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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Select Committee of the Senate
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Friday, September 19, 2008

The Select Committee of the Senate was called to order at eleven o'clock A.M., by Hon. Joel T. Chaisson II, President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. President	Gautreaux B	Nevers
Adley	Gautreaux N	Quinn
Alario	Heitmeier	Riser
Cassidy	Kostelka	Shaw
Cheek	Long	Shepherd
Dorsey	Martiny	Smith
Duplessis	McPherson	Thompson
Dupre	Michot	Walsworth
Erdey	Murray	
Total - 26		

ABSENT

Amedee	Gray	Morrish
Broome	Hebert	Mount
Cravins	Jackson	
Crowe	LaFleur	
Donahue	Marionneaux	
Total - 12		

The President of the Senate announced there were 26 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

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

Messages from the President of the Senate

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

To: Members of the Senate
From: Joel T. Chaisson II, President of the Senate
Date: September 15, 2008
Subject: Meeting for election of members to the Louisiana Board of Ethics

The Senate has received its list of nominees to elect a member to the Board of Ethics. The list and a short bio was distributed to you in a previous email. Pursuant to Article III, Section 1(B) of the Constitution, providing that the Senate is a continuous body, and that the election of members of the Louisiana Board of Ethics is an

administrative function of the Senate, I am calling the entire Senate into a meeting pursuant to Rule 13.20(B) for the purposes of considering the election of nominee to the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

The Senate will convene Friday, September 19, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol. Additionally, the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee will meet and review the nominees on Thursday, September 18, 2008.

Petitions, Memorials and
Communications

The following petitions, memorials and communications were received and read:

**Louisiana Association of Independent
Colleges and Universities, Inc.**
320 Third Street, Suite 104
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

August 25, 2008

The Honorable Joel T. Chaisson II
President of the Senate
Post Office Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear President Chaisson:

In accordance with R.S. 42:1132, the presidents of Centenary College, Dillard University, Louisiana College, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Our Lady of the Lake College, Tulane University, and Xavier University constitute the nominating committee for the Louisiana Board of Ethics. By law, this nominating committee must submit at least three names to you for your consideration as Board of Ethics members whenever a vacancy occurs or terms expire.

The nominating committee met August 19, 2008 and voted to submit the names of 9 nominees. All nominees have completed the enclosed questionnaire indicating their eligibility and willingness to serve.

Consequently, as required by law, we are submitting on this date and within 60 days of June 26, the list of these nominees that are eligible and willing to be considered for election by the Louisiana Senate to the Louisiana State Board of Ethics.

We consider it an honor to participate in the nomination process of this extremely important board. If you should wish additional information about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mary Ann Coleman, President, LAICU, who coordinated this process at (225) 389-9885.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
REV. KEVIN W. WILDES, S.J.
Chair, Nominating Committee
President, Loyola University

Louisiana State Board of Ethics
Nominees for election by the Louisiana Senate

August 25, 2008

Ms. Jane Ardoin
451 South 5th St.
Eunice, LA 70535

Mr. Terry Backhaus
3192 Jeffrey Lane
Sulphur, LA 70663

Mr. James McCalmont
2024 Biltmore Blvd
Alexandria, LA 71301

September 19, 2008

Mr. Christopher Ciochetti
901 Jefferson Place
Shreveport, LA 71104

Mr. Michael Gauthier
315 Plater Dr
Thibodaux, LA 70301

Mr. Gary Hymel
7200 Prytania St
New Orleans, LA 70118

Mr. Mark Lance Maxwell
533 Versaillis Blvd, Condo E
Alexandria, LA 71303

Dr. Maria Isabel Medina
5340 Pitt St.
New Orleans, LA 70115

Dr. John Ferrell Moffett
2610 E. Levingwood Dr.
Lake Charles, LA 70611

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August 26, 2008

The Honorable Joel T. Chasson II
President of the Senate
Post Office Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear President Chasson:

LAICU, as the custodian of the public record for the Nominating Committee for the Louisiana Board of Ethics, withdraws the name of Mr. Mark Lance Maxwell as a Senate nominee for the Louisiana State Board of Ethics.

The nominating committee at its August 19, 2008, voted to submit Mr. Maxwell as a gubernatorial nominee, not a senate nominee. LAICU regrets the error and the duplication of the name.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
MARY ANN COLEMAN
President, LAICU

**Louisiana State Board of Ethics
Corrected list of
Nominees for election by the Louisiana Senate**

August 26, 2008

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New Orleans, LA 70115

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Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on

SENATE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senator Robert W. Kostelka, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs submitted the following report:

September 19, 2008

To the President and Members of the Senate:

Gentlemen and Ladies:

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

The committee:

Recommends the following nominee be elected to the Louisiana Board of Ethics:

Mr. Gary Hymel
7200 Prytania St
New Orleans, LA 70118

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT W. KOSTELKA
Chairman

Motion

Senator Kostelka moved to elect Mr. Gary Hymel to the Louisiana Board of Ethics as recommended by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

ROLL CALL

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

YEAS

Mr. President	Heitmeier	Riser
Adley	Jackson	Shaw
Alario	Kostelka	Shepherd
Cassidy	Long	Smith
Cheek	Martiny	Walsworth
Cravins	McPherson	
Dupre	Michot	
Erdey	Murray	
Gautreaux B	Nevers	
Gray	Quinn	
Total - 25		

NAYS

Dorsey Gautreaux N Thompson
Total - 3

ABSENT

Amedee Duplessis Morrish
Broome Hebert Mount
Crowe LaFleur
Donahue Marionneaux
Total - 10

The Chair declared Mr. Gary Hymel was elected as a member of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President Gautreaux B Murray
Adley Gautreaux N Nevers
Alario Gray Quinn
Cassidy Heitmeier Riser
Check Jackson Shaw
Cravins Kostelka Shepherd
Dorsey Long Smith
Duplessis Martiny Thompson
Dupre McPherson Walsworth
Erdey Michot
Total - 29

ABSENT

Amedee Hebert Mount
Broome LaFleur
Crowe Marionneaux
Donahue Morrish
Total - 9

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Amedee	1 Day	Broome	1 Day
Crowe	1 Day	Donahue	1 Day
Hebert	1 Day	LaFleur	1 Day
Marionneaux	1 Day	Morrish	1 Day
Mount	1 Day		

Adjournment

Senator Thompson moved that the Select Committee of the Senate adjourn.

The President of the Senate declared the Select Committee of the Senate was adjourned.

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

DIANE O'QUIN
Journal Clerk