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SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Thirty-First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, March 26, 2002

The Senate was called to order at 4:00 o'clock P.M., by Hon. John Hainkel, President of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

PRESENT

Mr. President	Fontenot	Lentini
Bajoie	Gautreaux	Malone
Barham	Heitmeier	Marionneaux
Bean	Hines	Michot
Boissiere	Holden	Mount
Cain	Hollis	Romero
Cravins	Hoyt	Schedler
Dardenne	Irons	Tarver
Dean	Johnson	Theunissen
Dupre	Jones, B	Ullo
Ellington	Jones, C	
Fields	Lambert	
Total—34		

ABSENT

Campbell	McPherson	Thomas
Chaisson	Smith	
Total—5		

The President of the Senate announced there were 34 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Rev. Patricia Snyder, following which the Senate joined in pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Senator Lambert, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of yesterday was adopted.

Morning Hour

Messages from the President of the Senate

The following messages from the President of the Senate were received and read as follows:

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Louisiana State Senate**

March 26, 2002

Honorable Melvin "Kip" Holden
State Senator
2013 Central Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70807

Dear Senator Holden:

In accordance with Senate Rule 13.1, I hereby appoint you to serve as a member of the Senate Judiciary C Committee.

Sincerely,
JOHN J. HAINKEL, JR.

**Introduction of Senate Bills
and Joint Resolutions**

Senator Lambert asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time and referring them to committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 84—
BY SENATOR IRONS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:1312(D), relative to the Judicial Expense Fund of the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans and the First and Second City Courts of the city of New Orleans; to authorize the judges en banc to utilize the fund for the planning, designing, and construction of a new courthouse; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE BILL NO. 85—

BY SENATORS DARDENNE, BARHAM AND HOLLIS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(10)(a)(v) and to repeal R.S. 47:1124, relative to the state sales and use tax; to provide for a state sales tax exclusion for certain purchases by a motion picture production company; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

SENATE BILL NO. 86—

BY SENATORS DARDENNE, BARHAM AND HOLLIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6007(B)(4) and (7) and (C)(1), relative to the motion picture investor tax credit; to expand the availability of the credit; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

SENATE BILL NO. 87—

BY SENATORS DARDENNE, BARHAM AND HOLLIS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1125.1, relative to the Louisiana Motion Picture Incentive Act; to provide for a tax credit for employing Louisiana residents; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE BILL NO. 88—

BY SENATORS DARDENNE, BARHAM AND HOLLIS AND REPRESENTATIVES HAMMETT, DEWITT, AND PINAC
AN ACT

To enact Part VI of Chapter 39 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2351 through 2354, relative to providing for the Technology Commercialization Credit Program; to provide legislative findings and purposes; to provide definitions; to provide for the establishment of the Technology Commercialization Credit Program; to provide for the technology commercialization credit; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

SENATE BILL NO. 89—

BY SENATOR CAIN

AN ACT

To enact Subsection 5 of Subpart A of Part VI of Chapter 1 of Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 14:100.2 through 100.2.3 and to amend and reenact R.S. 32:409.1(A)(2)(d)(x), R.S. 32:412(A)(4) and (7), (B)(7), and (D)(1), and R.S. 40:1321(A) and (D), relative to terrorism; to provide relative to driving offense; to create the crime of operating a motor vehicle without lawful student presence in the United States; to provide for definitions; to provide for restrictions on the time which nonresident aliens may obtain a driver's license; to provide penalties where a nonresident alien provides false information to obtain a driver's license; to provide for revocation of driver's license; to provide for penalties; to provide that the issuance of special identification cards by the Department of Public Safety to nonresident aliens conform to the requirements for issuing driver's license to nonresident aliens; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE BILL NO. 90—

BY SENATOR B. JONES AND REPRESENTATIVE R. ALEXANDER

AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 167 in Jonesboro, Louisiana, as the Richard Zuber Thruway; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works.

SENATE BILL NO. 91—

BY SENATORS DARDENNE, BARHAM AND HOLLIS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(22) and 319, relative to state and political subdivision sales and use taxes; to provide for exclusions from the tax for certain capital expenditures by start-up, biotechnology companies; to provide for definitions of such companies; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

Motion to Recommit

Senator C. Jones asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules and recommitted Senate Bill No. 80 from the Committee on Judiciary C to the Committee on Judiciary B.

Motion to Recommit

Senator Dardenne asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules and recommitted Senate Bill No. 88 from the Committee on Judiciary C to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

**Introduction of Resolutions,
Senate and Concurrent**

Senator Lambert asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Resolutions, Senate and Concurrent, a first and second time and acting upon them as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13—

BY SENATOR HAINKEL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana on the death of former state Senator, business owner, insurance executive and civic leader, Frederick L. "Fritz" Eagan, Sr.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fontenot	Lambert
Bajoie	Gautreaux	Lentini
Barham	Heitmeier	Malone
Bean	Hines	Marionneau
Cain	Holden	Michot
Cravins	Hollis	Mount
Dardenne	Hoyt	Romero

Dean	Irons	Schedler
Dupre	Johnson	Tarver
Ellington	Jones, B	Theunissen
Fields	Jones, C	Ullo
Total—33		
	NAYS	
Total—0		
	ABSENT	
Boissiere	Chaisson	Smith
Campbell	McPherson	Thomas
Total—6		

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the Senate Resolution.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY SENATOR C. JONES

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Homeland Security Committee to direct financial support to rural towns and communities, in addition to other towns and communities in the state.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—

BY SENATOR C. JONES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct certain departments of the state, as provided for in Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to provide information relative to the development of a strategic plan to combat poverty.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY SENATOR BARHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Department of the Interior to rename the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge the Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Messages from the House

The following Messages from the House were received and read as follows:

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 26, 2002

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUTTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the week of September 11 each year as a week of prayer and remembrance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, BALDONE, DARTEZ, PITRE, AND TRICHE AND SENATORS DUPRE AND GAUTREAUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Louis Toups upon being named Louisiana State Police Uniformed Trooper of the Year.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BALDONE AND FAUCHEUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a community-based outpatient clinic in the Houma area.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STRAIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the reserve peace officers of the state of Louisiana for their dedication and the service they provide to the residents of the state of Louisiana by declaring the first full week of April as "State Reserve Peace Officer Recognition Week", and to request that all communities with reserve peace officers in service recognize and show appreciation to these reserve units, reserve officers, and their families.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the LSU Fighting Tigers, head coach Nick Saban, the assistant coaches, and staff for their outstanding achievements during the historic 2001 season.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD, KATZ, AND MCCALLUM, AND SENATOR BARHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Tony Cascio of Monroe.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANSARDI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the American Society of Civil Engineers upon the occasion of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FLAVIN, GUILLORY, HILL, ILES, JOHNS, MORRISH, AND STELLY AND SENATORS CAIN, MOUNT, AND THEUNISSEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Judge Edwin F. Hunter, Jr. of Lake Charles.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FLAVIN, GUILLORY, HILL, ILES, JOHNS, MORRISH, AND STELY AND SENATORS CAIN, MOUNT, AND THEUNISSEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Frank T. Salter, Jr., former District Attorney of Calcasieu Parish.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Eugene "Gene" Allen of Sulphur.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYLOR

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize annually the first Tuesday in May as National High School Seniors' Voter Registration Day.

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED W. SPEER

Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Concurrent Resolutions

Senator Lambert asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following House Concurrent Resolutions just received from the House which were taken up, read a first and second time by their titles and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUTTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the week of September 11 each year as a week of prayer and remembrance.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fontenot	Lambert
Bajoie	Gautreaux	Lentini
Barham	Heitmeier	Malone
Bean	Hines	Marionneaux
Cain	Holden	Michot
Cravins	Hollis	Mount
Dardenne	Hoyt	Romero
Dean	Irons	Schedler
Dupre	Johnson	Tarver
Ellington	Jones, B	Theunissen
Fields	Jones, C	Ullo
Total—33		

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Boissiere	Chaisson	Smith
Campbell	McPherson	Thomas
Total—6		

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, BALDONE, DARTEZ, PITRE, AND TRICHE AND SENATORS DUPRE AND GAUTREAU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Louis Toups upon being named Louisiana State Police Uniformed Trooper of the Year.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fontenot	Lambert
Bajoie	Gautreaux	Lentini
Barham	Heitmeier	Malone
Bean	Hines	Marionneaux
Cain	Holden	Michot
Cravins	Hollis	Mount
Dardenne	Hoyt	Romero
Dean	Irons	Schedler
Dupre	Johnson	Tarver
Ellington	Jones, B	Theunissen
Fields	Jones, C	Ullo
Total—33		

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Boissiere	Chaisson	Smith
Campbell	McPherson	Thomas
Total—6		

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BALDONE AND FAUCHEUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a community-based outpatient clinic in the Houma area.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STRAIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the reserve peace officers of the state of Louisiana for their dedication and the service they provide to the residents of the state of Louisiana by declaring the first full week of April as "State Reserve Peace Officer Recognition Week", and to request that all communities with reserve peace officers in service recognize and show appreciation to these reserve units, reserve officers, and their families.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Gautreaux	Lentini
Bajoie	Heitmeier	Malone
Barham	Hines	Marionneau
Bean	Holden	Michot
Cain	Hollis	Mount
Dardenne	Hoyt	Romero
Dean	Irons	Schedler
Dupre	Johnson	Tarver
Ellington	Jones, B	Theunissen
Fields	Jones, C	Ullo
Fontenot	Lambert	
Total—32		

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Boissiere	Cravins	Thomas
Campbell	McPherson	
Chaisson	Smith	
Total—7		

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the LSU Fighting Tigers, head coach Nick Saban, the assistant coaches, and staff for their outstanding achievements during the historic 2001 season.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Gautreaux	Malone
Bajoie	Heitmeier	Marionneau
Barham	Hines	Michot
Bean	Holden	Mount
Cain	Hollis	Romero
Dardenne	Hoyt	Schedler
Dean	Irons	Tarver
Dupre	Johnson	Theunissen
Ellington	Jones, C	Ullo
Fields	Lambert	
Fontenot	Lentini	
Total—31		

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Boissiere	Cravins	Smith
Campbell	Jones, B	Thomas
Chaisson	McPherson	
Total—8		

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD, KATZ, AND MCCALLUM, AND SENATOR BARHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Tony Cascio of Monroe.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Gautreaux	Lentini
Bajoie	Heitmeier	Malone
Barham	Hines	Marionneau
Bean	Holden	Michot
Cain	Hollis	Mount
Cravins	Hoyt	Romero
Dardenne	Irons	Schedler
Dean	Johnson	Tarver
Dupre	Jones, B	Theunissen
Ellington	Jones, C	Ullo
Fields	Lambert	
Total—32		

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Boissiere	Fontenot	Thomas
Campbell	McPherson	
Chaisson	Smith	

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Total—7

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10— BY REPRESENTATIVE ANSARDI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the American Society of Civil Engineers upon the occasion of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fontenot Lambert
Bajoie Gautreaux Lentini
Barham Heitmeier Malone
Bean Hines Marionneaux
Cain Holden Michot
Cravins Hollis Mount
Dardenne Hoyt Romero
Dean Irons Schedler
Dupre Johnson Tarver
Ellington Jones, B Theunissen
Fields Jones, C Ullo
Total—33

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Boissiere Chaisson Smith
Campbell McPherson Thomas
Total—6

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11— BY REPRESENTATIVES FLAVIN, GUILLORY, HILL, ILES, JOHNS, MORRISH, AND STELLY AND SENATORS CAIN, MOUNT, AND THEUNISSEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Judge Edwin F. Hunter, Jr. of Lake Charles.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fontenot Lambert
Bajoie Gautreaux Lentini
Barham Heitmeier Malone
Bean Hines Marionneaux
Cain Holden Michot
Cravins Hollis Mount
Dardenne Hoyt Romero
Dean Irons Schedler
Dupre Johnson Tarver
Ellington Jones, B Theunissen
Fields Jones, C Ullo
Total—33

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Boissiere Chaisson Smith
Campbell McPherson Thomas
Total—6

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FLAVIN, GUILLORY, HILL, ILES, JOHNS, MORRISH, AND STELLY AND SENATORS CAIN, MOUNT, AND THEUNISSEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Frank T. Salter, Jr., former District Attorney of Calcasieu Parish.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fontenot Lambert
Bajoie Gautreaux Lentini
Barham Heitmeier Malone
Bean Hines Marionneaux
Cain Holden Michot
Cravins Hollis Mount
Dardenne Hoyt Romero
Dean Irons Schedler
Dupre Johnson Tarver
Ellington Jones, B Theunissen
Fields Jones, C Ullo
Total—33

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Boissiere Chaisson Smith
Campbell McPherson Thomas

Total—6

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17— BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Eugene "Gene" Allen of Sulphur.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names like Mr. President, Bajoie, Barham, Bean, Cain, Cravins, Dardenne, Dean, Dupre, Ellington, Fields, Total—33.

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names like Boissiere, Campbell, Total—6.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20— BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYLOR

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize annually the first Tuesday in May as National High School Seniors' Voter Registration Day.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names like Mr. President, Bajoie, Fontenot, Lambert, Lentini.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names like Barham, Bean, Cain, Cravins, Dardenne, Dean, Dupre, Ellington, Fields, Total—33.

Total—33

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names like Boissiere, Campbell, Total—6.

The Chair declared the Senate had 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

EDUCATION

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

March 26, 2002

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 14— BY SENATOR THEUNISSEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:10.3 and Section 10 of Act No. 1185 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the School and District Accountability Fund; to delete such fund from a general repeal of certain funds effective July 1, 2002; to limit the use of the fund to the provision of rewards to public schools earning monetary rewards as part of the school and district accountability system; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 19— BY SENATOR HOYT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R. S. 17:3091(A) and (C), 3092(11), 3095(E)(1), 3096(D), (E)(1) and (2), and 3099(E), relative to the Louisiana Student Tuition Assistance Revenue Trust Program, referred to as START; to conform references to such plans with

the federal law; to provide relative to the use that may be made of START account funds; to revise the definition of tuition; to provide that accounts that are invested in equities are eligible for earnings enhancements; to provide relative to the full funding of accounts; to provide relative to the payment of earnings enhancements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 20—
BY SENATOR DARDENNE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3396.4(D), relative to the Research Park Corporation; to authorize the establishment of an executive committee of the board of directors; to specify membership; to provide for the powers and functions of the executive committee; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 32—
BY SENATORS B. JONES, BARHAM, MCPHERSON AND ULLO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 791.1, relative to truancy and assessment and service centers; to authorize the creation of a truancy and assessment and service center in that judicial district encompassing the parishes of Lincoln, Union and Rapides; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 33—
BY SENATOR B. JONES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.10(A), (B), (C)(1)(a) and (c), (6), (7), and (8), (D)(1)(a) and (b), and (2), (E)(2), (F), (G), (H)(3), (4), and (5), (I)(1), (3), (5)(b)(i), (ii), (v), and (6), and (J), to enact R.S. 17:24.10(D)(6) and to repeal R.S. 17:24.10(I)(1)(d), relative to early childhood development and enrichment activity classes; to provide relative to the reference to such classes; to provide relative to waivers for certain aspects of such classes; to provide relative to space and facilities for such classes; to provide relative to notice regarding certain aspects of such classes; to provide relative to partial participation in such classes; to provide relative to the funding for such classes and the expenditure of funds made available; to provide relative to funding preferences; to provide relative to annual renewal of participants; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 35—
BY SENATOR THEUNISSEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:525(A), relative to the promotion of certain school employees in certain school systems; to reinstate provisions providing for the probationary period in the position to which an employee is promoted; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
GERALD J. THEUNISSEN
Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

March 26, 2002

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 7—
BY SENATOR DUPRE

AN ACT

To authorize and empower the Terrebonne Parish School Board to lease certain described property in Terrebonne Parish to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; to provide for execution of lease documents; to provide for reservation of mineral rights; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 18—
BY SENATOR DUPRE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 3 of Act No. 113 of the 1950 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 186 of the 1970 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 196 of the 1992 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 953 of the 1995 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Act No. 2 of the 1998 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, relative to the Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District; to provide relative to per diem and mileage for board members; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 38—
BY SENATOR MCPHERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Sections 1 and 2 of Act 484 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature which authorizes and empowers the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District to exchange title to certain properties in Rapides Parish with the Hemphill Star Church and Hemphill Star Cemetery; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 42—
BY SENATOR MCPHERSON

AN ACT

To authorize and empower the office of state lands to transfer title to certain property located in Catahoula Parish to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for inclusion into the Dewey W. Wills Wildlife Management Area; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
CRAIG F. ROMERO
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Hollis, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, submitted the following report:

March 26, 2002

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 54—
BY SENATOR SMITH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:551.7(B), relative to the DeSoto Parish Industrial District; to increase the membership of the board of commissioners; to authorize the board to appoint a treasurer; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 56—
BY SENATOR HOLLIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:3572.2(B)(9) relative to loan brokers; to exempt authorized e-file providers from the definition of loan broker; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
KEN HOLLIS
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

**TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS,
AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Senator Heitmeier, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, submitted the following report:

March 26, 2002

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 3—
BY SENATOR DUPRE AND GAUTREUX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:2201(A) and (D), relative to the Terrebonne Parish Port Commission; to provide for the membership of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 16—
BY SENATOR THEUNISSEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:2102, relative to the West Calcasieu Port, Harbor, and Terminal District; to provide for a per diem for board members; to provide for the maximum number of meetings a per diem is paid monthly; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 30—
BY SENATOR HAINKEL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.108, relative to motor vehicles license plates; to provide for a special prestige license plate for breast cancer awareness; to provide for its charge; to provide for the distribution and use of the monies; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS C. HEITMEIER
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Senator Bajoie, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs, submitted the following report:

March 26, 2002

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—
BY SENATOR BAJIOIE AND REPRESENTATIVE K. CARTER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a subcommittee of the Senate Local and Municipal Affairs Committee and the House of Representatives Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs Committee to study the

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feasibility of selling or leasing the Louis Armstrong International Airport and report its findings to the legislature by March 1, 2003.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 5—

BY SENATOR CAIN AND REPRESENTATIVES HILL AND JOHN SMITH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302.24(B) and (C) and 322.8 and to repeal R.S. 47:302.24(D), relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for the allocation and use of tax proceeds credited to the Beauregard Parish Community Development Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 8—

BY SENATOR HOYT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:172.3, relative to annexation of property by municipalities; to provide for annexation of property by the city of Crowley; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 9—

BY SENATOR JOHNSON

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VI, Section 29(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to revenue and finance; to provide for certain voting requirements for enacting certain tax exemptions or exclusions from sales and use taxes levied by local governmental subdivisions, school boards, and other political subdivisions whose boundaries are not coterminous with those of the state; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 34—

BY SENATOR THEUNISSEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4067, relative to the merger of the Cameron

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 40—

BY SENATOR BAJOIE AND REPRESENTATIVE PRATT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9092(A), (D)(2), and (F)(1), relative to neighborhood security districts; to change the name of the Garden District's Security Special Taxing District; to change the qualifications for membership on the board of directors of the district; to authorize the renewal of the district's special tax or fee; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 48—

BY SENATOR SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9039.3(B)(8) and (9) and R.S. 33:9039.4(A)(3) and (4), relative to the East Florida Parishes Retirement District; to provide for the authority of the district to determine criteria and guidelines for approval of retirement community development areas; to provide for the authority of the district to refund certain local sales and use taxes and determine eligibility for such refunds; to provide for the procedure in which tax refunds are made; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 63—

BY SENATOR BARHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(26), relative to the village of Lisbon; to authorize the village governing authority to provide for the filling of the office of chief of police by appointment or in the alternative to abolish the office of police chief; to provide for the method of appointment and for the salary, term, duties, qualifications, supervision, and residency of an appointed police chief; to authorize the mayor and the board of aldermen to enter a cooperative endeavor for law enforcement services; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 69—

BY SENATOR SCHEDLER AND REPRESENTATIVE STRAIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:172, relative to annexation by municipalities; to provide for annexation of property by municipalities; to provide for growth management agreements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 72—

BY SENATOR HAINKEL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9093, relative to crime prevention and security districts; to create the Audubon Area Security District in Orleans Parish; to provide for the boundaries and purpose of the district; to provide for the governance of the district by the Audubon Area Zoning Association; to provide for a taxing authority of the district; to provide for the establishment of a plan specifying the public improvements, facilities, and services proposed on behalf of the district; to provide for a budget; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 75—

BY SENATORS BOISSIERE AND SCHEDLER AND REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO AND TUCKER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9039.20(B)(7), relative to community development districts; to limit the authority of such districts relative to revenue producing utilities; to exclude electricity and

gas service from such authority; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 81—
BY SENATOR BAJOIE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:322.38, relative to the state sales and use tax on hotel occupancy levied in Orleans Parish; to provide for the use of the avails of the tax; to provide for an effective date;; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
DIANA E. BAJOIE
Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

Senator Cain, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Environmental Quality, submitted the following report:

March 26, 2002

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 10—
BY SENATOR HOYT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:4.10, relative to medical waste; to require landowners who store infectious medical waste to notify the public; to provide for notice to certain public agencies; to provide for a penalty for violation of the notice requirement; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES DAVID CAIN
Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND WELFARE**

Senator Schedler, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Health and Welfare, submitted the following report:

March 26, 2002

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Health and Welfare to submit the following report:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY SENATOR SCHEDLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare to meet jointly to study and make recommendations regarding Medicaid reimbursement for well baby nursery days.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY SENATOR SCHEDLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to promulgate rules to afford residents of private Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) opportunities to move to a more integrated setting.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 17—
BY SENATOR THOMAS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1053(D)(1), relative to the Washington Parish Hospital Service District Number One; to increase the membership of the board of commissioners for the district; to add a member from the active medical staff of the Riverside Medical Center; to provide for the manner of appointment; to provide for the term of service; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 45—
BY SENATOR FONTENOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1053(Y), relative to Hospital Service District Number One of East Baton Rouge Parish; to increase the membership of the board of commissioners; to provide relative to the terms of office of the members of the board of commissioners; to provide that one member shall be a physician; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments

SENATE BILL NO. 47—
BY SENATOR BARHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1300.143(3)(a)(vii) relative to the Rural Preservation Act; to provide for changes to the criteria used to define rural hospitals; to provide for retroactive application; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 53—
BY SENATOR MOUNT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:1053(C)(2)(d), relative to the Calcasieu Cameron Hospital Service District; to provide relative to the per diem of

the members of the board of commissioners of the district; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 68—
BY SENATOR SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 11-F of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 23:1901, relative to the creation of the Louisiana Health Works Commission; to provide for membership of the commission; to provide for compensation for members; to provide for staff and facilities; to provide for powers and duties of the commission, including the creation of the Nurse Workforce Council and the Allied Health Workforce Council; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 73—

BY SENATORS HAINKEL, LAMBERT, BAJOE AND SCHEDLER
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 7-A of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:1921 through 1927, relative to the Tulane/L.S.U. Cancer Research Center; to provide for its creation, organization, powers, and functions and for its governance board; to provide for reports and annual audits; to provide for application of certain provisions of state law; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
TOM SCHEDLER
Chairman

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

Senator Dean asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions just reported by Committees.

SENATE BILL NO. 3—

BY SENATORS DUPRE AND GAUTREAU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:2201(A) and (D), relative to the Terrebonne Parish Port Commission; to provide for the membership of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works. On motion of Senator Heitmeier, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 5—

BY SENATOR CAIN AND REPRESENTATIVES HILL AND JOHN SMITH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302.24(B) and (C) and 322.8 and to repeal R.S. 47:302.24(D), relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for the allocation and use of tax proceeds credited to the Beauregard Parish Community Development Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator Cain

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "322.8" insert a comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 19, change "a welcome center" to "welcome centers"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 7—

BY SENATOR DUPRE AND REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE
AN ACT

To authorize and empower the Terrebonne Parish School Board to lease certain described property in Terrebonne Parish to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; to provide for execution of lease documents; to provide for reservation of mineral rights; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources. On motion of Senator Romero, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 8—

BY SENATOR HOYT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:172.3, relative to annexation of property by municipalities; to provide for annexation of property by the city of Crowley; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 9—

BY SENATOR JOHNSON
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VI, Section 29(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to revenue and finance; to provide for certain voting requirements for enacting certain tax exemptions or exclusions from sales and use taxes levied by local governmental subdivisions, school boards, and other political subdivisions whose boundaries are not coterminous with those of the state;

and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 10—
BY SENATOR HOYT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:4.10, relative to medical waste; to require landowners who store infectious medical waste to notify the public; to provide for notice to certain public agencies; to provide for a penalty for violation of the notice requirement; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Environmental Quality.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Environmental Quality to Original Senate Bill No. 10 by Senator Hoyt

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 13, after "40:4(A)(2)(b)" delete "; or" and insert "."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 7, change "infectious" to "Infectious" and on line 8, after "individuals" delete "; or" and insert "."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 9, change "small" to "Small"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, delete lines 12 through 14 and insert the following:

"(a) Less than twenty-five kilograms (fifty-five pounds), not including sharps.

(b) Less than five kilograms (eleven pounds) of sharps."

(3) An office at a particular location operated by a licensed, registered or certified health care provider actively engaged in the practice of their profession whose office prominently displays to the public such practice of health care profession.

(4) A "pharmacy" as defined in R.S. 37:1164(36).

(5) A "hospital" as defined in R.S. 40:2102(A)."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 14—
BY SENATOR THEUNISSEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:10.3 and Section 10 of Act No. 1185 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the School and District Accountability Fund; to delete such fund from a general repeal of certain funds effective July 1, 2002; to limit the use of the fund to the provision of rewards to public schools earning monetary rewards as part of the school and

district accountability system; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. On motion of Senator Theunissen, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 16—
BY SENATOR THEUNISSEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:2102, relative to the compensation of members of the board of commissioners of the West Calcasieu Port, Harbor, and Terminal District; to provide for a maximum per diem of such members; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to Original Senate Bill No. 16 by Senator Theunissen

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "the" insert "compensation of members of the board of commissioners of the"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "District;" delete the remainder of the line, and on line 4, delete "members;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, change "the" to "a" and after "maximum" delete "number of meetings a"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 5, change "is paid monthly" to "of such members"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 11, change "a secretary and a treasurer" to "a secretary and a treasurer"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 14, delete "**B.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete lines 3 and 4 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 5, delete "**D.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, after line 9, insert the following:

"B. The governing authority of the West Calcasieu Port, Harbor, and Terminal District may pay and its members may receive a per diem, not to exceed one hundred dollars, for each day the member is in attendance at a regular or special meeting of the board of commissioners, not to exceed two meetings per month.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 17—
BY SENATOR THOMAS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1053(D)(1), relative to the Washington Parish Hospital Service District Number One; to increase the membership of the board of commissioners for the district; to add a member from the active medical staff of the Riverside Medical Center; to provide for the manner of appointment; to provide for the term of service; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. On motion of Senator Schedler, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 18—
BY SENATOR DUPRE AND REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 3 of Act No. 113 of the 1950 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 186 of the 1970 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 196 of the 1992 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 953 of the 1995 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Act No. 2 of the 1998 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, relative to the Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District; to provide relative to per diem and mileage for board members; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources. On motion of Senator Romero, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 19—
BY SENATOR HOYT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R. S. 17:3091(A) and (C), 3092(11), 3095(E)(1), 3096(D), (E)(1) and (2), and 3099(E), relative to the Louisiana Student Tuition Assistance Revenue Trust Program, referred to as START; to conform references to such plans with the federal law; to provide relative to the use that may be made of START account funds; to revise the definition of tuition; to provide that accounts that are invested in equities are eligible for earnings enhancements; to provide relative to the full funding of accounts; to provide relative to the payment of earnings enhancements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 19 by Senator Hoyt

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, lines 3 and 12, change "3096(D)" to "the introductory paragraph of 3096(A)(1), (A)(1)(b), (D)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, between "tuition;" and "to" insert "to provide for certain residency requirements;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 26, change "state" to "state"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

"A.(1) An education savings account shall be established for an account owner who is determined by the authority to qualify under one of the following classifications: :

* * *

(b) A person ~~or persons~~ determined by the authority to be a member of the family of the beneficiary and, at the time of the initiation of the agreement, the person or the beneficiary is a resident of the state."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 20—
BY SENATOR DARDENNE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3396.4(D), relative to the Research Park Corporation; to authorize the establishment of an executive committee of the board of directors; to specify membership; to provide for the powers and functions of the executive committee; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Dardenne

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, between lines 10 and 11, insert as follows:

"(c) The members shall record the proceedings of each meeting of the executive committee."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 2, after "board" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line and delete line 3 in its entirety

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

SENATE BILL NO. 30—
BY SENATOR HAINKEL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.108, relative to motor vehicles license plates; to provide for a special prestige license plate for breast cancer awareness; to provide for its charge; to provide for the distribution and use of the monies; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works. On motion of Senator Heitmeier, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 32—

BY SENATORS B. JONES, BARHAM, MCPHERSON AND ULLO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 791.1, relative to truancy and assessment and service centers; to authorize the creation of a truancy and assessment and service center in that judicial district encompassing the parishes of Lincoln, Union and Rapides; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 32 by Senator B. Jones

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 8, before "is" delete the comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 15, after "Tangipahoa" insert a comma ","

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

SENATE BILL NO. 33—

BY SENATOR B. JONES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.10(A), (B), (C)(1)(a) and (c), (6), (7), and (8), (D)(1)(a) and (b), and (2), (E)(2), (F), (G), (H)(3), (4), and (5), (I)(1), (3), (5)(b)(i), (ii), (v), and (6), and (J), to enact R.S. 17:24.10(D)(6) and to repeal R.S. 17:24.10(I)(1)(d), relative to early childhood development and enrichment activity classes; to provide relative to the reference to such classes; to provide relative to waivers for certain aspects of such classes; to provide relative to space and facilities for such classes; to provide relative to notice regarding certain aspects of such classes; to provide relative to partial participation in such classes; to provide relative to the funding for such classes and the expenditure of funds made available; to provide relative to funding preferences; to provide relative to annual renewal of participants; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE BILL NO. 34—
BY SENATOR THEUNISSEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4067, relative to the merger of the Cameron

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 34 by Senator Theunissen

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 8, change "its" to "its"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 26, after "No. 1" and before "the board" change "and to" to a comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 27, after "No. 1," and before "hereinafter" insert "and the Cameron Parish Sewerage and Water Board for District No. 1,"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 35—

BY SENATOR THEUNISSEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:525(A), relative to the promotion of certain school employees in certain school systems; to reinstate provisions providing for the probationary period in the position to which an employee is promoted; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. On motion of Senator Theunissen, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 38—

BY SENATOR MCPHERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Sections 1 and 2 of Act 484 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature which authorizes and empowers the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District to exchange title to certain properties in Rapides Parish with the Hemphill Star Church and Hemphill Star Cemetery; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources. On motion of Senator Romero, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 40—

BY SENATOR BAJOIE AND REPRESENTATIVE PRATT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9092(A), (D)(2), and (F)(1), relative to neighborhood security districts; to change the name of the Garden District's Security Special Taxing District; to change the qualifications for membership on the board of directors of the district; to authorize the renewal of the district's special tax or fee; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 40 by Senator Bajoie

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 9, change "five" to "eight"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 25, insert the following:

"Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 42—

BY SENATOR MCPHERSON
AN ACT

To authorize and empower the office of state lands to transfer title to certain property located in Catahoula Parish to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for inclusion into the Dewey W. Willis Wildlife Management Area; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Natural Resources.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Original Senate Bill No. 42 by Senator McPherson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 7 and 8 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 9, change "4" to "3"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 45—

BY SENATOR FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1053(Y), relative to Hospital Service District Number One of East Baton Rouge Parish; to increase the membership of the board of commissioners; to provide relative to the terms of office of the members of the board of commissioners; to provide that one member shall be a physician; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 45 by Senator Fontenot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, lines 4, 5, and 9 change "three" to "four"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 47—

BY SENATOR BARHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1300.143(3)(a)(vii) relative to the Rural Preservation Act; to provide for changes to the criteria used to define rural hospitals; to provide for retroactive application; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 47 by Senator Barham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "40:1300.143(3)(a)(vii)" and before "relative" insert a comma

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 12, change "Not withstanding" to "Notwithstanding"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 48—

BY SENATORS SCHEDLER AND THOMAS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9039.3(B)(8) and (9) and R.S. 33:9039.4(A)(3) and (4), relative to the East Florida Parishes Retirement District; to provide for the authority of the district to determine criteria and guidelines for approval of retirement community development areas; to provide for the authority of the district to refund certain local sales and use taxes and

determine eligibility for such refunds; to provide for the procedure in which tax refunds are made; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 53—
BY SENATOR MOUNT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:1053(C)(2)(d), relative to the Calcasieu Cameron Hospital Service District; to provide relative to the per diem of the members of the board of commissioners of the district; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. On motion of Senator Schedler, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 54—
BY SENATOR SMITH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:551.7(B), relative to the DeSoto Parish Industrial District; to increase the membership of the board of commissioners; to authorize the board to appoint a treasurer; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. On motion of Senator Hollis, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 56—
BY SENATOR HOLLIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:3572.2(B)(9) relative to loan brokers; to exempt authorized e-file providers from the definition of loan broker; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection to Original Senate Bill No. 56 by Senator Hollis

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 13 and 14 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(9) An income tax preparer who is an authorized Internal Revenue Service e-file provider and whose only brokering activity is facilitating refund anticipation loans. For purposes of this paragraph, "refund anticipation loan" means a loan whereby the creditor arranges to be repaid directly by the Internal Revenue Service from the anticipated proceeds of the debtor's income tax refund."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 63—
BY SENATOR BARHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(26), relative to the village of Lisbon; to authorize the village governing authority to provide for the filling of the office of chief of police by appointment or in the alternative to abolish the office of police chief; to provide for the method of appointment and for the salary, term, duties, qualifications, supervision, and residency of an appointed police chief; to authorize the mayor and the board of aldermen to enter a cooperative endeavor for law enforcement services; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 68—
BY SENATOR SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 11-F of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 23:1901, relative to the creation of the Louisiana Health Works Commission; to provide for membership of the commission; to provide for compensation for members; to provide for staff and facilities; to provide for powers and duties of the commission, including the creation of the Nurse Workforce Council and the Allied Health Workforce Council; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 68 by Senator Schedler

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 7, delete "the Nurse Workforce Council and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 5, delete "Nurse Workforce Council" and insert "Nursing Supply and Demand Commission"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

"(q) A designee of the Louisiana Council of Administrators of Nursing Education (LACANE).

(r) The President of the Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives or his designee.

(s) Two academic administrators to be designated by the Board of Regents, from the disciplines of nursing or allied health, one to represent the two-year institutions and one to represent the four-year institutions."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 16, delete the comma

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, delete lines 1 through 27, and page 5, delete line 1 and insert the following:

"C. The commission shall study and make recommendations on at least the following workforce issues:

- (1) Programs to recruit and retain health care professionals in the Louisiana workforce.
- (2) Models that determine best distribution and utilization of health care professionals.
- (3) Models for predicting the supply and demand for health care workers in the state through 2005 and beyond.
- (4) Incentives for health care workers to practice in Louisiana's medically underserved areas.

D. The commission shall study and make recommendations on at least the following education issues:

- (1) Increasing the capacity of existing education programs to maintain or increase the supply of health care professionals in Louisiana.
- (2) Incentive programs for faculty retention.
- (3) Strategies to increase access of individuals to appropriate entry level educational programs.
- (4) Recruitment and retention models for students in the health care field.

E. The commission shall study and make recommendations on at least the following image issues:

- (1) Promotional activities for health careers throughout the Louisiana K-12 school systems.
- (2) Creative marketing strategies to improve the image of health care careers.

F. The commission shall establish the Allied Health Workforce Council, which shall be comprised of delegates from the Allied Health Professionals Supply and Demand Commission as determined by that commission, but containing, at a minimum, a licensed member of each of the following groups, organizations or agencies, who shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing group, organization or agency:"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, delete lines 11 through 16, and insert the following:

"(j) Louisiana Medical Association.

G. The commission shall solicit and accept any recommendations forwarded by the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission (R.S. 37:1300), and the Commission on Medical Education (R.S. 17:1519.8), and the Allied Health Workforce Council. These commissions and the council shall recommend specific and targeted strategies to the Louisiana Health Works Commission for purposes of coordination among various state departments by the Louisiana Health Works Commission.

H. Nothing herein shall dilute the powers of the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission as established by the legislature in R.S. 37:1007, the Commission on Medical Education as established by the legislature in R.S. 17:1519.8. Nothing herein shall allow the Louisiana Health Works Commission the authority to negate recommendations by the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission, the Commission on Medical Education or the Allied Health Workforce Council unless approved jointly by the Senate and House Health and Welfare Committees."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 69—

BY SENATOR SCHEDLER AND REPRESENTATIVE STRAIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:172, relative to annexation by municipalities; to provide for annexation of property by municipalities; to provide for growth management agreements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 72—

BY SENATOR HAINKEL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9093, relative to crime prevention and security districts; to create the Audubon Area Security District in Orleans Parish; to provide for the boundaries and purpose of the district; to provide for the governance of the district by the Audubon Area Zoning Association; to provide for a taxing authority of the district; to provide for the establishment of a plan specifying the public improvements, facilities, and services proposed on behalf of the district; to provide for a budget; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 73—

BY SENATORS HAINKEL, LAMBERT, BAJOIE, SCHEDLER AND HINES
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 7-A of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:1921 through 1927, relative to the Tulane/L.S.U. Cancer Research Center; to provide for its creation, organization, powers, and functions and for its governance board; to provide for reports and annual audits; to provide for application of certain provisions of state law; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. On motion of Senator Schedler, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 75—

BY SENATORS BOISSIERE AND SCHEDLER AND REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO AND TUCKER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9039.20(B)(7), relative to community development districts; to limit the authority of such districts relative to revenue producing utilities; to exclude electricity and gas service from such authority; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 81—

BY SENATOR BAJOIE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:322.38, relative to the state sales and use tax on hotel occupancy levied in Orleans Parish; to provide for the use of the avails of the tax; to provide for an effective date;; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 81 by Senator Bajoie

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "date;" and before "and" delete ";"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the beginning of line 4, delete "B.(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 7 and insert "B.(1) (a) **The treasurer shall deposit the remainder of the avails, with the exception of those funds specifically designated in Subsection (C) of this Section.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, at the end of line 9, insert "**The total amount of the avails that the treasurer may deposit into this fund shall not exceed five million two hundred thousand dollars.**"

(b) All unexpended and unencumbered monies of the five million two hundred thousand dollars, up to one million, shall be used, with approval of the Orleans Delegation, for a speedway project within the city of New Orleans. For purposes of this Subparagraph, the Orleans Delegation shall consist of each state senator and state representative whose district includes all or any portion of Orleans Parish."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 18, change "(C)" into "C." and delete the remainder of the line and insert "**The treasurer shall deposit funds for the following designations into**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 23, change "\$265,000" to "\$250,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, between lines 15 and 16, insert "**(i) To the Kiefer University of New Orleans Lakefront Arena Enhancement Fund to be used exclusively for projects of the arena, \$250,000.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, line 16, delete "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, delete lines 19 and 20 and insert thereof "**deposited with the Department of Economic Development into a fund designated as the City of New Orleans Economic Development Fund. Such funds shall be used for tourism initiatives and economic development projects within the city of New Orleans.**"

The secretary of the department shall consultate with the respective legislator in whose district the project will occur."

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, line 23, after "Parish" change the comma "," to a period "." and delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, delete lines 24 thru 27 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 4, delete lines 1 through 27 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 5, delete lines 1 through 27 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 6, delete lines 1 thru 6 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 6, at the beginning of line 7, change "D.(6)" to "E."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 6, line 7, after "monies" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof "in the City of New Orleans Economic Development Fund"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 6, at the end of line 8, delete "All monies"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 6, delete lines 9 thru 13 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 6, at the beginning of line 14, delete "such grants in the next fiscal year."

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Lambert asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of taking up at this time.

Introduction of Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions

Senator Lambert asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time and referring them to committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 93—

BY SENATOR GAUTREUX

AN ACT

To designate a bridge located along old U.S. 90, in Amelia, Louisiana, which crosses Bayou Boeuf in Assumption and St. Mary

parishes, as the Earl "Tutum" Bergeron Bridge; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works.

SENATE BILL NO. 94—

BY SENATORS HOLLIS, HAINKEL, LENTINI, AND REPRESENTATIVES
ANSARDI, BOWLER, GREEN, SCALISE, SNEED AND TOOMY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:820.2(B)(1)(a) and (3)(d), relative to the Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development program; to provide authorization for the Department of Transportation and Development to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the city of Kenner and the parish of Jefferson to expedite the completion of the West Napoleon Avenue project in Jefferson Parish; to provide for distribution of proceeds; to provide for the advancing of funds by the parish of Jefferson and determining which funds shall be deemed debt obligations of the state pursuant to R.S. 39:1367; to provide for certain reimbursements to Jefferson Parish from the TIMED program; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works.

SENATE BILL NO. 95—

BY SENATORS HOLLIS, HAINKEL, LENTINI, AND REPRESENTATIVES
ANSARDI, BOWLER, GREEN, SCALISE, SNEED AND TOOMY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:820.2(B)(3)(d), relative to the Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development program; to provide authorization for the Department of Transportation and Development to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the city of Kenner and the parish of Jefferson to expedite the completion of the West Napoleon Avenue project in Jefferson Parish; to provide for the advancing of funds by the parish of Jefferson and determining which funds shall be deemed debt obligations of the state pursuant to R.S. 39:1367; to provide for certain reimbursements to Jefferson Parish from the TIMED program; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works.

SENATE BILL NO. 96—

BY SENATORS DARDENNE, BARHAM AND HOLLIS AND
REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:39, relative to tax exemptions; to authorize the Department of Economic Development to award certain tax credits to qualified taxpayers for increasing research activities; to provide for certain rules and procedures for awarding credits; to provide for the maximum amount of the tax credits awarded; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Lambert, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Campbell	1 Day	Chaisson	1 Day
McPherson	1 Day	Smith	1 Day
Thomas	1 Day		

Adjournment

Senator Lambert moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned until 1:00 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday, March 27, 2002.

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

GAYE F. HAMILTON
Journal Clerk