors; to provide relative to certain sex offenders; to provide for elements that constitute the unlawful presence of a sexually violent predator; to provide for elements that constitute the unlawful presence of a sex offender; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 146—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:529.1(C)(1) and (2), relative to the habitual offender law; to provide relative to the time period between the current and prior offense for the habitual offender law to apply; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 176—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:989.5, relative to hallucinogenic chemicals; to prohibit the production, manufacturing, distribution, or possession of products containing certain hallucinogenic chemicals; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 208—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:529.2(B)(3), 571.3.1(F), 574.4(A)(4)(b), (B)(2)(a)(iii), (b)(iii), (c)(iii), and (d)(iii), (D)(1)(b), (E)(1)(b), (F)(1)(b), (G)(1)(b), and (J)(1)(b), 574.6(introductory paragraph), 574.9(section heading) and (H)(1)(a)(i)(introductory paragraph), and 1199.24(A)(5), to enact R.S. 15:571.3(C), 571.3.1(I), and 574.9(H)(1)(a)(i)(dd), and to repeal R.S. 15:574.9(F), relative to the release eligibility of incarcerated persons; to provide relative to parole eligibility requirements; to provide relative to the automatic earning of good time credits by offenders for good behavior; to provide for a definition; to provide for the elimination of earned compliance credits while on parole; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 234—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY AND KNOX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:107.3(A)(1) and (3)(introductory paragraph) and (B) and R.S. 33:1374(B)(1), relative to criminal blighting of property; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to the elements of criminal blighting of property; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 260—

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO, BEAULLIEU, ADAMS, AMEDEE,
BACALA, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRAUD, BRYANT,
CARLSON, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHENEVERT, COX,
DEVILLIER, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EGAN,
EMERSON, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT,
HENRY, HORTON, HUGHES, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER,
LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MCMAHEN, MCKAMIN, MOORE, OWEN,
SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, THOMPSON, WILDER, WILEY, WYBLE, AND
ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:30.1(A)(2) and to enact R.S. 14:31(A)(4) and (5), relative to offenses against the person; to provide relative to the crime of second degree murder; to add resisting a police officer with force or violence as a predicate felony to second degree murder; to provide for an additional circumstance that constitutes second degree murder; to add certain drug offenses as predicate felonies to manslaughter; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 375—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:70.8(B) and (C) and 71.1(B) and (C) and to enact R.S. 14:70.8(D) and 71.1(D) and Code of Evidence Article 404(A)(4), relative to financial crimes; to provide penalties for subsequent convictions; to provide for admissible evidence; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 403—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:98.1(A)(4), 98.2(A)(5), 98.3(A)(4), 98.4(A)(3), 99(C), and 99.2(F) and R.S. 32:61(C), 64(D), and 65(G), relative to the imposition of fines for certain driving offenses; to provide for an increase in fines related to the operation of a motor vehicle; to provide for the dedication of revenue to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 445—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 412(M) and R.S. 15:576(2) and 579 and to enact Children's Code Article 412(P) and R.S. 15:589.1, relative to juvenile records; to provide for applicability; to provide relative to what constitutes information or record of criminal history; to provide relative to duties of the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE BILL NO. 24— BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:440.1(B) through (E), relative to the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund; to provide for the dedication of certain revenues and for the deposit and use of monies in the fund; to limit the amount of monies in the fund; to provide for the allocation of monies from the fund; 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. 24 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 17, after "organizations" insert "after accounting for any federal share, and excluding any third party liability and estate recoveries as defined by federal regulation."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete line 12 and insert "Subsection E of this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 17, after "E." and before "The monies" insert the following: "The monies in the fund shall be used to fund the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit within the office of the attorney general and the Louisiana Department of Health program integrity section."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, delete lines 5 through 9 and insert the following: "Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2026, whichever is later."

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. 96— BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.77.4, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral health services; to require certain behavioral health services to be reimbursed at one hundred percent of Medicare rates; 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 Engrossed Senate Bill No. 96 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, after "services;" delete the remainder of the line and insert "to require the Louisiana Department of Health to reimburse Medicaid providers for certain behavioral health services; to provide relative to reimbursement rates;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 4, delete "hundred percent of Medicare rates;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 9, insert "A." and after "approval" and before "the Centers" delete "of" and insert "by"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 10 through 12 and insert the following: "the Louisiana Department of Health shall reimburse Medicaid providers for partial hospitalization program services provided to adult and geriatric patients at a licensed inpatient psychiatric hospital. The department shall determine the appropriate reimbursement rate for the services. Such reimbursement rates shall be determined as provided for by a specific appropriation of funds by the legislature each year for this purpose."

B. Implementation of this Section is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 202—

BY SENATORS HARRIS, CARTER, EDMONDS AND JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3215(9) and 3241(B)(2), to enact R.S. 17:3215(10) and 3230.1, and to repeal R.S. 17:3217(A)(9) and 3230, relative to postsecondary education; to provide for the transfer of the University of New Orleans to the Louisiana State University System; to provide relative to the transfer of the facilities, resources, funds, obligations, and functions of the institution; to provide for the transition responsibilities of the impacted institution and management boards and the division of administration; to provide for cooperative agreements; to provide relative to accreditation issues; to provide relative to funding; to provide relative to employees; 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 Engrossed Senate Bill No. 202 by Senator Harris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 7, between lines 20 and 21 insert the following: "Section 4. The implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7, line 21, delete "Section 4." and insert "Section 5."

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

HOUSE BILL NO. 24—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARPENTER, CARRIER, DEWITT, FREIBERG, HUGHES, KERNER, LAFLEUR, MACK, MCFARLAND, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and R.S. 11:921, 924(2) and (5), 925, 927(B)(2)(b)(introductory paragraph), (c), (d), and (e) and (3)(a) and (b), 928, 931, and 932(B), (C), and (D), to enact R.S. 11:721.1(D), 822(A)(11), 932(E), and 933, and to repeal R.S. 11:927(B)(2)(f), relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for optional participation in the regular retirement plan; to provide for membership on the board of trustees; to provide for the expansion of participation in the optional retirement plan; to provide for eligibility; to provide

relative to employer contributions; to provide for implementation; to provide relative to transferring from the optional retirement plan to the regular retirement plan; to provide for an Optional Retirement Plan Advisory Committee; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 123—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:4521(B) and to enact R.S. 13:4521(A)(6), relative to deferral of costs and fees associated with electronic filing requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to periods within which to pay court costs; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 211—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:297.24(A)(1), relative to income tax; to provide relative to the individual income tax credit for purchases of firearm safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to purchases which qualify taxpayers for the credit; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 226—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:322.9(B), relative to the use of monies in certain treasury funds; to provide for the use of monies in the East Baton Rouge Parish Enhancement Fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 249—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1875(12)(c) and to repeal Sections 2 and 4 of Act No. 121 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to court costs and civil filing fees in the City Court of Alexandria; to provide for the use of court costs; to provide for the repeal of certain sunset provisions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 347—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY AND SENATOR WOMACK
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:126, relative to change orders for a project in the Capital Outlay Act; to provide relative to threshold amounts required for approval and review by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 365—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1703.2 and 1703.3, relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for ad valorem property tax exemptions; to provide for the classification of certain property; to provide for the adjustment of fair market value percentage of certain property under certain circumstances; to authorize a parish to exempt certain property under certain circumstances; to authorize certain payments to certain parishes; to provide for the administration of ad valorem property tax exemptions; to provide for limitations and requirements; to provide for effectiveness; 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 Engrossed House Bill No. 365 by Representative Deshotel

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 14, after "business inventory," delete the remainder of the line and delete line 15 and insert the following: "as defined in R.S. 47:1703.3 that are held for sale in the ordinary course of business, are currently in the process of production for subsequent sale, or are to physically become a part of the production of goods."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 16, after "shall" and before "in parishes" delete "only apply" to "apply only"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 4 and 5 and at the beginning of line 6, delete "of Louisiana." and insert the following:

D.(1) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, a parish electing to exempt items constituting business inventory may receive a payment from the state.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 15, after "for the" and before "tax" delete "2025" and insert "2026"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 21, after "for the" and before "tax" delete "2025" and insert "2026"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete lines 27 and 28 and insert the following: "or after July 2, 2027, shall be ineligible to receive a payment from the state."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, at the beginning of line 13, delete "A.(1)" and insert "A.(1)(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

"(b) The election of a parish governing authority to reduce the fair market value of business inventory pursuant to the provisions this Section shall be irrevocable and once a parish governing authority reduces the percentage of fair market value of business inventory, the percentage of fair market value shall not be increased. Furthermore, a parish governing authority shall not reduce the percentage of fair market value of business inventory more than once an assessment period."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4, line 16, after "property" and before "that" insert "as defined in R.S. 47:301"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 5, at the end of line 6, delete "law." and insert "the Constitution of Louisiana."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 5, at the beginning of line 20, delete "law," and insert "the Constitution of Louisiana,"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 5, at the end of line 21, after "commerce" and before the period "." insert "as provided for in Article VII, Section 21(D)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 5, line 26, after "Bill No." and before "of this" delete "___" and insert "366"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 366—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 18(A) and (B) and to add Article VII, Section 20.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for the classification of certain property; to authorize the exemption of certain property under certain circumstances; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 366 by Representative Deshotel

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 9 through 12 and at the beginning of line 13, delete "(g)" and insert "(e)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the beginning of line 14, delete "(h)" and insert "(f)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the beginning of line 29, after "property" and before "that" insert "as defined in law"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 381—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(e)(i)(introductory paragraph), relative to capital outlay; to provide for requirements for the waiver of matching funds for certain nonstate capital outlay projects; to increase the population threshold under which a municipality may qualify for a waiver; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to Engrossed House Bill No. 381 by Representative Brass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete ""R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(e)(i)(introductory paragraph)" and insert "R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(e)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "waiver;" and before "to provide" insert "to require the submission of certain documentation;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, delete ""R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(e)(i)(introductory paragraph)" and insert "R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(e)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 2 through 10 and insert the following: "inability to provide a local match that is unrelated to the mismanagement of governmental operations, financial misconduct, abuse, or fraud."

(ii) The division of administration shall determine which municipalities and parishes meet the population-based qualifications established in this Subparagraph. In determining the population of a municipality or parish for purposes of the waiver authorized by this Subparagraph, the calculation of the municipality's or parish's population shall exclude the number of correctional facility inmates within the municipality or parish who are committed to the custody of a federal, state, or local corrections or law enforcement agency. The division of administration shall determine which municipalities and parishes meet the population-based qualifications established in this Subparagraph.

(iii) A municipality or parish shall demonstrate its inability to provide a local match by submitting to the division of administration:

(aa) The applicant's two most recent annual financial reports or audits pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 24:513, including an unqualified auditor's opinion and certification that there are no unresolved audit findings.

(bb) If the applicant project relates to an existing utility system, a rate study conducted within three years prior to the request for a waiver of the match.

(cc) A certification that the applicant has not been appointed a fiscal administrator pursuant to R.S. 39:1351.

(dd) A certification that the applicant is not delinquent on any outstanding debts, liabilities, or contractual or retirement payment obligations.

(iv) The division of administration shall review documentation submitted by the applicant and submit recommendations for waiver approval to the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay. The Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay shall review the recommendations submitted by the division of administration and shall have final approval of match waivers.

(v) If the applicant project relates to an existing utility system, the division of administration may, at its discretion, approve a waiver of the entire match or a portion thereof pursuant to this Subparagraph that is contingent upon the applicant increasing utility rates."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 523—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:306(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 47:337.2(B)(3)(e), 337.18(A)(3), 337.23(C)(1)(a)(ii), and 340(G)(6)(d), relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for the compensation of certain dealers for the accounting for and remittance of taxes levied by taxing authorities; to provide for the amount of compensation; to authorize vendor's compensation as an item on certain electronic tax returns; to provide for limitations; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; 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 Engrossed House Bill No. 523 by Representative Romero

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "enact" delete "amend and reenact R.S. 47:306(A)(3) and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "tax returns;" delete "to provide for" and at the beginning of line 7, delete "limitations;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "Section 1." delete "R.S. 47:306(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 13 through 19

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 13

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete lines 26 through 29 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 8 and insert the following:

"(3) For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the tax levied by the local ordinance, each dealer shall be allowed compensation at the rate specified in the local ordinance in the form of a deduction in submitting his report and paying the amount due by him, provided the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment. The amount of any credit claimed for taxes already paid to a wholesaler shall not be deducted in computing the compensation allowed by the dealer."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, delete lines 9 and 10 and insert the following:

"Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to taxable periods beginning on and after July 1, 2025."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, delete lines 11 through 15

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the division of administration, the Patient's Compensation Fund, and the Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Board to study the feasibility and potential costs of implementing an e-filing system for medical review panel requests and an e-payment system for filing fees.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Finance.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miguez
Abraham	Fesi	Miller

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

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Morris	Seabaugh	Selders
Total - 3		

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

SENATE BILL NO. 37—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1253(A), relative to the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission; to provide for members of the motor vehicle commission; to provide for terms, conditions, and requirements; 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	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Myers
Barrow	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	Luneau	Wheat
Connick	McMath	Womack
Duplessis	Miguez	
Edmonds	Miller	

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Seabaugh	Selders
Total - 2	

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. 39—

BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2800.30, relative to liability of public entities; to provide relative to limitation of liability for false imprisonment of an offender sentenced to a term of imprisonment; to provide

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relative to the limitation of the use of civil actions for certain injuries and damages to an offender; to provide relative to false imprisonment and unlawful detention of a convicted offender; to provide relative to certain challenges to lawful imprisonment; to provide relative to the calculation of an offender's sentence, release date, good time date, or parole date; to provide relative to jurisdiction and venue; to provide for definitions, terms, conditions and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Morris proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Morris to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 39 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 25, after "damages" delete "brought" and after "imprisonment" insert "brought"

On motion of Senator Morris, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Morris 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, Harris, Morris, Abraham, Hensgens, Myers, Allain, Hodges, Owen, Bass, Kleinpeter, Pressly, Cathey, Lambert, Reese, Cloud, Luneau, Stine, Connick, McMath, Talbot, Edmonds, Miguez, Wheat, Fesi, Miller, Womack, Foil, Mizell

Total - 29

NAYS

Table with 3 columns of names: Barrow, Carter, Jenkins, Boudreaux, Duplessis, Price, Bouie, Jackson-Andrews

Total - 8

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns of names: Seabaugh, Selders

Total - 2

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

SENATE BILL NO. 130— BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To enact Subpart F of Part VI-A of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:440.17, relative to Medicaid; to provide for Medicaid program integrity measures; 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. 130 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 1, following "cross-checks and" insert "to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 16, following "government" change "to" to "that"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cloud proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cloud to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 130 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "R.S. 46:440.17" to "R.S. 46:440.21"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, change "R.S. 46:440.17" to "R.S. 46:440.21"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, "§440.17" to "§440.21"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, delete line 4 and insert "shall publish on its website, data regarding findings of"

On motion of Senator Cloud, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cloud proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cloud to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 130 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 27, after "least" delete "a quarterly" and insert "an annual"

On motion of Senator Cloud, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Fesi, Mizell, Abraham, Foil, Morris, Allain, Harris, Myers, Barrow, Hensgens, Owen, Bass, Hodges, Pressly, Boudreaux, Jackson-Andrews, Price, Bouie, Jenkins, Reese, Carter, Kleinpeter, Stine

Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	Luneau	Wheat
Connick	McMath	Womack
Duplessis	Miguez	
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Seabaugh	Selders
Total - 2	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 155—
BY SENATOR STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1(1) and 318(G), relative to emergency vehicle equipment for licensed surgeons; to provide for the definition of authorized emergency vehicle; to provide for emergency visual signal equipment for licensed surgeons; to provide for procedures and requirements for emergency equipment; to provide for use of emergency equipment; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 178—
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(b)(i) and the introductory paragraph of 416.8(A)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 17:416.8(A)(1)(a)(x) and 416.18.1, relative to school employees; to provide for the School Employee Bill of Rights relative to disciplinary matters; to provide for membership on certain committees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Miguez
Total - 1

ABSENT

Seabaugh	Selders
Total - 2	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 189—
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 3 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:599.1 through 599.32, relative to the creation of the State Land Banking Authority Act; to provide relative to land banking; to provide relative to the purpose; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to the establishment of Land Banks by political subdivisions; to provide relative to the board of directors; to provide relative to powers of the land bank authority; to provide relative to property; to provide relative to the hiring of staff and consultants; to provide relative to the appointment of receivers; to provide relative to internal administration; to provide for immunity; to provide relative to property rights; to provide relative to inventory and classification; to provide relative to tax liens; to provide relative to money and proceeds; to provide for taxes; to provide for civil actions; to provide relative to public property; to provide relative to annual reports; to provide relative to bonds; to provide relative to trusts; to provide relative to securities; to provide relative to conveyance of title and release of collateral; to provide relative to enforcement of rights and duties; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 189 by Senator Jenkins

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 16, line 23, following "in one" and before "more" insert "or"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 19, line 7, following "incurred out" and before "the" insert "of"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 20, line 16, following "related to" and before "project" insert "a"

On motion of Senator Jenkins, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Jenkins proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Jenkins to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 189 by Senator Jenkins

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, line 21, change "R.S. 12:204" to "R.S. 12:204(A)"

On motion of Senator Jenkins, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

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YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Seabaugh	Selders
Total - 2	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 207—
BY SENATORS CARTER, EDMONDS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MIGUEZ AND MIZELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:183.4 and 3996(B)(4), relative to public high schools; to require that certain public school students have access to vocational and technical education courses; to provide for agreements; 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. 207 by Senator Carter

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 10, delete "**available**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 11, after "**B.**" insert "**(1)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 15, after "**provide**" change "**the**" to "**available**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 1, after line 17, insert the following:
"(2) If the high school's approved mission or curricula model does not align with providing vocational and technical education courses, the school may request a waiver from both its local governing authority and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education of the requirements of this Subsection.

(3) No student shall be assessed a course fee when the local education agency receives career development funds in the minimum foundation program for such course."

On motion of Senator Carter, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Seabaugh	Selders
Total - 2	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 214—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:45(A), 551(B)(1)(c), and 1483(13), R.S. 22:2(A) and 454(B), and R.S. 36:681(C), 682(A), and 683, relative to the commissioner of insurance; to provide for appointment of the commissioner of insurance by the governor and for appointment of deputy commissioners of insurance; to provide for recommendations to the governor for the position of commissioner; to provide for effectiveness; 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. 214 by Senator Duplessis

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 10, following "reenacted" delete "hereby"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, line 15, delete " * * * "

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cathey proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cathey to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 214 by Senator Duplessis

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 3, delete line 9 and insert "**the governor for a term of six years. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the**

contrary, the Senate shall consent to the appointment of the commissioner by a majority vote of its members by resolution if the legislature is in session, and by mail ballot during the interim. The person"

On motion of Senator Cathey, the amendments were adopted.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 216—
BY SENATOR HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 48:255.8, relative to the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for methods of bidding contracts for road construction; to provide for contract provisions to decrease delays in the completion of roads; to provide for incentives for contractors to complete road construction contracts prior to the contracted deadline; 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. 216 by Senator Hodges

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 2, line 2, change "(a)" to "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, line 4, change "(b)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 2, line 6, change "(c)" to "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 2, line 8, change "(d)" to "(4)"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Connick proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Connick to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 216 by Senator Hodges

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, at the end of line 4, delete "to provide for"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, delete line 5, and at the beginning of line 6, delete "contracted deadline;"

On motion of Senator Connick, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Myers

Bass	Hensgens	Owen
Boudreaux	Hodges	Pressly
Bouie	Jenkins	Price
Carter	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Selders
Cloud	Luneau	Stine
Connick	McMath	Talbot
Duplessis	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Total - 3		

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

SENATE BILL NO. 220—
BY SENATOR CATHEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 33:404(A), 4341 and 4342, R.S. 38:113, 141, 142 and 214 and to enact Chapter 50 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:9720, and to repeal R.S. 33:130.621.1, relative to the revision of statutes relating to local agencies; to provide relative to the sale or lease of revenue-producing property; to provide relative to the election to determine whether to dispose of utility property; to provide relative to exceptions; to provide relative to the creation of districts and commissions at a local level; to provide relative to the control of drainage channels and outfall canals in Levee and Drainage districts; to provide relative to drainage of levee and parallel or contiguous roads; to provide relative to interference with drainage; to provide relative to the Union Parish Railroad District; 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. 220 by Senator Cathey

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 2, following "4341" and before "and" insert "(A) and (C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 14, following "4341" and before "and" insert "(A) and (C),"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cathey proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cathey to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 220 by Senator Cathey

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 2, line 15, delete "the" and insert "The"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 16, delete "of 2021"

On motion of Senator Cathey, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Seabaugh
Total - 2	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 231—

BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.27 and to enact R.S. 9:2800.27(H), relative to civil actions; to provide relative to recoverable medical expenses; to provide relative to the amount billed and the amount paid in certain circumstances; to provide relative to the calculation of certain damages; to provide relative to admissible evidence; to provide relative to certain definitions; to provide relative to health insurance coverage; to provide relative to health care providers; to provide relative to obtaining discovery in certain circumstances; to provide relative to admissibility of evidence; to provide relative to automobile liability insurance that provides for medical payments coverage; to provide relative to attorney-negotiated write-offs or discounts for medical expenses; to provide relative to write-offs or discounts provided by a medical provider; to provide related to consideration; to provide relative to attorney fees; to provide for prospective application; 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. 231 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 16, delete "and R.S. 9:2800.27(H)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 17, delete "is hereby enacted"

On motion of Senator Reese, the amendments were adopted.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 245— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 184 by Senator Cloud)

BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:51.1(B)(11), to enact R.S. 39:16.15, 51.1(I) and (J), and Subpart F of Part II of Chapter 1 of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:89.1 through 89.4, and to repeal R.S. 39:51.1(B)(10) and (F), relative to nongovernmental entities; to provide for requirements for nongovernmental entities; to provide for nongovernmental entity funding request form information; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for audit requirements; to prohibit certain activities of nongovernmental entities; to provide for a nongovernmental entity database; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cloud proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cloud to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 245 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"D. The division of administration shall submit a comprehensive annual report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, on or before January first of each year, on information contained in the nongovernmental entity database and the compliance status of all reports submitted pursuant to R.S. 39:89.3(A). The report shall be categorized by the type of service and include the amount of investment made in the service that the nongovernmental entity provides."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

"E. For purposes of this Subpart, a nongovernmental entity shall not include any school governing authority required to post fiscal information through the School Transparency Project Portal pursuant to R.S. 17:88.1."

On motion of Senator Cloud, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Reese proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Reese to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 245 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 6, delete lines 14 and 15 and insert the following: "the following purposes:

- (1) Lobbying the legislature or a state or local government agency, including funding for employee hours spent lobbying.
- (2) Making contributions, directly or indirectly, to political"

On motion of Senator Reese, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Total - 28. Middle column: Hensgens, Hodges, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris. Right column: Myers, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

NAYS

Table with 3 columns: Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Total - 9. Middle column: Duplessis, Harris, Jackson-Andrews. Right column: Jenkins, Price, Selders.

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns: Barrow, Total - 2. Middle column: Seabaugh.

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

Bagneris Rule

Senator Henry moved to invoke the rule to temporarily pass over controversial House Bills on Third Reading and Final Passage with the intention of taking them up later, in their regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 549—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAMERHORN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, GADBERRY, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, MIKE JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, OWEN, AND SCHLEGEL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1482.2, relative to motor vehicle insurance rate reductions; to require premium reductions for the liability portions of policies covering commercial motor vehicles equipped with dashboard cameras and telematics systems; to provide for definitions; to establish eligibility criteria; to require compliance reporting; to require the commissioner of insurance's submission of certain annual reports; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; 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

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Edmonds, Mizell.

Table with 3 columns: Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Total - 36. Middle column: Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, McMath, Miguez, Miller. Right column: Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Selders, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Harris, Total - 3. Middle column: Luneau. Right column: Seabaugh.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 71—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2922.1(B)(1)(j) and (k), relative to the Dual Enrollment Task Force; to provide for the membership of the task force; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Mizell proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Mizell to Engrossed House Bill No. 71 by Representative Brass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert the following:

"R.S. 17:2922.1(B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (j), and (k) and to enact R.S. 17:2922.1(B)(1)(o), relative to the Dual Enrollment Task"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert the following:

"R.S. 17:2922.1(B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (j), and (k) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:2922.1(B)(1)(o) is hereby enacted to read"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, after "of" and before "members" delete "fourteen" and insert "fourteen-fifteen"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, after line 17, insert the following:

"(o) The chief executive officer of Ellevate Louisiana or her designee."

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On motion of Senator Mizell, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

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YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Seabaugh
Total - 1

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 83—
BY REPRESENTATIVES COX AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 466 in the city of Gretna, between Franklin Street and Huey P. Long Avenue, as the "Chief B.H. Miller, Jr. Memorial Parkway"; to designate the elevated portion on Louisiana Highway 31 in St. Martin Parish as the "Coach Raymond Lavergne Sr. Memorial Bridge"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 26 in Jefferson Davis Parish as "Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Highway"; to designate a portion of North Frontage Road in Jefferson Davis Parish as "Representative John E. Guinn Memorial Highway"; to designate the portion of Louisiana Highway 20, at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 20 and Louisiana Highway 307 to the LaFourche and St. James Parish line as the "Martha Ann Woods-Shareef Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Connick proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Connick to Reengrossed House Bill No. 83 by Representative Cox

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 6, after "King" insert "Jr."

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 11, after "Woods-Shareef" insert "Memorial"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 21, after "King" insert "Jr."

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 2, line 6, after "Woods-Shareef" insert "Memorial"

On motion of Senator Connick, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bouie Luneau Seabaugh
Total - 3

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 142—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MENA, BACALA, BAYHAM, BOYD, BRASS,
WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, HUGHES, TRAVIS JOHNSON,
KNOX, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, AND
WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(introductory paragraph) and (5) through (24) and (D) and to enact R.S. 17:3138.7(B)(25) and (26) and (G)(1)(I), relative to the Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; to provide for the membership of the council; to provide for payment of certain expenses; to provide for the duties of the council; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Owen
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Hodges	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Bouie	Jenkins	Selders
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 35		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Connick Myers
Luneau Seabaugh
Total - 4

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 167—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 3188 in LaPlace, Louisiana, as the "Veterans Memorial Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Luneau	Myers	Seabaugh
Total - 3		

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 174—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, CARLSON, CARRIER, ROBBY, CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TARVER, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WILLARD, WYBLE, YOUNG, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To designate the bridge located on United States Highway 167 over the Kansas City Southern railroad in the city of Winnfield situated in Winn Parish, Louisiana, as the "Clayton Horne Memorial Bridge"; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Owen

Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Hodges	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Selders
Cathey	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 35		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bouie	Myers
Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Total - 4	

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 566—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3369.3(A)(8) and R.S. 38:2225.6, relative to job order contracting; to create an alternative project delivery method for improvements for deferred maintenance of public facilities by a postsecondary education institution; to provide for definitions; to provide for selection methods for job order contracts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Seabaugh
Total - 1

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:416(A)(3)(b), relative to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System; to provide for the reemployment of retirees; to provide for eligibility; to provide

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for an exemption from any increase, suspension, or decrease of benefits as a result of reemployment under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Duplessis, Pressly, Seabaugh

Total - 3

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 131—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1992.2, relative to ad valorem tax assessments in Calcasieu Parish; to provide for limitations for the filing of complaints heard by the board of review in Calcasieu Parish; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Seabaugh Total - 1

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 374—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:340.1(A), relative to collection and remittance of sales and use taxes; to provide for the collection and remittance of taxes on certain remote sales; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Foil proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Foil to Engrossed House Bill No. 374 by Representative McFarland

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 47:340.1(A)" insert the following:

"and to enact R.S. 47:340.1(G)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "amended and reenacted" insert the following: "and R.S. 47:340.1(G) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

"(v) Shared hotel brand."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"(10) 'Local occupancy tax' means a tax levied by a local taxing authority upon the furnishing or occupancy of sleeping rooms, hotel rooms, motel rooms, overnight camping facilities, or any other similar accommodation or establishment authorized under the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, including but not limited to Title 33 and Title 47, to levy occupancy taxes.

(11) 'Local taxing authority' means parishes, municipalities, special taxing districts, political subdivisions, parish governing bodies, and commissions created pursuant to R.S. 33:4574(B) that are authorized under the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, including but not limited to Title 33 and Title 47, to levy occupancy taxes.

(12) 'Shared hotel brand' means an identifying trademark that an owner, operator, or manager is expressly licensed to operate a hotel under, in accordance with the terms of a hotel franchise or management agreement.

* * *

G. Beginning January 1, 2026, an accommodations intermediary remitting sales and use taxes to the Commission as a marketplace facilitator shall also remit hotel and motel occupancy taxes due upon the furnishing of sleeping rooms, cottages, or cabins by hotels to the Commission subject to the same rules, administration, and rights in this Chapter."

On motion of Senator Foil, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Foil 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	Jenkins	Selders
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miguez	Womack
Duplessis	Miller	
Edmonds	Mizell	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Luneau	Seabaugh
Total - 2	

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 23—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 892(C) and to enact R.S. 15:1228.10, relative to post-sentence statements and documents; to provide for the submission of certain statements to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to authorize the adoption of standards and policies adopted by the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Policy Board for the electronic transmission of criminal justice data; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Harris 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	Jenkins	Selders
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Luneau	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miguez	Womack
Duplessis	Miller	
Edmonds	Mizell	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Lambert	Seabaugh
Total - 2	

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 66—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(JJ)(1), relative to the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for insurance premium payments for sheriff and deputy sheriff retirees; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Seabaugh
Total - 1

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 95—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:610, relative to retired commissioned officers; to authorize certain commissioned officers employed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to purchase their service firearms upon retirement; to provide for certain criteria; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

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Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 38		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Seabaugh
Total - 1

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 189—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:5554(NN), relative to the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for insurance premium payments for sheriff and deputy sheriff retirees; to provide for eligibility; 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

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Pressly
Total - 2

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it returned 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 Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 129—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU
A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of James W. Simmons Jr., a beloved coach, athletic director, educator, and mentor who dedicated more than five decades to influencing

high school athletics and shaping young lives throughout the Acadiana region and beyond.

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

**Introduction of
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55—
BY SENATOR STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Sam Houston High School's Lady Broncos for their phenomenal season and for capturing the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Softball Non-Select Division I State Championship in dramatic and inspiring fashion.

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

Message from the House

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

May 20, 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 Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HB No. 164	HB No. 286	HB No. 405
HB No. 442	HB No. 531	HB No. 605
HB No. 303	HB No. 310	HB No. 409
HB No. 694		

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 164—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:651, relative to hunting preserves; to provide for licensing for a hunting preserve outside the coastal zone; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 286—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2025(D)(1), relative to the assessment of civil penalties for the expedited enforcement program; to increase the amount of assessed fines to which the expedited enforcement provisions apply; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 303—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:261, relative to the apprehension of fugitive offenders; to create the Fugitive Apprehension Unit; to provide for the activities of the fugitive apprehension unit; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 310—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 253(B)(2) and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 14.1(B), relative to civil and criminal court filings; to provide that civil and criminal court filings shall be filed in person in paper form or electronically; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 405—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:18(E), relative to the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to require the secretary of state to prepare and publish a revised Louisiana Election Code and certain information concerning changes in election law; to provide deadlines; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 409—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:713(A) and (B)(2)(e) and (l) and (3)(d) and to repeal R.S. 13:713(B)(2)(m) and (3)(c), relative to court commissioners of the 19th Judicial District Court; to provide for the powers and duties of the commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 442—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2651(1), (3), and (7)(a), (b), and (g), 2659(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1), 2660(3), 2662(C)(introductory paragraph) and (3), to enact R.S. 37:2651(13) through (18), and to repeal R.S. 37:2651(7)(e) and (f), relative to audiology and speech-language pathology; to provide for definitions; to provide for the qualifications of an applicant for licensure; to waive certain requirements for licensure; to provide for disciplinary actions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 531—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph), relative to forensic medical examinations of sexual assault survivors; to require a healthcare facility or hospital to offer forensic medical examinations to sexual assault survivors; to require the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct audits; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 605—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:21.1, relative to expedited processing; to provide for expedited processing fees, costs, and waiver of expedited processing fees; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 694— (Substitute for House Bill No. 602 by Representative Landry)

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:29(A), (B)(1), (C)(1) and (3)(a) and (5) and (6)(b) and (c), (D)(1) through (3), (E)(1), (F), (H)(1), (I)(2) and (4), and (M)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (c), to enact R.S. 30:29(C)(6)(d), and to repeal R.S. 30:29(M)(1)(d), relative to the evaluation and remediation of oilfield sites; to provide for the most feasible plan to be utilized in evaluation and remediation procedures; to provide a date by which a most feasible plan must be adopted; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Selders asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 121 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 121—

BY SENATOR SELDERS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:416.24 and 3996(B)(89), relative to mental health screenings in schools; to require public schools to offer annual mental health screenings for students; to require notification of parents; to provide for parental consent; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Department of Health and the state Department of Education; to provide for confidentiality; and to provide for related matters.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 128—

BY SENATOR MCMATH
A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Workers' Compensation.

Senator McMath asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 128 a second time.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading, Subject to Call

Called from the Calendar

Senator Kleinpeter asked that Senate Resolution No. 117 be called from the Calendar.

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

A RESOLUTION

To commend West Baton Rouge Parish for its outstanding achievements and to designate Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as West Baton Rouge Parish Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Seabaugh
Total - 1

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Seabaugh 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for May 21, 2025, were announced:

Commerce	9:00 A.M.	Room E
Education	1:30 P.M.	Hainkel Room
Health and Welfare	10:00 A.M.	Hainkel Room
Insurance	9:30 A.M.	Room A
Labor and Ind. Rel.	1:00 P.M.	Room C
Local and Mun. Affairs	1:00 P.M.	Room F
Senate and Gov't Affairs	9:00 A.M.	Room F
Transportation	1:00 P.M.	Room E

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 4:52 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE
Journal Clerk