The Senate was called to order at 10:15 o'clock A.M. by Hon. Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. President
Abraham
Allain
Barrow
Bernard
Boudreaux
Bouie
Cathey
Cloud
Fest
Fields

Total - 31

ABSENT

Carter
Connick
Luneau

Total - 8

The President of the Senate announced there were 31 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Beth Mizell, 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 Peacock, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of October 22, 2020, was adopted.

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

October 22, 2020

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to House Bill No. 38 by Representative Lance Harris:

Representatives Harris, Zeringue and Deshotel.

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions

Returned from the House of Representatives with Amendments

SENATE BILL NO. 20—
BY SENATOR HEWITT
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 18:401.3(B)(1), (C), (D)(2)(a)(iii), (3), and (4), and to enact R.S. 18:401.4 and R.S. 36:744(EE), relative to certification of an emergency and emergency election plan; to provide relative to certification requirements; to provide relative to approval requirements; to establish the Emergency Election Commission; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Hewitt

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 18:401.3" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 3 through 5 and insert a comma "," and "relative to emergency election plans; to authorize alternative plans; to provide for procedures for approval of a plan;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, after "R.S. 18:401.3" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 9 and insert "is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§401.3.  Emergency plan by secretary of state; gubernatorial and legislative approval
A.  Due to the occurrence of a gubernatorially declared emergency or disaster occurring before or during a regularly scheduled or special election, and in order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons seeking to exercise their right to vote, minimize to whatever degree possible a person's exposure to danger during declared states of emergency, and protect the integrity of the electoral process, it is hereby declared to be necessary to provide a procedure for the development of an emergency plan for the holding of elections impaired as a result of such an emergency or disaster.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives
B.(1)(a) After the issuance of an executive order by the governor declaring a state of emergency or disaster and if the secretary of state determines that such emergency or disaster impairs an election that may otherwise be held except for technical, mechanical, or logistical problems with respect to the relocation or consolidation of polling places within the parish, potential shortages of commissioners and absentee commissioners, or shortages of voting machines, or other impairments that affect participation in or the integrity of the electoral process, the secretary of state shall certify such facts and the reasons therefor to the governor, the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

(b)(i) The House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs shall meet and function as a joint committee for all purposes pursuant to this Section. No action shall be taken by the joint committee except by the favorable vote of a majority of the members thereof from each house present and voting, each house voting separately.

(b)(ii) The joint committee shall meet no later than ten days following receipt of the certification.

(c) If the governor and a majority of the members of each committee concur that such an emergency plan is necessary, the secretary shall develop an emergency plan in writing that proposes a resolution to technical, mechanical, or logistical problems impairing the holding of the election with respect to the relocation or consolidation of polling places within the parish, potential shortages of commissioners and absentee commissioners, or shortages of voting machines, or other impairments that affect participation in or the integrity of the electoral process. The secretary of state may present alternative written emergency plans at the same time.

2. If, in addition to the resolution of the technical, mechanical, or logistical problems as provided in Paragraph (b)(1) of this Section, the secretary of state determines that it is necessary and feasible to conduct early voting in certain parishes to enable displaced affected voters to vote, the secretary of state may include in the emergency plan a proposal to conduct early voting at the offices of the registrars in certain parishes in the state. Any early voting authorized by the provisions of this Paragraph shall be conducted in the same manner as provided in R.S. 18:1209(A) times and locations which are accessible to affected voters.

C.(1) The written emergency plan and any alternatives shall be submitted by the secretary of state to the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, and the governor either at the same time as he submits the certification or as soon as practicable following the joint committee's and the governor's concurrence with his certification. The joint committee shall meet no later than ten days following receipt of the emergency plan. The secretary of state may incorporate changes suggested and approved by the joint committee into the emergency plan. If a majority of the members of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs approve the emergency plan or an alternative emergency plan, such the approved plan shall be submitted to the members of each house of the legislature for approval by mail ballot as provided in this Section. If a majority of the members of each house of the legislature approve the emergency plan or if the legislature overrides the governor's veto of the emergency plan as provided in Subsection E of this Section, the secretary of state shall take all steps necessary to implement the plan and all officials of the state and of any political subdivision thereof shall cooperate with the secretary of state to provide assistance to the secretary of state as necessary to implement the plan.

(2) The joint committee shall send notice to the governor of each meeting held pursuant to this Section. The governor or his designee may attend each joint meeting held pursuant to this Section and may provide recommendations to the joint committee regarding the emergency plan.

D.(1) In order to obtain the approval of a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature, the secretary of the Senate and the clerk of the House of Representatives shall jointly prepare and transmit a ballot to each member of the legislature by certified mail with return receipt requested unless the legislature is in session and the ballots may be distributed and returned during the session as soon as possible in the manner provided in this Subsection.

(2)(a) The ballot shall be uniform and the materials sent with the ballot shall include:

(i) A copy of the secretary of state's certification that the emergency impairs an election that may otherwise be held except for certain technical, mechanical, or logistical problems and the reasons therefor.

(ii) A copy of the emergency plan approved by the joint committee.

(iii) A copy of the roll call votes of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs on the approval of the emergency plan.

(iv) The date and time on which the ballot may be returned to the secretary of the Senate or the clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, in order for the ballot to be valid.

(b) Each ballot shall contain the name of the member to whom it is to be mailed or delivered, and the member shall sign the ballot after casting his vote. Include a place for the member to whom the ballot has been transmitted to provide his name and validate his ballot after casting his vote.

(c)(1) The ballots shall be marked as follows:

(i) The ballot shall be considered to be the date postmarked.

(ii) The ballot shall be returned to the secretary of the Senate or the clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, within fifteen days after the postmarked date; or, when such ballots were mailed, the ballots mailed shall be valid or counted, and the date and time received shall be marked on each such ballot and the ballot shall be marked "invalid". Prior to five o'clock p.m. on the fifteenth day after the date when delivered to the members of the legislature while in session or prior to five o'clock p.m. on the fifteenth day after the postmarked date if mailed to the members of the legislature, a member may withdraw his ballot or change his vote upon his written request.

(2) At any time after the deadline for submitting the ballots as provided in Paragraph (c) of this Subsection, but prior to the sixteenth day after the date on which the ballots were mailed, or prior to the eighteenth day after the date on which the ballots were delivered to the members of the legislature in session, the secretary of the Senate and the clerk of the House of Representatives shall function as a joint committee to receive the tabulation sheet and cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted to the secretary of state, the governor, and the chairman of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

(3) The tabulation sheet shall be a public record.

(4) If regular mail is impaired, the secretary of the Senate and the clerk of the House of Representatives shall utilize any method necessary to deliver the ballots, including commercial delivery, electronic transmission, or hand delivery, and shall keep a record of the manner of delivery utilized to deliver the ballots to each member. The ballots received shall be tabulated as soon as possible in the manner described in this Subsection.

(5) The tabulation sheet shall be a public record.

(6) If regular mail is impaired, the secretary of the Senate and the clerk of the House of Representatives shall utilize any method necessary to deliver the ballots, including commercial delivery, electronic transmission, or hand delivery, and shall keep a record of the manner of delivery utilized to deliver the ballots to each member. The ballots received shall be tabulated as soon as possible in the manner described in this Subsection.

The clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate shall transmit the ballots to all members on the
same day. The clerk and the secretary shall certify this date, which is referred to in this Subsection as the "transmittal date". (4) The member shall cast his vote, provide his name in the appropriate place on the ballot, validate his ballot in the manner prescribed, and return the voted ballot to the clerical officer of his house. (5) The clerk and the secretary shall provide notice to each member from whom the clerk or the secretary, as applicable, receives a voted ballot confirming that the ballot has been received. (6) On the fourth business day after the transmittal date, the clerk and the secretary shall provide a notice to each member whose voted ballot has not been received indicating that the member's voted ballot has not been received and informing the member of the deadline for returning the ballot. (7) Ballots shall be returned to the clerk and the secretary no later than five o'clock p.m. on the fifth business day after the transmittal date. (8) The deadline for returning a ballot, a member may withdraw his ballot or change his vote upon his written request. (9) No ballot received by the clerk and the secretary after the deadline provided in Paragraph (7) of this Subsection shall be valid or counted, but the day and time received shall be recorded for each ballot received after such time, and the ballot shall be marked "Invalid". (10)(a) Whenever the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate are to transmit a ballot or notice to a member of the legislature pursuant to this Section, the ballot or notice shall be transmitted using the most efficient medium available to the clerk or the secretary under the circumstances and may include but is not limited to electronic mail or SMS communications. Any such medium shall provide for notice of receipts of the ballots and notices shall be maintained and preserved for at least six months following the tabulation. (b) The clerk and the secretary shall devise a method for a member to validate his ballot which may include signature, personal identification number, or other security method. (11)(a) On the next business day after the deadline for returning ballots as provided in Paragraph (7) of this Subsection the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate shall jointly tabulate the vote in roll call order for each house of the legislature. The clerk and the secretary shall hold such ballots under seal and shall not disclose the contents to any person until the day when such ballots are tabulated. No ballot shall be deemed spoiled if inadvertently disclosed in processing. The secretary of the Senate and the clerk of the House of Representatives shall each sign the tabulation sheet and cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted to the secretary of state, the governor, and the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs. The tabulation sheet shall be a public record. E. The governor shall either approve or veto the plan no later than five days after he receives the certified tabulation sheet. If the governor approves the plan, he shall immediately send his approval message to the secretary of state and the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs. If the governor vetoes the plan, he shall immediately send the veto message to the secretary of the Senate and the clerk of the House, the lieutenant governor, the representative of the secretaries and the clerk shall immediately and jointly prepare and transmit a ballot to each member of the legislature utilizing the same procedures and deadlines provided in Subsection D of this Section. The ballot shall contain a question phrased to allow each member to cast his vote for or against overriding the governor's veto of the emergency election plan. If two-thirds of the elected members of each house vote to override the governor's veto of the emergency election plan, the secretary of state shall implement the plan in the manner provided by Subsection C of this Section. 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.

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Ivey to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Hewitt

AMENDMENT NO. 1
In Amendment No. 2 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#654), on page 1, at the end of line 8, insert "

AMENDMENT NO. 2
In Amendment No. 3 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#654), on page 2, line 4, change "Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section," to "Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section Subsection."

AMENDMENT NO. 3
In Amendment No. 3 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#654), on page 2, line 42, following "emergency" and before "impears" insert "or disaster"

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Ivey to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Hewitt

AMENDMENT NO. 1
In Amendment No. 3 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#654), on page 2, line 25, change "veto" to "disapproval"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
In Amendment No. 3 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#654), on page 4, delete line 22, and insert the following:

"E. If a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature approve the emergency plan, the governor shall either approve or disapprove the plan no later than five

AMENDMENT NO. 3
In Amendment No. 3 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#654), on page 4, line 24, change "his approval message" to "a written message of approval"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
In Amendment No. 3 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#654), on page 4, delete line 27, and insert "governor approves the plan, he shall immediately send a written message of disapproval to"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
In Amendment No. 3 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#654), on page 4, line 33, change "veto" to "disapproval"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
In Amendment No. 3 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#654), on page 4, line 34, change "veto" to "disapproval"

Senator Hewitt moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.
ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President          Foil            Mizell
Abraham               Harris          Morris
Allain                Henry           Peacock
Barrow                Hensgens       Pope
Bernard               Hewitt         Price
Boudreaux             Jackson        Reese
Bouie                 Johns           Smith
Cathey                Lambert        Talbot
Cloud                 McMath         White
Fesi                  Milligan       White
Fields                Mills, F.
Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Carter                Mills, R.       Ward
Connick               Peterson       Womack
Luneau                Tarver
Total - 8

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

Conference Committee Reports

The following reports were received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 84—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 39:134(C), relative to the expenditure of federal funds; to modify requirements for Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget approval of the expenditure of federal funds received under certain circumstances; to provide for certain requirements; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
October 22, 2020

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 84 by Representative Edmonds recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Mills (#817) be rejected.
2. That the following amendment be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 2, at the end of line 2, after "expenditure," insert "However, the inability of the committee to meet shall not prohibit the expenditure of any federal funds received for testing, treatment, and prevention of COVID-19 prior to approval by the committee."

Respectfully submitted,

Representatives: Rick Edmonds, Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, Tony Bacala
Senators: Mack A. "Bodi" White Jr., Cameron Henry, Mike Reese

Senator Henry moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President          Foil            Mizell
Abraham               Harris          Morris
Allain                Henry           Peacock
Barrow                Hensgens       Pope
Bernard               Hewitt         Price
Boudreaux             Jackson        Reese
Bouie                 Johns           Smith
Cathey                Lambert        Talbot
Cloud                 McMath         White
Fesi                  Milligan       White
Fields                Mills, F.
Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Carter                Mills, R.       Ward
Connick               Peterson       Womack
Luneau                Tarver
Total - 8

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

Bagneris Rule

Senator Boudreaux 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 and to specifically start with House Bill No. 52.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 52—
BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONDS AND EDMONSTON
AN ACT
To enact Part VI-A of Subchapter A of Chapter 5-F of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1272.1 and 1272.2, relative to duties of the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health; to establish requirements for reporting of certain public health data during a state of public health emergency; to require the office of public health to report data on infectious disease incidence among school-age children under certain circumstances; to specify the recipients and schedule of such reporting; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President  Harris  Mizell
Abraham  Henry  Morris
Barrow  Hensgens  Peacock
Bernard  Hewitt  Pope
Boudreaux  Jackson  Price
Bouie  Johns  Reese
Cathey  Lambert  Smith
Cloud  Luneau  Talbot
Fesi  McMath  White
Fields  Milligan
Foil  Mills, F.
Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Allain  Mills, R.  Ward
Carter  Peterson  Womack
Connick  Tarver
Total - 8

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 56—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:436.1(N), relative to the administration of medication in schools; to provide for the administration of medical marijuana to students with a recommendation from a licensed physician; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Fields proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Fields to Engrossed House Bill No. 56 by Representative Bagley

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 4 proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and adopted by the Senate on October 21, 2020, on page 1, line 17, after "administration," insert the following:

"The board shall make a formal presentation of its study findings and recommendations, including any proposed rules and regulations, to the Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on Education, prior to initiating the adoption of any rule or regulation in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act."

On motion of Senator Cathey, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cathey proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cathey to Engrossed House Bill No. 56 by Representative Bagley

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete the set of Senate Floor Amendments (SFAHB56 JOHNSTON826) proposed by Senator Cathey and adopted by the Senate on October, 23, 2020.

On motion of Senator Cathey, 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:

YEAS

Mr. President  Foil  Mizell
Abraham  Harris  Morris
Allain  Henry  Peacock
Barrow  Hensgens  Pope
Bernard  Hewitt  Price
Boudreaux  Jackson  Reese
Carter  Lambert  Smith
Cloud  Luneau  Talbot
Fesi  McMath  White
Fields  Milligan
Foil  Mills, F.
Total - 34

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Connick  Peterson  Womack
Mills, R.  Tarver
Total - 5

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. 80—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(g) and to repeal R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(h) and (2), relative to student assessments; to prohibit the use of assessment results for certain purposes for the 2020-2021 school year; to provide relative to the assignment of letter grades to schools and school districts pursuant to the school and district accountability system for the 2020-2021 school year; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL
The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Foil Mills, F. Abraham Harris Morris Allain Henry Peacock Barrow Hensgens Pope Bernard Hewitt Price Boudreaux Jackson Reese Bouie Johns Smith Cathey Lambert Talbot Cloud Luneau Ward Fesi McMath White Fields Milligan Total - 32

NAYS
Total - 0

ABSENT

Carter Mizell Womack Connick Peterson Mills, R. Tarver Total - 7

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

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

October 23, 2020

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to House Bill No. 96 by Representative Freeman:

Representatives Freeman, Garofalo and Hilferty.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Appointment of Conference Committee on House Bill No. 38

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on House Bill No. 38 the following members of the Senate:

Senators White, Cloud and Boudreaux.

Recess

On motion of Senator Mizell, the Senate took a recess at 10:50 o'clock A.M. until 11:30 o'clock A.M.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order at 11:50 o'clock A.M. by the President of the Senate.

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

PRESENT

Mr. President Fields Milligan Abraham Foil Mizell Allain Henry Morris Barrow Henry Peacock
16th DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Boudreaux  Hewitt  Pope
Bouie    Jackson  Price
Carter  Johns  Reese
Cathey  Lambert  Smith
Cloud  Luneau  Ward
Fesi  McMath  White

Total - 30

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

Senate Business Resumed After Recess

Message from the House

DISAGREEMENT TO HOUSE BILL

October 23, 2020

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has refused to concur in the proposed Senate Amendment(s) to House Bill No. 56 by Representative Bagley, and ask the President to appoint on the part of the Senate a committee to confer with a like committee from the House on the disagreement.

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

Conference Committee Reports Received

October 23, 2020

HOUSE BILL NO. 38—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS, AMEDEE, BACALA, CARRIER, CREWS, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, GABBARD, GAROFALO, HODGES, HORTON, HOUZAC, HUSS, JACOB, MARSHALL, OWEN, PRESSLY, SEABAUGH, VILLIO, AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:291 and 292, relative to funding for parish and municipal police departments; to provide for budget submission requirements; to provide for the authority of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 96—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, ADAMS, BACALA, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, COX, DUPLESSIS, FREIBERG, GAINES, GREEN, HILFERTY, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, LACOMBE, LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCKNIGHT, NEWELL, PHELPS, PIERRE, SELDERS, THOMPSON, WHITE, AND WILLARD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3914(M), relative to student information; to require schools, if requested by a student's parent or legal guardian, to share student information with the state Department of Education for the purpose of facilitating the administration of the pandemic electronic benefits transfer program; to require the state Department of Education to share this information with the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

October 23, 2020

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 96 by Representative Freeman recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Fields (#715) be rejected.

2. That the following amendments to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 7 and insert the following:

"To enact R.S. 17:3914(M) and to repeal R.S. 17:3914(M), relative to student information; to require schools, if requested by a student's parent or legal guardian, to share student information with the state Department of Education for the purpose of facilitating the administration of the pandemic electronic benefits transfer program; to require the state Department of Education to share this information with the Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose of facilitating the administration of the pandemic electronic benefits transfer program; to require the state Department of Education to share this information with the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 13 through 20 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 7 and insert the following:

"M.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the governing authority of each public or nonpublic school or other entity..."
that participates in a meal program through which students are eligible for the pandemic electronic benefits transfer program shall share student information with the Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose of facilitating program administration, including but not limited to the automatic issuance of benefits to eligible families. Such information shall be limited to the first name, last name, address, and date of birth of each student eligible for free or reduced price meals at school.

"(2) Such a governing authority shall not share a student's information if his parent or legal guardian has chosen not to share information pursuant to the policy of the governing authority."

Section 2. R.S. 17:3914(M) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. (A) Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become effective upon signature of this Act 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 this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

(B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on June 10, 2021."

Respectfully submitted,

Representatives: Senators:

Aimee Adatto Freeman Cleo Fields
Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr. Kirk Talbot
Stephanie Hilferty Beth Mizell

Senator Talbot moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fields Mizell
Abraham Foil Morris
Allain Harris Peacock
Barrow Hewitt Pope
Boudreaux Jackson Price
Bouie Johns Reese
Carter Lambert Smith
Cathey Luneau Talbot
Cloud McMath Ward
Fesi Milligan White

Total - 30

NAYS

Henry
Total - 1

ABSENT

Bernard Mills, F. Tarver
Connick Mills, R. Womack
Hensgens Peterson

Total - 8

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Message from the House

CONCURRING IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

October 23, 2020

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY SENATOR CARTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the health care providers of Louisiana who administer COVID-19 tests to give preference to the testing of teachers, members of law enforcement, and firefighters.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

October 23, 2020

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 38.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Motion

Senator Cloud moved to dispense with the Bagneris Rule.

Senator Luneau objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Henry Mizell
Abraham Hensgens Morris
Allain Hewitt Peacock
Cathey Johns Pope
Fesi McMath Reed
Foil McMath White

Total - 20

NAYS

Barrow Fields Price
Boudreaux Harris Smith
Bouie Jackson Ward
Carter Luneau

Total - 11

ABSENT

Bernard Mills, F. Tarver
Connick Mills, R. Womack
Hensgens Peterson

Total - 8

The Chair declared the Rule was dispensed.
Conference Committee Reports

The following reports were received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 38—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS, AMEDEE, BACALA, CARRIER, CREWS, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, GADDIERRY, GAROFALO, HODGES, HORTON, NELSON, CHARLES OWEN, PRESSLY, SEABAUGH, VILLIO, AND WRIGHT

AN ACT
To enact Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:291 and 292, relative to funding for parish and municipal police departments; to provide for budget submission requirements; to provide for the authority of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
October 23, 2020

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 38 by Representative Harris recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Finance (#791) be adopted.
2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Peacock (#851) be rejected.
3. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Boudreaux (#891) be rejected.
4. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Peacock (#893) be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Representatives: Senators:
Lance Harris Mack A. "Bodi" White Jr.
Jerome "Zee" Zeringue Heather Cloud
Daryl Andrew Deshotel

On motion of Senator Luneau, the bill was returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

Rules Suspended

Senator Mizell asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time:

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 55
BY SENATOR MIZELL
A RESOLUTION
BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Louisiana that a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Senate to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate has completed its labors and is now ready to adjourn sine die.

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

In compliance with the resolution the President of the Senate appointed the following committee:

Senators Mizell, Abraham, Carter, Henry and Jackson.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56
BY SENATOR MIZELL
A RESOLUTION
BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Louisiana that a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Senate to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate has completed its labors and is now ready to adjourn sine die.

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

In compliance with the resolution the President of the Senate appointed the following Committee:

Senators Fields, Cathey, Cloud, Hewitt and Johns.

Reports of Committees

The committee to notify the Governor that the Senate had completed its labors and was ready to adjourn sine die returned and reported it had performed that duty. The President of the Senate thanked the Committee and discharged it.

The committee to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate had completed its labors and was ready to adjourn sine die returned and reported it had performed that duty. The President of the Senate thanked the committee and discharged it.

Committee from the House of Representatives

A committee from the House of Representatives appeared before the Bar of the Senate and informed the Senate that the House of Representatives was ready to adjourn sine die.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

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

October 23, 2020

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Bill has been properly enrolled:

SENATE BILL NO. 12—
BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS AND REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 29:770(B) and 771(B)(2)(c) and to enact R.S. 40:2005.1, relative to a state of public health emergency; to require hospitals, nursing homes, and adult residential care homes to provide patient or resident access to members of the clergy during a state of public health emergency for COVID-19
or other contagious or infectious diseases; to require the
Louisiana Department of Health to promulgate rules; to provide
for rules for members of the clergy who voluntarily enter
inpatient health care facilities to minister; to provide their
definitions; to provide for licensed professional counselors; to
provide for emotional and spiritual support from clergy; to
provide for legislative purpose; to provide for restrictions; to
provide for immunity from liability for hospitals, nursing
homes, and adult residential care homes; and to provide for
related matters.

Respectfully submitted,
SHARON W. HEWITT
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Bill was signed by the President of the
Senate.

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

October 23, 2020

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of
the House of Representatives has signed the following House
Concurrent Resolutions:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA,
BAGLEY, BEAULIEU, BISHOP, BOURRIAQUE, BRASS, BROWN,
BRYANT, BUTLER, CARPENTER, CARRIER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY
CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, COUSSAN, COX, CREWS,
DAVIES, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DUBUISSON, DUPLESSIS, DURT,
ECHOLS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMEN,
FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, FRIEMAN, GADBERRY, GAINES,
GAROFALO, GLOVER, GOUDEAU, GREEN, HARRIS, HENRY,
HILFERTY, HODGES, HOLLIS, HORTON, HUGHES, HUVAL, ILLG,
IVEY, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS
JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, KERNER, LACOMBE, LANDRY,
LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO,
MCCORMICK, MCKNIGHT, MCMAHEN, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER,
GREGORY MILLER, MINCEY, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, NELSON,
NEWELL, ORGERON, CHARLES OWEN, ROBERT OWEN, PHELPS,
PIERRE, PRESSLY, Riser, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN,
SCHENON, SCHENZLINGER, SEABAGH, SELDERS, ST. BLANC,
STAGNI, STEFANSKI, TARVER, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER,
VILLIO, WEDDLING, WHITE, WILLARD, WRIGHT, AND ZERINGUE
and SENATORS ALLAIN, BARRON, BERNARD, BOURRIAQUE, BRASS,
BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL,
ECHOLS, EMERSON, FIRMEN, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GAROFALO,
HARRIS, HORTON, JEFFERSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JONES, LACOMBE,
LARVADAIN, MCCORMICK, MCKNIGHT, MCMAHEN, MOORE,
CHARLES OWEN, PRESSLY, Riser, SCHAMERHORN, SCHENON,
SEABAGH, TARVER, THOMAS, AND WHITE.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Patrick Goldsmith on his retirement from House
Legislative Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BUTLER,
CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL,
ECHOLS, EMERSON, FIRMEN, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GAROFALO,
HARRIS, HORTON, JEFFERSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JONES, LACOMBE,
LARVADAIN, MCCORMICK, MCKNIGHT, MCMAHEN, MOORE,
CHARLES OWEN, PRESSLY, Riser, SCHAMERHORN, SCHENON,
SEABAGH, TARVER, THOMAS, AND WHITE.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish the Task Force on the 4.9 GHz Spectrum to study and
make recommendations on how to close the digital divide and
allocate the 4.9 GHz spectrum should it become available in
Louisiana and to submit a written report of its findings and
recommendations to the legislature no later than February 1,
2021.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WHEAT, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BRYANT,
BUTLER, CARRIER, COX, EDMONDS, FREIBERG, HORTON, MIKE
JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, MCMAHEN, ORGERON, CHARLES
OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, SELLERS, THOMAS, AND THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to
immediately submit certain documentation to the Centers for
Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide financial relief for
providers of adult day center services, home- and community-
based services, and intermediate care facilities for people with
developmental disabilities.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BUTLER, BAGLEY, ADAMS, AMEDEE,
BOURRIAQUE, BRASS, CARRIER, GARY CARTER, COUSSAN, COX,
DEVILLIER, DESHOTEL, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON,
FIRMEN, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GADBERRY,
GAROFALO, GREEN, HORTON, HUGHES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS,
JONES, MCKNIGHT, MOORE, NEWELL, PRESSLY, RISER, ROMERO,
SCHENNON, SCHENZLINGER, THOMAS, THOMPSON, VILLIO, WHITE,
AND WELLARD AND SENATORS BARRY, BASKIN, BEAULIEU, BAYOU,
BOURRIAQUE, BOUSSE, BROWN, BOURDREAUX, BOUJIE, CARTER,
CATHEY, CLODE, CONNICK, CORTEZ, DURT, FESI, FIELDS, FOIL,
HARRIS, HENSON, HEWITT, JACKSON, JOHNS, LARVADAIN, LUEAU,
MCMATH, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, ROBERT OWEN, MIZELL,
MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, TARVER, WARD,
AND WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend the Louisiana Department of Health rule, LAC
50:VII.33103(A)(2), which provides for leaves of absence for
residents of intermediate care facilities for persons with
intellectual and developmental disabilities, to provide for
retroactive and prospective application of the amendments, and
to direct the office of the state register to print the amendments
in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULIEU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana on the
death of Julien Marius Stokes.

and asked that the President of the Senate affix his signature to the
same.

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

The House Concurrent Resolutions contained herein were signed by
the President of the Senate.

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

October 23, 2020

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of
the House of Representatives has signed the following House Bills
and Joint Resolutions:

HOUSE BILL NO. 22—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:539(C)(8)(j), relative to employees of the Kenner
Housing Authority; to provide that employees of the authority
shall not be in the state civil service; and to provide for related
matters.
To amend and reenact the heading of Part II-A of Title 3 of the
HOUSE BILL NO. 75—
To amend and reenact the heading of Part II-A of Title 3 of the
HOUSE BILL NO. 54—
To enact Chapter 61 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
To enact R.S. 40:2180.2(11), relative to the promulgation of rules by
To enact R.S. 39:134(C), relative to the expenditure of federal funds; to modify requirements for Joint Legislative
To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4321(E), relative to the severance tax on timber; to modify the disposition of the portion of the severance
tax on timber allocated to the state general fund; to create the "Wildfire Suppression Subfund"; to provide for the use of
monies in the subfund; to provide for the appointment of forest firefighters within the office of forestry; to provide for an
effective date; and to provide for related matters.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

The House Bills and Joint Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.
Representatives have signed the following Senate Bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 20—
To amend and reenact R.S. 18:401.3(B)(1), (C), (D)(2)(a)(iii), (3), and (4), and to enact R.S. 18:401.4 and R.S. 36:744(EE), relative to certification of an emergency and emergency election plan; to provide relative to certification requirements; to provide relative to approval requirements; to establish the Emergency Election Commission; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 27—
To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1272(2) and to enact Part I - C of Chapter 15 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 37:1310, relative to the practice of medicine; to provide for certain qualifications of applicants who wish to practice medicine; to provide for authority to enter into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; to provide for enactment of the model language required to participate in the compact; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 49—
To amend and reenact R.S. 34:492(1), (10), (11), and (14), 3493(A)(1), 3499(F), 3501, and 3503(A)(2) and (3), relative to the Louisiana International Deep Water Gulf Transfer Terminal Authority; to provide with respect to the issuance of bonds; to revise definitions; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 62—
To enact R.S. 47:6006(G), relative to tax credits; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 69—
To enact R.S. 40:1133.1(E) and Part VI of Chapter 5-C of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1141, relative to the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA); to provide for enactment of the model legislation required to participate in the compact; to provide for criminal background checks; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

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Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 12:30 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned sine die.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned sine die.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

DIANE O’QUIN
Journal Clerk

Post Session Legislative Actions

Following final adjournment, the instruments contained in the following messages were acted upon on the dates indicated.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

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

October 23, 2020

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Bill has been properly enrolled:

SENATE BILL NO. 13—
By Senator Peacock

To enact R.S. 40:1133.1(E) and Part VI of Chapter 5-C of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1141, relative to the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA); to provide for enactment of the model legislation required to participate in the compact; to provide for criminal background checks; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 27—
By Senator Peacock

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1272(2) and to enact Part I - C of Chapter 15 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 37:1310, relative to the practice of medicine; to provide for certain qualifications of applicants who wish to practice medicine; to provide for authority to enter into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; to provide for enactment of the model language required to participate in the compact; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 49—
By Senator Hewitt

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:492(1), (10), (11), and (14), 3493(A)(1), 3499(F), 3501, and 3503(A)(2) and (3), relative to the Louisiana International Deep Water Gulf Transfer Terminal Authority; to provide with respect to the issuance of bonds; to revise definitions; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 50—
By Senator Allain

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:122(A), relative to work on projects in the annual capital outlay act; to provide relative to the commencement of work or delays in construction; to provide relative to public statements and notices of delays in construction; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 62—
By Senator Smith and Representative Gregory Miller

To enact R.S. 47:6006(G), relative to tax credits; to provide for refunds of the ad valorem taxes paid on inventory for certain taxpayers impacted by the 2020 emergency and disasters; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 69—

To enact Chapter 14 of Title 45 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 45:1611 through 1613, relative to cable service providers and video service providers; to provide relative to an emergency service plan; to provide for submission of certain information to the legislature and certain executive branch agencies; to provide for civil fines; to provide for certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

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The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have signed the following Senate Bills:

Message to the Governor

SIGNED SENATE BILLS

October 23, 2020

To the Honorable Governor of the State of Louisiana:

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have signed the following Senate Bills:
SENATE BILL NO. 72—
BY SENATOR TALBOT
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 47:6041, relative to income tax credits; to authorize an income tax credit for certain businesses; to provide for the amount of the credit; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for the claiming of credits; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 12—
BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS AND REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 29:770(B) and 771(B)(2)(c) and to enact R.S. 40:2005.1, relative to a state of public health emergency; to require hospitals, nursing homes, and adult residential care homes to provide patient or resident access to members of the clergy during a state of public health emergency for COVID-19 or other contagious or infectious diseases; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to promulgate rules; to provide for rules for members of the clergy who voluntarily enter inpatient health care facilities to minister; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensed professional counselors; to provide for emotional and spiritual support from clergy; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for restrictions; to provide for immunity from liability for hospitals, nursing homes, and adult residential care homes; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 15—
BY SENATOR MILLIGAN
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 17:81(O) and R.S. 42:851(E)(2) and to enact R.S. 42:851(U), relative to group health insurance for public school employees; to provide for relative to effective dates of coverage for employees of public elementary and secondary school systems during a disaster or emergency; to provide for application and rules promulgation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 74—
BY SENATOR CLOUD AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BUTLER, CARRIER, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FIRMEN, FRIEMAN, GAROFALO, HARRIS, HORTON, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, NELSON, CHARLES OWEN, PRESSLY, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SEABAUGH, THOMPSON AND VILLIO
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1461.2(A)(2), (3), (5), and (6), relative to election offenses affecting registration and election fraud or forgery; to provide for absentee ballot offenses; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 77—
BY SENATOR SMITH
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 27:305, 308(A)(3), (4)(a), and (B) and to enact R.S. 27:302(11), relative to fantasy sports; to clarify licensee requirements; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 5—
BY SENATOR HEWITT
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 51:1787(B)(5)(f) and 2455(I), relative to economic development incentives; to provide for an extension for job creation requirements for enterprise zone incentives; to provide for an extension for the rebate filing period for quality jobs incentive rebates; to provide for notification requirements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 72—
BY SENATOR SMITH
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 47:6006(G), 6006.1(H), and 6014(G), relative to tax credits; to authorize payments of certain ad valorem taxes made for the 2020 tax year to be treated as timely paid for purposes of the tax credits for ad valorem taxes paid; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 77—
BY SENATOR REESE
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 23:1474(I), relative to unemployment insurance; to provide for taxes and benefits for calendar year 2021; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 7—
BY SENATOR HUETT
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 34:3494(A) and (B), 3495(A), (C), and (G), and 3496(A), relative to the Louisiana International Deep Water Gulf Terminal Authority board of commissioners; to provide for a reduction in membership on the board of commissioners; to provide for membership term limits; to provide for review of reporting practices; to provide for the election of officers to the board; to provide for quorum and vote requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 34—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER
AN ACT
To enact Part II of Chapter 34 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 37:2678, 1, relative to the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; to provide for the model language required to participate in the compact; to provide for the effectiveness of the compact upon adoption by ten member states; to provide for the definitions, powers, duties, and functions of the compact; to designate Chapter 34 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:2650 through 2666, "PART I. SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS", to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 53—
BY SENATOR MCMATH
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 40:1203.2(C)(3), relative to the employment of nonlicensed persons by certain health care providers; to provide for an exemption from the criminal history and security check requirement for certain rehired persons; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 71—
BY SENATOR PEACOCK
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 42:17.1(A), relative to meetings of public bodies during a gubernatorially declared state of disaster or emergency; to provide requirements for meeting via electronic means; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
To enact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(i) and to repeal R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(g) and 

HOUSE BILL NO. 80—
To amend and reenact R.S. 18:401.3(B)(1), (C), (D)(2)(a)(iiii), (3), and (4), and to enact R.S. 18:401.4 and R.S. 36:744(EE), relative to certification of an emergency and emergency election plan; to provide relative to certification requirements; to provide relative to approval requirements; to establish the Emergency Election Commission; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

and they are hereby presented for executive approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

Message to the Secretary of State

SIGNED SENATE BILLS

October 26, 2020

To the Honorable Secretary of State:

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have signed the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 44—
BY SENATORS FIELDS, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREUX, BOUÉ, CARTHE, CORTEZ, FESE, POIL, HARRIS, JACKSON, JOHNS, LAMBERT, MCMAHT, MILLIGAN, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, TARVER, WARD AND WOMACK  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Sections 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the membership of postsecondary education boards of supervisors; to authorize the governor to appoint persons who reside out-of-state to the boards of supervisors under certain circumstances; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Respectfully submitted,  
YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

October 23, 2020

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HOUSE BILL NO. 72—
BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI  
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 39:100.44(J), relative to the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program; to dedicate a certain portion of program funds for certain businesses; to provide relative to calculation of award amounts; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 80—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREUX, BOUÉ, CARTHE, CLOUD, FESE, FIELDS, FOIL, HENSENS, JACKSON, MCMAHT, MILLIGAN, MORRIS, POPE, PRICE, REESE, AND SMITH  
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(i) and to repeal R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(g) and (h) and (2), relative to student assessments; to provide relative to the use of assessment results for certain purposes for the 2020-2021 school year; to provide relative to the assignment of letter grades to schools and school districts pursuant to the school and district accountability system for the 2020-2021 school year; and to provide for related matters.

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

The House Bills and Joint Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.
Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

October 23, 2020

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS AND SENATOR BARROW
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To create a task force to study and make recommendations for replenishing the unemployment trust fund and increasing the unemployment compensation weekly benefit amount and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana not later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2021 Regular Session.

and asked that the President of the Senate affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

The House Concurrent Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

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

October 26, 2020

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22—
BY SENATORS LUNEAU AND CARTER
A RESOLUTION
To urge and request the Department of Revenue to create a task force to study and make recommendations for changes to state laws in an effort to provide the necessary investigatory and enforcement tools to detect, investigate, and eliminate employee misclassification in Louisiana.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23—
BY SENATOR HARRIS
A RESOLUTION
To urge and request the Lakefront Management Authority to keep the westbound lanes of traffic open on Lakeshore Drive to vehicular traffic and to allow traffic in both directions (eastbound and westbound) between the Senator Ted Hickey Bridge and Franklin Avenue.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28—
BY SENATOR FESI
A RESOLUTION
To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to report on the use and results of hydroxychloroquine for treating Medicaid recipients relative to COVID-19.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29—
BY SENATOR MIZELL
A RESOLUTION
To urge and request the state Department of Education to study the education and training requirements, compensation, and employment turnover rates of early childhood care and education teachers and the implications of the data surrounding these issues on child outcomes in Louisiana.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39—
BY SENATOR BARROW
A RESOLUTION
To urge and request the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to study and make recommendations relative to pharmacists' testing, screening, and treatment of certain health conditions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40—
BY SENATORS BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUE, CARTER, CLOUD, CORTEZ, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HEWITT, JACKSON, JOHNS, MCMATH, FRED MILLS, MIZELL, SMITH, TARVER, WARD AND WOMACK
A RESOLUTION
To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to report to the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children by January 31, 2021, the number of childhood vaccines administered during the periods of time when the state was under a COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, and a comparison of that number to the childhood vaccination rates for the previous two years.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41—
BY SENATOR BARROW
A RESOLUTION
To commend the Elvin Howard, Sr. Pancreatic Cancer Advocacy Foundation on its commitment to fighting pancreatic cancer through raising resources, awareness, and advocating for those diagnosed with this deadly disease.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42—
BY SENATOR MIZELL
A RESOLUTION
To authorize and direct the re-creation of the Louisiana Women's Incarceration Task Force under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus and the Department of Public Safety & Corrections as originally created by HCR 27 of the 2018 Regular Session and continued by HCR 37 of the 2019 Regular Session and grant them new authority to study, evaluate, analyze, and undertake a comprehensive review of the state's and local municipal criminal justice systems as it relates to prenatal and postpartum care of incarcerated pregnant women and the need for babies to bond with their mothers and to report its findings and policy recommendations by February 1, 2021.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43—
BY SENATOR JACKSON
A RESOLUTION
To establish a task force to study crime and crime prevention in Morehouse Parish and requires the task force to make recommendations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44—
BY SENATOR JACKSON
A RESOLUTION
To establish a task force to study crime and crime prevention in Ouachita Parish and require the task force to make recommendations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45—
BY SENATOR FOIL
A RESOLUTION
To commend Neal Risley Elliott III of Troop 1, Istrouma Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, a superior rank attained by only two percent of the boys who enter scouting.
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46—
BY SENATOR REESE
A RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of James LaVerne Jeter.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47—
BY SENATORS BARROW, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BERNARD, BOUDREAU, BOULIE, CARTER, CATHIE, CLOUD, CONNICK, CORTEZ, FESI, Fields, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, H/t Witt, JACKSON, JOHNS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, TARVER, WHITE AND WOMACK
A RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the untimely death of Cheryl Larkin Castille.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25—
BY SENATOR BOUIE
A RESOLUTION
To commend the 2020 Booker T. Washington Lady Lions basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 3A state championship.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU
A RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Rose Ashy Broussard, a cattle rancher and rice farmer from Kaplan, Louisiana.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27—
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM
A RESOLUTION
To urge and request the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana to study the feasibility of dividing the Fifteenth Judicial District into two separate judicial districts, one district to be comprised of Acadia Parish and Vermilion Parish and one district to be comprised of Lafayette Parish.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30—
BY SENATOR FIELDS
A RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Dietrich H. Fields.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31—
BY SENATOR JOHNS
A RESOLUTION
To commend Jackie DeVall for more than fifty-four years of dedicated public service with the state of Louisiana.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS
A RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the completion of the Life Setting Decision Making Developmental Disability Services Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33—
BY SENATOR JACKSON
A RESOLUTION
To commend Pastor Bobby Joe Douglas on being inducted into the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34—
BY SENATOR CLOUD
A RESOLUTION
To commend the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office for the assistance provided to Allen Parish in the aftermath of Hurricane Laura.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35—
BY SENATOR REESE
A RESOLUTION
To commend Brigadier General Patrick D. Frank for his accomplishments throughout his illustrious military career.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36—
BY SENATORS JOHNS AND ABRAHAM
A RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the completion of the Life Setting Decision Making Developmental Disability Services Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37—
BY SENATOR MORRIS
A RESOLUTION
To designate October 22, 2020, as "Cataract Awareness Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol, with a special emphasis on congenital or childhood cataracts.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38—
BY SENATORS CORTEZ, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAU, BOULIE, CARTER, CATHIE, CLOUD, CONNICK, FESI, Fields, HARRIS, HENRY, JACKSON, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, WARD, WHITE AND WOMACK
A RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Rose Ashy Broussard, a cattle rancher and rice farmer from Kaplan, Louisiana.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48—
BY SENATORS MIZEIL, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, CATHIE, CLOUD, CONNICK, CORTEZ, FESI, Fields, HARRIS, HENSGENS, H/t Witt, JACKSON, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, SMITH, TALBOT, TARVER, WARD AND WOMACK
A RESOLUTION
To direct the Department of Children and Family Services to comply with Senate Resolution 52 of the 2020 First Extraordinary Session and report to the legislature on the impact and success of the department's guidelines on care setting decision making for children under age six.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49—
BY SENATOR BARROW
A RESOLUTION
To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health, the Louisiana Department of Insurance, and the Governor's Office to study the decline in the number of children with health insurance in the state of Louisiana and report their findings back to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50—
BY SENATOR JACKSON
A RESOLUTION
To urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services and the Louisiana Department of Health to study and develop mechanisms and processes to further protect developmentally and physically disabled state benefit recipients from sexual and physical exploitation or abuse and to present the findings and recommendations for legislation to the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children no later than February 28, 2021.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51—
BY SENATORS BARROW AND JACKSON
A RESOLUTION
To memorialize the Congress of the United States to take necessary actions to review and enact federal law to fully protect developmentally and physically disabled federal benefit recipients from sexual and physical exploitation or abuse by payees and fiduciaries.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52—
BY SENATOR BARROW
A RESOLUTION
To re-create and provide with respect to the Task Force on Prevention of Human Degradation and Exploitation of Vulnerable Individuals in Community-Based Residential Settings created by Senate Resolution No. 23 of the 2018 Second Extraordinary Session of the Legislature and continued by Senate Resolution 203 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53—
BY SENATOR MILLIGAN
A RESOLUTION
To commend Mrs. Anna Cole for her bravery as she combats breast cancer and recognizes her selflessness in encouraging others.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54—
BY SENATORS CARTER, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, CORTEZ, FESI, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JACOBSON, JOHNS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZEILL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, TARVER, WARD, WHITE AND WOMACK
A RESOLUTION
To express wholehearted support for law enforcement and police departments and reject any notion to defund law enforcement or police departments in Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,
SHARON W. HEWITT
Chairman

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

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

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

October 26, 2020

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Concurrent Resolution has been properly enrolled:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY SENATOR CARTER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To urge and request the health care providers of Louisiana who administer COVID-19 tests to give preference to the testing of teachers, members of law enforcement, and firefighters.

Respectfully submitted,
SHARON W. HEWITT
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolution was signed by the President of the Senate.

Message to the Secretary of State

SIGNED

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

October 26, 2020

To the Honorable Secretary of State:

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