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Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Thursday, May 8, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 3:01 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Cathey	Mizell
Allain	Cloud	Morris
Barrow	Edmonds	Myers
Bass	Foil	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hodges	Reese
Bouie	Miguez	Wheat
Carter	Miller	Womack
Total - 21		

ABSENT

Abraham	Jackson-Andrews	Owen
Connick	Jenkins	Price
Duplessis	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Fesi	Lambert	Selders
Harris	Luneau	Stine
Hensgens	McMath	Talbot
Total - 18		

The President of the Senate announced there were 21 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Dr. Eddie Wren, 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 Barrow, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of May 7, 2025, was adopted.

Message from the House

**CONCURRING IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 7, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—

BY SENATOR MYERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the month of May as Water Safety Awareness Month in Louisiana and to designate May fourteenth of each year as "Louisiana Water Safety Awareness Day"; to honor the life and enduring spirit of Mazie Leah Broussard; and to commend Mazie's Mission and its founders, Heather and Adam Broussard, for their unwavering dedication to promoting water safety education and preventing drowning deaths throughout the state.

Reported without amendments.

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94—

BY SENATORS BOUDREAUX AND MYERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Air Med Flight RN Joannie Sanchez, EMT Alison Cagle, and the entire Acadian Medical Team of Acadian Companies on being honored as 2025 Medics of the Year.

Senator Boudreaux asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 94 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Friday, May 9, 2025, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Louisiana.

Senator Mizell asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 95 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend and honor Sister Mary Innocenté Wiltz, SSF, for eighty years of devoted religious service, particularly through her ministry in education, and to express heartfelt gratitude and admiration for her enduring legacy of faith, compassion, and community leadership.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of James Mason Ballard Sr.

Senator Mizell asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 97 a first and second time.

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

**Introduction of
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate May 17-24, 2025, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 91—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of motor vehicles to study the feasibility of including an individual's blood type on driver's licenses, permits, and identification cards.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 92—

BY SENATOR BOUIE

A RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the state Department of Education to provide specific information in a report to the Senate committees on education and finance relative to the original Charter School Demonstration Programs Law.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission to study and recommend changes to the Incumbent Worker Training Account and funds to improve the delivery of business workforce solutions, as required by Act 330 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate committees on labor and industrial relations by February 1, 2026.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

May 7, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

- HB No. 99 HB No. 581 HB No. 649
HB No. 682 HB No. 73 HB No. 86
HB No. 130 HB No. 152 HB No. 375

- HB No. 403 HB No. 525 HB No. 560
HB No. 561 HB No. 578 HB No. 618
HB No. 667 HB No. 676 HB No. 679
HB No. 680

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 73—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4305(B)(6), relative to East Feliciana Parish; to provide relative to gas utility districts in the parish; to provide relative to the compensation of members of the boards of commissioners of gas utility districts; to increase the maximum per diem authorized to be paid to such members; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 86—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570.1, relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the membership of the commission; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 99—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:978.1(A) and 992(B)(3) and to enact R.S. 49:978.1(H), relative to administrative hearing decisions and judicial review of such decisions; to provide relative to interpretation of statutes and rules; to provide for entitlement to seek judicial review; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 130—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1547(A)(1) and (B) and R.S. 46:2592(1) and 2593, relative to executive branch compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the office of the state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator; to provide for definitions; to provide for the return to work program within the office of risk management; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 152—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3272(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (15) and 3276.2(A), (B), (C)(2) and (3), (D)(introductory paragraph), and (F)(1) and (2) and to enact R.S. 37:3272(A)(20), relative to private security examiners; to provide for definitions; to provide for the authority to obtain criminal history record

information; to provide for the confidentiality of criminal history record information; to provide for the use of fingerprints and identifying information; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 375—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 403—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 525—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:259(B)(22) and R.S. 40:1104, relative to the creation of the Uterine Fibroids Commission; to provide for membership of the commission; to provide for functions of commission; to provide for organization of the commission; to require an annual report; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 560—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:437.3(introductory paragraph), (11), (14), and (29), 437.5(B), 438.1(A) and (C)(1)(a) and (b), 438.3, 438.6(D)(3), 438.7(3), 439.1(A),(D), and (G), 439.2(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4)(b), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4)(a), and (5), and (E), and 439.4(A)(1), (C)(2), (F), and (G), to enact R.S. 46:437.3(31), 437.6(D), 437.7(E), 438.5(F), 438.8(B)(3), and to repeal R.S. 46:437.3(7), (10), (15), (19), and (24), 438.6(A)(2) and (3), 438.8(D)(2), 439.1(F), 439.2(F), and 440.3, relative to the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law; to provide for the prosecution and investigation of fraud related to medical assistance programs; to identify fraud and unlawful acts related to claims to medical assistance programs; to establish procedure for pursuing certain claims; to provide for qui tam actions; to provide for definitions; to provide for damages and recovery related to fraudulent claims to medical assistance programs; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 561—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:433(A) and (B)(2) and 868(D), relative to insurance policy provisions; to provide for certain notices and exceptions relative to surplus lines insurers; to

provide for legislative intent; to provide for application and effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 578—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(3)(a), (4)(k)(i), (10), (13)(a), (16)(d), (18)(a) and (c)(i), and (27)(x)(ix), 301.1(F), 301.3(7)(a) and (10)(a), 305.2(A)(5), 305.6(1) and (5), 305.7(A)(2), 305.12(D), 305.33, 305.36(A), (B), and (C)(1), 305.75(A), 321(A), 321.1(A), (B), and (C), and 331(A) and (B) and R.S. 51:1286(A), to enact R.S. 39:100.118 and R.S. 47:301.3(11), 305(E)(4) and (L), 305.14, 305.21, 305.22, and 305.64, and to repeal R.S. 47:301.6(B) and (C) and 321.1(E), relative to sales and use tax; to reduce the state sales and use tax rate under certain circumstances; to provide with respect to exemptions from sales and use taxes levied by taxing authorities; to exempt certain services from sales and use tax; to provide for the exemption for schools and educational materials; to provide for the exemption for certain intergovernmental transactions; to provide for exemptions for certain nonprofit organizations; to provide for the exemption for software and digital products for certain healthcare facilities; to provide for an exemption for certain sickle cell disease organizations; to provide for the exemption for transactions involving certain motor vehicles; to provide for an exemption for qualifying radiation therapy treatment centers; to provide with respect to the levies of certain taxes; to provide for taxes levied on certain telecommunication and ancillary services; to provide for the amount of sales and use taxes dedicated to tourism; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations and requirements; to authorize the refund of certain sales and use taxes under certain circumstances; to provide for the establishment of the Local Revenue Fund; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the fund; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 581—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG, BRAUD, CARRIER, COATES, DEWITT,
DOMANGUE, KERNER, AND VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:2543, relative to the release of balloons outdoors; to prohibit the intentional release of inflated balloons outdoors; to provide for a fine for releasing inflated balloons; to provide for the fines to be directed into the litter abatement account within the Conservation Fund; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 618—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1646(B)(2), to enact R.S. 40:1646(B)(3), (G), and (H) and 1664.9(C)(13) and (N)(3), and to repeal R.S. 40:1646(B) and (F), relative to the regulation of conveyance devices; to provide for inspections; to provide for the duties of the fire marshal; to provide for fees; to provide for a certificate of operation; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 649—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570, 4570.2, and 4570.4(B) and to enact R.S. 33:4570.7, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to park and recreation facilities within the

parish; to provide relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the boundaries and powers and duties of the commission; to exclude certain territory and property from the jurisdiction of the commission; to provide for the creation of a recreation district in the city of Central; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to include certain territory and property within the jurisdiction of the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 667—

BY REPRESENTATIVES EMERSON, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, FARNUM, HENRY, MCMAHEN, ORGERON, AND WILDER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:32(A) and to enact R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and 297.26, relative to income tax; to provide for the calculation of the state tax levied on individuals; to reduce the rate of the state income tax levied on individuals; to authorize an individual income tax deduction for taxpayers sixty-five years of age and older; to provide for the amount of the deduction; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 676— (Substitute for House Bill No. 301 by Representative Domangue)

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:843(A)(1) and 852.23 and to enact R.S. 34:843(E) through (G), relative to abandoned vessels; to require the promulgation of rules and regulations for abandoned vessels; to authorize for removal by third parties; to provide a rebuttable presumption of ownership; to provide a process for notification to lien holders; to provide relative to consent of property owners for purposes of entering onto private property; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 679— (Substitute for House Bill No. 630 by Representative Bayham)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:413(F), relative to the fee for updating a driver's license to be compliant with REAL ID standards; to prohibit a duplicate fee from being applied to applicants updating or renewing a driver's license solely for the REAL ID credential; to only require payment of a handling fee for purposes of updating a driver's license to be REAL ID compliant; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 680— (Substitute for House Bill No. 631 by Representative Bayham)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:413(F), relative to the fee associated with updating the name on a driver's license; to provide applicants not eligible for driver's license renewal an exemption from duplicate fees solely for updating a name; to only require a handling fee for purposes of updating the name on a driver's license; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 682— (Substitute for House Bill No. 406 by Representative Ventrella)

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(35) and to enact R.S. 49:980.1, relative to adjudication proceedings pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act; to provide for expungement of records related to a stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, or proceeding in certain circumstances; to provide for grounds for expungement; to provide for procedures; to provide for confidentiality of records; and to provide for related matters.

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 8, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

HCR No. 11

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON AND DESHOTEL
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Public Service Commission and Cleco Power to approve the sale of a regulated utility only in certain circumstances.

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 26—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 36—
BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, BUTLER, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, OWEN, THOMAS, AND VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.62(2) and R.S. 9:2800.63(B)(1), relative to consumable hemp products; to expand the definition of illegal controlled substance; to provide for damages in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 37—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, BACALA, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MOORE, OWEN, RISER, ROMERO, SPELL, TAYLOR, TURNER, VILLIO, WILDER, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2717.4, relative to the duty of care when contracting with minors; to establish a duty of care for a covered platform; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide limitations on how adults interact with minors on covered platforms; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 69—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 80—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1017.1(6) and R.S. 29:739(C) and to enact R.S. 29:723(20), relative to first responders; to expand the definition of "first responder" to include electrical linemen; to provide for the definition of "electrical lineman"; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 92—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, COX, FARNUM, FONTENOT, JACKSON, AND STAGNI

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 95—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

AN ACT

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

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

HOUSE BILL NO. 102—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARRIER, COATES, COX, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, GLORIOSO, MIKE JOHNSON, MOORE, OWEN, RISER, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.53(3) and to enact R.S. 9:2800.53(10), relative to the Louisiana Products Liability Act; to expand the application of the Louisiana Products Liability

Act to "digital products"; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 111—

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

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 157—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3286(A)(1)(a) and (b), (2)(a) and (b), and (3)(a) through (c) and (B), to enact R.S. 37:3286(A)(4) and (E), and to repeal R.S. 37:3286(A)(1)(c) through (f), (2)(c) through (f), and (3)(d) through (k), relative to private contract security companies; to provide for the schedule of certain fees for private contract security companies; to provide the method for payment of fees; to provide for the display of the fee schedule; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 176—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 234—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY AND KNOX

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 276—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9611(A)(1), relative to local ethics entities; to authorize St. Tammany Parish to create local ethics entities and provide for the powers, duties, and authority of such entities; to provide relative to local codes of conduct and ethics ordinances; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 293—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
AN ACT

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

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 352—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:8.9(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:8.9(A)(6), relative to criminal background checks for persons with an early childhood ancillary certificate; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 366—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 18(A) and (B) and to add Article VII, Section 20.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for the classification of certain property; to authorize the exemption of certain property under certain circumstances; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 382—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1059.6, relative to health insurance; to require coverage for home visiting services provided after the birth of a child; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to authorize methods for reimbursement of expenses; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 401—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 428—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE AND ROMERO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(1)(o) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(4)(a), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Transportation and Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 445—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 451—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 603(17)(e) and 610(A)(3) and (4) and to enact Children's Code Article 610(A)(5), relative to mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect; to provide for police officers or law enforcement officials who work as school resource officers; to establish the information that school resource officers are allowed to receive; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 476—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:969.18(A)(2)(a), relative to an annual automatic adjustment to a fee for motor vehicle dealers; to provide for a fee increase based on the Consumer Price Index; to instruct the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission on the calculation of the fee; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 492—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:102.1(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (b), (d), (e), and (h) and (2), (B), and (C)(6) and to repeal R.S. 14:102.1(A)(1)(i) and (j), relative to offenses affecting the public sensibility; to provide relative to the crimes of simple cruelty to animals and aggravated cruelty to animals; to provide for conduct that constitutes simple cruelty to animals; to provide for conduct that constitutes aggravated cruelty to animals; and to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 499—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:57(A)(1), (H), and (I) and to enact R.S. 32:57(J), relative to traffic offenses occurring in construction zones and utility work safety zones; to provide specific monetary penalties for exceeding the speed limit or breaching a construction zone or work safety zone when employees are present; to provide for specific monetary and confinement penalties if motor vehicle violations occur in a highway safety corridor; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 519—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLORIOSO, BAMBURG, BERAULT, CARVER, COATES, DOMANGUE, HEBERT, HENRY, MELERINE, AND WYBLE AND SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:571.11(A)(4), to enact R.S. 32:59, and to repeal R.S. 32:300.5 through 300.8, relative to the operation of motor vehicles while using a wireless telecommunications device; to provide for definitions and application of terms; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; to provide for disposition of fines; to provide for limitation on law enforcement; to provide for the prevention of search and inspection; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 528—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE AND ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:501(C)(1), 502(A) and (B), 505, 508(A) through (D) and (F) and (G), 508.1, 508.2(A), (B), and (F), and 508.3(A)(2) and (3) and to enact R.S. 36:4(B)(38), 504(B)(6) and (7), 506(E) through (F), 508(H) and (I), 508.5, and 508.6, relative to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction under the division of administration; to add the office of transformation and the office of project delivery to the composition of the Department of Transportation and Development; to reconstruct the functions, powers, and duties of officers of the department; to change the appointing authority of certain officials; to require the office of transformation to operate under the supervision of the office of project delivery; to designate certain powers and duties to the assistant secretary for project delivery; to remove the powers and duties of the office of planning; to create districts within the office of operations; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 554—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:414.6, relative to restriction codes on driver's licenses and identification cards; to provide for a notice of voting restrictions for persons who are not citizens of the United States and aliens who are lawfully present in the United States but have not attained citizenship; to provide for delivery of the notice in the form of official correspondence; to provide for penalties; to require the office of motor vehicles to adopt rules and regulations necessary to comply with the restriction code and notice requirements; to provide for severability; to require the office of motor vehicles to include the applicable credentials upon a system upgrade; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 556—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRAUD, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WILDER, WILEY, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1(1) and (2), 23, 53, 76, 78(C), 92, 94, 105(B)(2), 105.1(C), 203(B), 207(A), 229.1(A), (B), and (D) through (G), 231(Section heading), (A)(1), (5), and (6), 250.3(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and (G), 250.3.1(F), 251(C), 255(B)(6), 259, 261(A)(1), (B) and (C), 286, 292(B)(introductory paragraph), 292.1(E)(1)(f) and (2), 295.1(3), 381(D) and (E)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (2), 381.1(D), and 381.4(introductory paragraph), to enact R.S. 48:78(D) and (E), 105(B)(5), 196(D) and (E), 224.1(E), 229.1(H), and 381(C)(6), and to repeal R.S. 48:79, relative to the various reform operations within the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; to define assistant secretary for project delivery; to improve project oversight and ensure better coordination across all stages of project development and implementation; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 558—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(8)(b), relative to the M.J. Foster Promise Program; to provide relative to eligibility requirements with respect to criminal history; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 577—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1361(A) and (B), 1362(A)(1), 1362.1(I)(1) and (K), and 1362.2(A) and (C) and to enact Subpart B of Part II of Chapter 8 of Title 18, to be comprised of R.S. 18:1367.1 through 1367.14, relative to procurement of voting systems or system components; to provide relative to the allowable methods of procurement; to provide relative to the approval of voting systems; to provide relative to the Voting System Commission and its powers and duties; to provide relative to the Voting System Proposal Evaluation Committee and its powers and duties; to provide for the authority and duties of the secretary of state; to provide for the authority and duties of the commissioner of administration and chief procurement officer with respect to procurement; to provide for legal and contractual remedies and for administrative appeals relative to such procurements; to provide for the authority of the Louisiana Law Institute; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 640— (Substitute for House Bill No. 621 by Representative Bourriaque)

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BOYER, BRAUD, BROWN, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, CREWS, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact Part IX of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.51 through 220.53, relative to the office of Louisiana Highway

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Construction; to create the office of Louisiana Highway Construction within the office of the governor, division of administration; to define the term "office"; to designate certain powers, duties, and responsibilities of the office; to provide for an executive director of the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to establish the duties and responsibilities of the executive director; to provide for the exercise of procurement procedures, including emergency procurement; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER
AN ACT

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

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading, Subject to Call

Called from the Calendar

Senator Henry asked that House Bill No. 148 be called from the Calendar.

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

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

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the North DeSoto High School softball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2025 Division II Non-Select state championship.

Called from the Calendar

Senator Pressly asked that House Concurrent Resolution No. 41 be called from the Calendar.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Duplessis	Miguez
Abraham	Edmonds	Miller
Allain	Fesi	Mizell
Barrow	Foil	Morris
Bass	Hensgens	Myers
Boudreaux	Hodges	Pressly
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Cathey	Jenkins	Talbot
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Wheat
Connick	Lambert	Womack
Total - 30		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Carter	McMath	Seabaugh
Harris	Owen	Selders
Luneau	Price	Stine
Total - 9		

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

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

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 226—
BY SENATOR HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE AND OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2717.1(A), (B)(1), (2), (4), and (5), the introductory paragraph of (C)(1) and (C)(1)(b), (D), (E), (F), (G), and (H) and R.S. 18:1362(A)(1) and 1362.1(L) and to enact

R.S. 9:2717.1(I), (J), and (K) and 2717.1.1 and R.S. 18:1362.3, relative to foreign adversaries and prohibited foreign actors; to prohibit the acquisition of certain immovable property; to prohibit certain transactions with foreign adversaries and prohibited foreign actors; to provide for application; to provide for actions and investigations by the attorney general; to provide for attorney fees and court costs; to provide relative to judgments; to provide for civil forfeiture; to provide with respect to certain immovable property that is located near national security infrastructures; to provide for expropriation; to provide for critical infrastructure; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
GREGORY A. MILLER
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

EDUCATION

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

May 8, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 81—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:355(C) and (D)(1), relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide for transparency and parental access to school-related instructional materials in public schools; to provide parental in-person access to certain printed instructional materials free-of-charge; to provide parental access to certain online instructional materials free-of-charge; to allow local school boards to develop policies for in-person viewing of certain academic tests or assessments; to require each local school board to submit certain rules and policies to the state Department of Education with respect to parental access to instructional materials; to provide for reports to the legislature; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 202—
BY SENATOR HARRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3215(9) and 3241(B)(2), to enact R.S. 17:3215(10) and 3230.1, and to repeal R.S. 17:3217(A)(9) and 3230, relative to postsecondary education; to provide for the transfer of the University of New Orleans to the Louisiana State University System; to provide relative to the transfer of the facilities, resources, funds, obligations, and functions of the institution and related foundations; to provide for the transition responsibilities of the impacted institution and management boards and the division of administration; to provide for cooperative agreements; to provide relative to accreditation issues; to provide relative to funding; to provide relative to employees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 207—
BY SENATOR CARTER

AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 51—
BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3991(H), relative to charter schools; to provide relative to the assets of certain charter schools; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 71—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

AN ACT

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

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 109—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7.6(G), relative to the Geaux Teach Program; to provide for the application and use of scholarship awards; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 142—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MENA, BACALA, BAYHAM, BOYD, BRASS, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, HUGHES, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

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

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 321—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.13(A)(2), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) through (E) and to enact R.S. 17:8.1(A)(8) and 24.13(F), relative to teachers; to require instruction and testing on numeracy as a component of teacher certification; to require professional development for certain math teachers; to require numeracy coaches to provide training for such teachers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 373—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3914(N)(1)(a), to enact R.S. 17:3138.13, and to repeal R.S. 17:3914(C)(1)(j) and (N)(1)(c), relative to career and technical education; to require the Louisiana Workforce Commission to perform an annual return on investment analysis with respect to industry-based credentials earned in high school; to provide for the purpose and content of the analysis; to require an annual report on the analysis to certain legislative committees and the State Board of

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Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide with respect to the collection and sharing of certain student data for the purpose of the analysis; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 395—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3047.1(C) and (D), to enact R.S. 17:3047.1(E)(4), (G)(3), (H), and (I), and to repeal R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(13), relative to the M.J. Foster Promise Program; to provide relative to qualified programs; to provide for initial eligibility requirements; to provide relative to the advisory council; to provide relative to duties of the secretaries of Louisiana Economic Development and the Louisiana Workforce Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 566—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
RICK EDMONDS
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

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

May 8, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to modify the H-2A nonimmigrant visa program to address the untenable increases in wage rates resulting from the United States Department of Labor's policies that create an undue and unsustainable financial burden on Louisiana farmers, who rely on an affordable, readily available H-2A workforce.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
ALAN SEABAUGH
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

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

May 8, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 54—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1355 and 1356(E) and to enact R.S. 39:1358, 1358.1, 1358.2, and 1358.3, relative to fiscal administrators; to provide relative to the appointment of a limited jurisdiction fiscal administrator; to provide for the duties of a limited jurisdiction fiscal administrator; to provide relative to budget amendments to address emergencies; to provide for the termination of the appointment of limited jurisdiction fiscal administrator; to provide relative to violations by an officer, official, or employee of a political subdivision; to provide relative to penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 63—
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:361.1, relative to municipal powers; to provide relative to a privilege to municipalities to collect unpaid sewage disposal and water system service charges or user fees charged to a multifamily residential property; to provide relative to privileges and liens; to provide relative to master meter service agreements; to provide relative to municipal ordinances for the enforcement of a privilege by municipalities on unpaid sewage disposal or water system charges or fees; to provide relative to ranking and perfection of a privilege by municipalities; to provide relative to notice; to provide relative to filing a privilege by municipalities into the public records; to provide relative to third parties; to provide relative to certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 191—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1496(J), relative to the St. George Fire Protection District; to provide relative to the composition of the board of commissioners; to provide relative to appointments by the St. George City Council; to provide relative to the term of office of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 204—
BY SENATOR CARTER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.27(D)(1)(b) and to enact R.S. 33:2740.27(D)(1)(f), relative to the Algiers Development District; to provide relative to the composition of the board of commissioners of the district; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 236—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4761(A) and (B), relative to removal of dangerous buildings or structures in parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to blighted property in the city of Baton Rouge and in the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the authority to condemn, demolish, or remove dilapidated and dangerous buildings or structures; to provide with respect to the mayor-president; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 239—
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH BOUIE JR.
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Senator Patrick Connick, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, submitted the following report:

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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:

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

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

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 167—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR
AN ACT

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

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 174—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, CARLSON, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TARVER, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WILLARD, WYBLE, YOUNG, AND ZERINGUE
AN ACT

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

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 312—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2318.1(A) and (B), relative to negotiations for architectural and engineering professional services; to prohibit the state and certain governmental entities or persons they contract with from using price or price-related information as a factor in the selection of specific architectural and engineering professionals for projects using state or local funding; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 508—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:27.2(A) through (D), relative to the Port of New Orleans; to provide for a parking fee exemption for Louisiana service-connected disabled veterans at the Port of New Orleans cruise terminals; to establish identification and residency requirements applicable to the parking fee exemption at the cruise terminals for the Port of New Orleans; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK CONNICK
Chair

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
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SENATE BILL NO. 15—
BY SENATOR MORRIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:134(A) and to enact R.S. 14:130.1(A)(6), relative to criminal interference with federal immigration enforcement activities; to provide relative to the crimes of obstruction of justice and malfeasance in office; to prohibit interference by public and private actors with immigration enforcement; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Original Senate Bill No. 15 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert: "the introductory paragraph of R.S. 14:130.1(A) and 134(A) and to enact R.S. 14:130.1(A)(6) and (B)(6) and (7), relative to criminal"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "enforcement" insert "and other official governmental acts"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert: "The introductory paragraph of R.S. 14:130.1(A) and 134(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:130.1(A)(6) and (B)(6) and (7) are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 1, line 9, delete "is"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 1, delete lines 11 through 14 and insert:
"A. The crime of obstruction of justice is any of the following **acts** when committed with the knowledge that ~~such the~~ act has, reasonably may, or will affect an actual or potential present, past, or future criminal proceeding ~~as described in this Section~~: **civil immigration proceeding, or official act of an agent or employee of a governmental entity:**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 1, after line 17, insert:
"B. Whoever commits the crime of obstruction of justice shall be subject to the following penalties:
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(6) When the obstruction of justice involves a civil immigration proceeding, the offender shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(7) When the obstruction of justice involves an official act of an agent or employee of a governmental entity, the offender shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 16—
BY SENATOR MCMATH AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:883(H), relative to health stop-loss insurance; to provide for the issuance of health stop-loss insurance coverage; to provide for a limit issuance to certain employers; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Original Senate Bill No. 16 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 9, change "H." to "H.(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 10, after "**plan**" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 11 through 16 and insert the following: "**of a small employer as defined in R.S. 22:1061 shall be issued on or after August 1, 2025, only if the following conditions are met:**

(a) The policy of insurance contains no provision permitting or authorizing the adjustment of specific deductibles or attachment points of a plan member or of specific diseases or conditions.

(b) The policy of insurance is not subject to renewal rate increases exceeding the medical care index of the consumer price index plus fifteen percent, unless an increase greater than fifteen percent is actuarially justified.

(c) The policy of insurance is issued by a licensed health insurance issuer, health maintenance organization, or third-party administrator, or through affiliates within an insurance holding company system, who issues policies of health and accident insurance to small employers as defined in R.S. 22:1061 and the policies are subject to the requirements of Subpart C of Part III of Chapter 4 of this Title and the requirements of Subchapter XXV of Chapter 6A of Title 42 of the United States Code.

(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any policy in effect prior to August 1, 2025.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 34—
BY SENATORS LUNEAU AND BARROW AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1923(2)(q), relative to fraudulent insurance acts; to provide that amending or altering a property and casualty adjuster's report without written permission of the adjuster is a fraudulent insurance act; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Original Senate Bill No. 34 by Senator Luneau

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, delete line 3 and insert the following: "or altering the original adjuster's or appraiser's repair estimate without the documented permission of the"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, delete lines 15 and 16 and insert the following:
"**(q) Amending or altering the original adjuster's or appraiser's repair estimate without documented notification to the original adjuster or appraiser that issued the estimate, or amending or altering a supplemental estimate or revision to the original adjuster's or appraiser's repair estimate without documented notification to the issuer of the supplemental estimate or revision.**"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 58—
BY SENATOR CONNICK AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:541(24)(a) and to enact R.S. 14:81.7, relative to sexual offenses affecting minors; to create the crime of child grooming; to provide for the elements of the offense; to provide for penalties; to define child grooming as a sex offense; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Original Senate Bill No. 58 by Senator Connick

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, delete lines 9 through 17 and insert:
"**A. A person commits the crime of child grooming by taking any action to persuade, induce, entice, seduce, or coerce any child under the age of thirteen years to engage in any conduct undertaken with the intent to facilitate the offender committing any lewd or lascivious act upon the child or in the presence of any child under the age of thirteen years.**

B. In a prosecution under this Section, the finder of fact shall consider all pertinent circumstances in determining whether the state proved beyond a reasonable doubt the intent to facilitate the offender committing any lewd or lascivious act upon the child or in the presence of any child under the age of thirteen years, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Whether the offender's conduct with the child was undertaken without the knowledge or consent of a parent or legal guardian of the child.

(2) Whether the offender's conduct involved the isolation of the child from others.

(3) Whether the offender's conduct involved discussions or actions of a sexual nature with the child or in the presence of the child.

C. Whoever commits the crime of child grooming shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than fifteen years."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 3

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

SENATE BILL NO. 61—
BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1508, 1509, and 1510, relative to the use of credit information in underwriting or rating of certain personal insurance policies; to require an insurer to provide a consumer's credit-related insurance rating; to provide for adverse action notification; to require review of an insurer's scoring system; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Original Senate Bill No. 61 by Senator Luneau

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 4 and insert the following: "to provide a consumer with the credit information obtained by the insurer; to provide for adverse action"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 10, delete "with quote"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 7 through 28, and insert the following:

"B. The insurer shall provide the consumer a copy of the credit information obtained by the insurer on the consumer in connection with the initial application or any subsequent renewal policy."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 95—
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 15:571.36(C)(4) and (D) and to enact R.S. 15:571.37, relative to electronic monitoring of certain criminal defendants; to provide relative to notifications of noncompliance; to provide relative to penalties; to provide for program costs and maintenance; to provide for termination of electronic monitoring; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Original Senate Bill No. 95 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2 and line 8, change "(D)" to "571.36(D)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "enact" delete "R.S. 15:571.37" and insert "R.S. 15:571.36(A)(12), 571.37, and 571.38"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "monitoring;" insert: "to provide for certification and registration of electronic monitoring service providers and manufacturers; to create the crime of violation of electronic monitoring conditions; to provide for the elements of the offense; to provide definitions and penalties;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 9, after "reenacted and" delete "R.S. 15:571.37 is" and insert "R.S. 15:571.36(A)(12), 571.37, and 571.38 are"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, between lines 10 and 11, insert:

"A. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, corrections services, the office of state police, and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice shall develop written policies and procedures in the manner provided in the Administrative Procedure Act for the promulgation of rules governing mandatory requirements for electronic monitoring service providers and manufacturers, including the availability, storage, use of, and operational capacity for electronic monitoring equipment utilized for pretrial, post-conviction, or monitoring, which shall include all of the following requirements:

(12) The certification standards and registration requirements for electronic monitoring providers and manufacturers who render electronic monitoring services in this state."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 10, after "violation," insert "not to exceed ten thousand dollars per instance or individual monitored,"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 17, after "employment" insert "and compliance with inclusion and exclusion zones as defined in R.S. 15:571.38"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 21, after "monitored" insert: "or, in the case of a juvenile, the parents of the person being monitored. The court in a juvenile matter may waive the cost of electronic monitoring, either in whole or in part, if it determines that case circumstances justify doing so"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 27, delete "electronic monitoring" and insert "law enforcement authority of the applicable jurisdiction"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, line 28, delete "provider"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, line 4, change "compliance" to "noncompliance"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 3, after line 15, insert:

"§571.38. Violation of electronic monitoring conditions

A. It shall be unlawful for any person who is placed on electronic monitoring supervision pursuant to this Part, or any other provision of law, to intentionally do any of the following:

- (1) Enter an exclusion zone.**
- (2) Fail to immediately exit an exclusion zone.**
- (3) Violate a curfew order.**

B.(1) Whoever violates Subsection A of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) Whoever commits a felony while violating Subsection A of this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars and shall be imprisoned, at hard labor, for one year.

(3) Whoever violates Subsection A of this Section, after being released on bail for a felony crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B), shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars and shall be imprisoned, at hard labor, for one year.

C. As used in this Section:

(1) "Curfew" means a specified time period defined by court order during which a person is required to either be, or not be, in a specific location.

(2) "Exclusion zone" means a specified geographic area defined by court order that a person is prohibited from entering or remaining.

(3) "Inclusion zone" means a specified geographic area defined by court order in which a person is either allowed or required to be."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 96—
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.77.4, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral health services; to require certain behavioral health services to be reimbursed at one hundred percent of Medicare rates; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 96 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 9, delete "**The**" and insert "**Subject to approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the**"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 120—
BY SENATOR SELDERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(B)(2)(e), relative to admissions by emergency certificate; to provide for information included in emergency certificates; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 128—
BY SENATOR CARTER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2554, relative to law enforcement; to provide for responsibilities of law enforcement officers while interacting with the public; to require mandatory reporting when force is used; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Original Senate Bill No. 128 by Senator Carter

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11, after "**arrest**" delete "**or injury.**" and insert the following: "**For purposes of this policy, a use of force report shall be required when the force used is reasonably expected to cause physical injury greater than transitory pain. This report shall be completed by the officer or his immediate supervisor.**"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 130—
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To enact Subpart F of Part VI-A of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:440.17, relative to Medicaid; to provide for Medicaid program integrity measures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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. 130 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete line 3 and insert "**limit the use of ex parte renewals to the extent allowed.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 12, after "**Medicaid**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**may rely solely on ex**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 13, change "**renewal**" to "**renewals**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 19, after "**self-attestation of**" delete the remainder of the line, delete lines 20 and 21, and insert "**Louisiana state residency and may use technology and government data sharing to verify income, residency, household composition, or receipt of other coverage. The department shall not request authority to**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 24, change "**shall**" to "**may**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, delete lines 1 and 2

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 3, change "**(c)**" to "**(b)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, line 7, after "**sets**" insert "**as allowed by law**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, delete lines 18 through 23 and insert the following: "**(c) On at least a quarterly basis, the Louisiana Department of Health shall receive and review information from the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles concerning individuals enrolled in Medicaid that indicates a change in residency that may affect eligibility for Medicaid.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, line 24, change "**quarterly**" to "**semi-annual**"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, delete line 29 and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 29 and insert the following:

"**(e) The Louisiana Department of Health shall implement a platform to receive and review information on at least a quarterly basis concerning incarceration status of individuals enrolled in Medicaid.**"

"**(f) On at least a monthly basis, the Louisiana Department of Health shall receive and review information from the Social Security Administration concerning the disability status of individuals enrolled in Medicaid.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 5, delete line 1

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 5, line 2, change "(7)" to "(6)"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 5, delete lines 14 through 24

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

SENATE BILL NO. 153—

BY SENATOR SELDERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1107(A)(5) and (F), 1116(B)(3) and (C), 2707(A)(3) and 2724(B) and R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(c) and to enact R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(d), relative to behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana medical assistance program; to provide for limited licenses for certain individuals to provide CPST services; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 165—

BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1109.11, 1109.12(A), 1109.13, 1109.16(A), and 1109.17(A) and (B), relative to the River Parishes Juvenile Justice District; to provide relative to the jurisdiction of the River Parishes Juvenile Justice District; to provide relative to the addition of Lafourche Parish to the district; to provide relative to the board of commissioners of the district; to provide relative to the composition, administration and domicile of the board; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Original Senate Bill No. 165 by Senator Miller

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "1109.17" delete "(A)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, delete "and (B)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "1109.17" delete "(A) and"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the beginning of line 11, delete "(B)"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 174—

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1121.21, relative to screening pregnant women for HIV and syphilis; to require HIV and syphilis blood tests for pregnant women at certain intervals; to require patient notification; to provide for laboratory testing; to provide on effective date; 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. 174 by Senator Jackson-Andrews

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, change "on" to "an"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 40:1121.21" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and to enact R.S. 40:1123.5, relative to pregnancy screenings;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 3, delete "syphilis;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 5, after "date;" insert "to provide for screening of pregnant women for substance use disorder;"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 7, after "reenacted" insert "and R.S. 40:1123.5 is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, at the end of line 10, delete "licensed"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete line 11 and insert "**primary, treating healthcare provider who provides routine prenatal care, services, or screening to a pregnant woman shall provide HIV and**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 12, after "tests" change "for" to "to" and after "woman's" change "first" to "initial"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 13, delete "physician" and insert "**healthcare provider during the woman's first trimester**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, line 14, after "care" insert "visit" and change "physician" to "**healthcare provider**"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, line 15, delete "every licensed physician" and insert "**any admitting healthcare provider**"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 2, line 16, change "order" to "provide" and after "tests" change "for" to "to"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 2, line 17, change "notified" to "informed"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 2, line 18, after "performed" delete "and consent is implied"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 2, line 27, delete "Unless available" and delete lines 28 and 29 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 24 and insert the following: "**For purposes of this Section, "healthcare provider" shall mean a licensed physician, licensed advanced practice registered nurse or nurse practitioner, licensed physician assistant, or licensed or certified midwife.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 3, between lines 24 and 25 insert the following:

"C. All testing that is provided by a healthcare provider pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be considered a medically necessary covered service by any health insurance issuer as defined in R.S. 22:1005 and by any managed care organization as defined in R.S. 46:460.51(9). In addition, health insurance issuers and managed care organizations shall be prohibited from requiring prior authorization or imposing any utilization management requirements as a condition of payment for any testing provided pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

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§1123.5. Prenatal screening for substance use disorder

A. Every licensed healthcare provider who provides prenatal care to a pregnant woman shall screen her for substance use disorder during the first trimester of pregnancy or at the time of first examination after confirming pregnancy, if the provider utilizing his professional medical judgment believes that the screening would be in the best interest of the patient and such screening has not already occurred. The healthcare provider providing such screening shall utilize a validated verbal screening tool for substance use disorder that aligns with standards of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health shall post a list of approved validated verbal screening tools on its website. For purposes of this Section, "licensed healthcare provider" means a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant.

B. After administering the screening provided for in Subsection A of this Section, a licensed healthcare provider who determines that a pregnant woman is at risk for substance use disorder shall refer the woman for appropriate treatment.

C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, licensure surveys of healthcare facilities conducted by the Louisiana Department of Health may evaluate for compliance with this Section."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 175—

BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1361(B), 1361(B)(3) and (4) and (D), 1362, 1363, 1366(A)(1), and 1379, relative to the State Plumbing Board; to provide for membership of the board; to provide for terms of office; to provide for the election of officers of the board; to provide for duties of the board; to provide relative to an advisory committee; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 183—

BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:134.4, relative to official misconduct and corrupt practices; to create the crime of unlawful accepting of a thing of value by a public servant; to provide the elements of the offense; to provide definitions; to provide penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Original Senate Bill No. 183 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "public servant" to "legislator"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, delete "receipt" and insert "accepting of a thing of value by a legislator"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 9 through 12 and insert:

"A.(1) It shall be unlawful for a legislator or his spouse to accept any thing of economic value, either directly or indirectly, from a nongovernmental organization that receives any funds

designated either directly by the Louisiana Legislature or a state agency."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 16 and 17

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert:

"(1) "Legislator" means a sitting member of the Louisiana Legislature."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 3, change "(3)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete lines 7 and 8

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 9, change "(5)" to "(3)"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 221—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3555(A)(11) and (14)(a) and 3561(A)(2)(b) and to enact R.S. 37:3569, relative to massage therapy; to provide relative to powers and duties of the board; to provide relative to licensure and renewals; to provide for criminal background checks; to provide for inspections and complaints; to provide for accountability and reporting to the legislature; to provide for terms, conditions, procedures, and enforcement; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 221 by Senator Mizell

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "37:3569," to "37:3565(C) and 3569,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "complaints;" insert "to provide for penalties;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, change "37:3569 is" to "37:3565(C) and 3569 are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, between lines 22 and 23 insert:

"§3565. Penalties

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C.(1) Any owner, manager, or supervisor of a massage therapy establishment who violates the provisions of this Chapter, when the violation occurs in or in connection with the operation of the massage therapy establishment, shall result in the automatic revocation of the establishment's license by the board.

(2) After a revocation of a massage therapy establishment license pursuant to this Subsection, no occupational license, permit, or massage therapy establishment license shall be issued by a local governing authority or the board for the operation of a massage therapy establishment at that same premises or address of the revoked licensee.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 345—
BY REPRESENTATIVES WYBLE, BAMBURG, CARLSON, AND MELERINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:41(9), 887(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1)(a) and (G)(1), 1266(A)(5), (D)(1), and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), 1267(C)(2)(a) and (E)(1), and 1335(A), relative to property and casualty insurance; to provide for the nonrenewal or cancellation of residential property insurance policies; to provide relative to required written notices; to provide for technical changes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 496—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HEBERT, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BOYER, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, COATES, DEVILLIER, EDMONSTON, FISHER, GLORIOSO, JORDAN, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCFARLAND, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, SCHLEGEL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1284.1(A) and (D) and to repeal R.S. 22:1284.1(B), relative to lapses in required liability insurance coverage; to repeal references to certain exemptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 532—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1283(B), to enact R.S. 18:402.1, and to repeal R.S. 18:402.1, relative to sales and use tax elections in certain municipalities; to provide for an election for a tax that is set to expire; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 549—
BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAMERHORN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, GADBERRY, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, MIKE JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, OWEN, AND SCHLEGEL

AN ACT

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

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

**Senate Resolutions
on Second Reading
Reported by Committees**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Senate Rule 13.15 of the Rules of Order of the Senate, relative to interim committee subpoena power; to remove requirement for rendition of a special order of the 19th Judicial District Court prior to issuance of interim subpoena; and to provide for related matters.

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

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions
on Second Reading
Reported by Committees**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—
BY SENATORS DUPLESSIS AND MYERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Fatherhood Engagement to study how Louisiana can increase the engagement of fathers in the lives of their children, to research best practices, and develop recommendations for each state agency to promote the full inclusion of fathers and the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Pressly
Barrow	Hodges	Reese
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Selders
Cathy	Kleinpeter	Talbot
Cloud	Lambert	Wheat
Connick	Miguez	Womack
Duplessis	Miller	
Edmonds	Mizell	

Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bouie	Luneau	Price
Carter	McMath	Stine
Harris	Owen	

Total - 8

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—
BY SENATORS MCMATH AND BOUDREAU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of Agriculture to reinstate and fund the Local Food for Schools Program to support Louisiana farmers, strengthen local food systems, and improve nutrition for

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children and communities, in alignment with national efforts to improve public health through locally grown food.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21— BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish the Louisiana-Ireland Trade Commission.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Morris
Abraham Foil Owen
Allain Hensgens Pressly
Barrow Hodges Reese
Bass Jackson-Andrews Seabaugh
Boudreaux Jenkins Selders
Cathey Kleinpeter Talbot
Cloud Lambert Wheat
Connick Miguez Womack
Duplessis Miller
Edmonds Mizell
Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bouie Luneau Price
Carter McMath Stine
Harris Myers
Total - 8

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

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

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Foil Myers
Abraham Hensgens Owen
Allain Hodges Pressly
Bass Kleinpeter Reese
Cathey Lambert Seabaugh
Cloud Miguez Talbot
Connick Miller Wheat
Edmonds Mizell Womack
Fesi Morris
Total - 26

NAYS

Barrow Duplessis Selders
Boudreaux Jenkins
Total - 5

ABSENT

Bouie Jackson-Andrews Price
Carter Luneau Stine
Harris McMath
Total - 8

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

SENATE BILL NO. 115— BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(i)(ee) and (2)(a)(vi) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the special assessment level for ad valorem taxes; to provide for the creation of a special assessment level for individuals who meet certain federal poverty guidelines; to provide for requirements to maintain the special assessment level; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 162— BY SENATOR REESE AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(4)(k)(i), 302(V)(1) and (2), 339(A)(2), (B)(6) and (7), and 340(G)(6)(a) and (H), 340.1(A)(4)(a)(iv) and (7), and (C)(2) and to enact R.S. 47:340(G)(6)(d), relative to sales and use tax; to provide for the collection and administration of sales and use tax; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to dealers; to provide for the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers; to provide for vendor's compensation; to provide relative to marketplace facilitators; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 162 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 4, line 17, delete "** * **"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Total - 31; Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris; Myers, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Selders, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Bouie, Carter, Harris, Total - 8; Jackson-Andrews, Luneau, McMath; Price, Stine.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 243— BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Total - 31; Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris; Myers, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Selders, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Bouie, Carter, Harris, Total - 8; Jackson-Andrews, Luneau, McMath; Price, Stine.

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage, Subject to Call

Called from the Calendar

Senator Boudreaux asked that Senate Bill No. 237 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 237— BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4754(A)(1), relative to municipalities and parishes; to provide relative to blighted property; to provide relative to the city of Lafayette and Lafayette Parish; to provide relative to the removal, securing, condemnation, and demolition of dilapidated and dangerous structures; to provide relative to the adoption of ordinances, rules, and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Total - 31; Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris; Myers, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Selders, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Bouie, Carter, Harris, Total - 8; Jackson-Andrews, Luneau, McMath; Price, Stine.

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator Edmonds asked that Senate Bill No. 234 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 234— BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:58.2(J) and 68.1 through 68.6, and to repeal R.S. 17:58.2(I) and 67 through 67.4, relative to school systems in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the St. George Community School System; to provide for the establishment and geographic boundaries of the school system; to provide for the school board, an interim school board, and an interim school

superintendent; to provide for board membership, apportionment, qualifications, method of selection, terms of office, filling of vacancies, compensation, expenses, powers, duties, and responsibilities; to provide relative to facilities and property; to provide relative to the collection and remittance of certain taxes; to provide relative to the provision of certain student services; to provide relative to certain applications for funding; to provide for the reapportionment of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; to provide with respect to certain costs related to retired employees; to provide for effectiveness and for implementation; to repeal provisions of law with respect to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School District which did not take effect due to the failure to enact an authorizing constitutional amendment; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Edmonds proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Edmonds to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 234 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 12, line 7, after "establishment" insert "or the operation"

On motion of Senator Edmonds, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names like Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Edmonds, Fesi, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Talbot, Wheat, Womack, and a total of 26 yeas.

NAYS

Table with 2 columns: Name, Nays. Lists names Barrow, Boudreaux, Jenkins, Selders, and a total of 4 nays.

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Absent, Total. Lists names Bouie, Carter, Duplessis, Harris, Jackson-Andrews, Luneau, McMath, Price, Stine, and a total of 9 absent.

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator Reese asked that Senate Bill No. 59 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 59— BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(b) and to enact R.S. 49:961(E)(4), relative to the Administrative Procedure Act; to provide for statements of fiscal and economic impact; to provide for approval of appropriations by certain subject matter committees; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Reese proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Reese to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 59 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 17, change "for which" to "that"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 1, change "will result in the" to "shall result in either the"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 4. in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following: "unless either the appropriate house or senate committee having subject matter"

Floor Amendments

Senator Reese proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Reese to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 59 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 14, insert the following: "If the proposed rule is required by or necessary to implement legislation, any fiscal impact accounted for in the fiscal note associated with that legislation, shall not be considered a fiscal impact of the proposed action."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 17, and on page 2, delete line 1, and add the following:

"(4)(a) Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, any proposed rule that the legislative fiscal office determines will result in either the expenditure of state funds or an economic impact involving"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 3, replace "one million over five years or more" with "six hundred thousand dollars or more over three years"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 4 through 6, and insert the following: "unless the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee approves the rule."

(b) A proposed rule specified in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph may take effect without the approval of the legislative oversight subcommittees meeting separately or jointly only if:

(i) a legislative oversight subcommittee fails to meet for the purpose of making a determination of the proposed rule within thirty days of receipt of the report required by R.S. 49:966(D)(1)(b); and

(ii) the governor approves the final promulgation of the rule in writing."

On motion of Senator Reese, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Myers
Abraham	Hensgens	Owen
Allain	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	Lambert	Selders
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Connick	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	
Total - 29		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Stine
Carter	Luneau	
Duplessis	McMath	
Total - 10		

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

Rules Suspended

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

May 7, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

HB No. 96	HB No. 106	HB No. 113
HB No. 192	HB No. 212	HB No. 273
HB No. 446	HB No. 681	HB No. 211
HB No. 475	HB No. 477	HB No. 600
HB No. 495	HB No. 518	HB No. 67

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 67—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 96—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 106—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD AND SENATOR BOUIE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.70(B), relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Gentilly Development District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 113—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 192—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:799(A)(1), relative to the French Quarter Management District in the city of New Orleans, to provide relative to the creation of the district; to extend the time period for the existence of the district; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 211—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

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

credit; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 212—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 273—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:170.25, relative to state symbols; to provide that the "Cajun Night Before Christmas" is the official state children's Christmas book; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 446—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:101.1, relative to the development of parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to planning commissions; to provide relative to the powers and duties of planning commissions; to provide relative to judicial review of local subdivision ordinances and certain acts of a governing authority, planning commission, or planning administrator; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 475—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:836(B)(introductory paragraph) and (9), relative to insurance premium tax credits; to extend the termination date of the credit; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 477—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6301(B)(1)(a) and (2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (i), relative to income tax; to provide for the income tax credit for donations to school tuition organizations; to provide for eligibility requirements for schools; to provide for definitions; to provide certain requirements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 495—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(d)(introductory paragraph), relative to severance tax; to provide relative to the severance tax exemption; to provide for an exemption for oil and gas produced from horizontally drilled wells; to limit the exemption period for gas produced from those wells; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 518—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633, relative to severance tax; to provide with respect to severance tax rates; to provide for computation of amounts of severance tax imposed on particular natural resources; to provide relative to severance tax exemptions for oil and gas; to provide relative to severance tax administration; to make technical changes and corrections; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 600—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(a), (b), and (c)(i)(aa), (ii)(aa), and (iv)(aa) and (bb), relative to severance tax; to provide for rates of the severance tax on oil; to provide for severance tax on oil produced from certain types of wells; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 681— (Substitute for House Bill No. 324 by Representative Bryant)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:11.2(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(c) and (H)(introductory paragraph), to enact R.S. 44:11.2(A)(6) and (J), and to repeal R.S. 44:11.2(D), relative to the personal information of protected individuals; to provide for protection of the personal information of district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, and district attorney investigators; to provide for records of the office of the secretary of state; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

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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. 36—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1104(A)(2)(d) and (3) and 1104.2(A), relative to carbon sequestration; to provide for the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the commissioner of conservation; to provide for the authority to promulgate rules, regulations, and orders; to provide for unitization; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
BOB HENSGENS
Chair

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 28 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 28—
BY SENATOR TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6044, relative to income tax credits; to establish an income tax credit program for expenses related to fortifying a roof; to provide for definitions; to provide for the amount of the credit; to provide for an annual cap; to provide for the administration of the cap; to provide for an application process, certification, and administration of the credit; to provide for application of the credits; to provide for the recovery and recapture of credits; to authorize the promulgation of rules; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 33 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 33—
BY SENATOR ALLAIN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6044, relative to tax credits; to authorize the Government Accountability and Innovation for Net Savings (GAINS) tax credit against income tax for certain eligible state employees; to provide for the purpose of the credit; to provide for definitions; to provide for the amount of credit; to provide for the application for and granting of the credit; to provide for credit certification; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for the recovery and recapture of credits; to provide for rule promulgation; to provide for termination of the credit; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 44 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 44—
BY SENATOR LUNEAU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6006(B), 6006.1(D), and 6043(B)(1) and (D), and R.S. 47:6006.1(C) as amended and reenacted by Section 1 of Act 6 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to income tax credits; to provide relative to the application of tax credits on a tax return; to provide for the carryforward of tax credits; to provide relative to the transfer of credits; to provide relative to the transfer of tax credits; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 69 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 69—
BY SENATOR MYERS
AN ACT

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

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 112 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 112—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:337.2(B)(3)(e), 337.18(A)(3), 337.23(C)(1)(a)(ii) and 340(G)(6)(d), relative to sales and use tax; to authorize compensation for certain dealers and remote sellers for the collection and remittance of taxes; to provide compensation in the form of a deduction against taxes due; to authorize compensation at the rate or percentage as specified in law; to require the inclusion of compensation as a deduction on certain returns; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 123 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 123—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6302, relative to income tax credits for donations to public schools; to authorize a credit for donations to certain public schools; to provide for an amount of the credit; to provide for the use of donations by certain schools; to provide for a receipt issued by certain public schools for the donation; to provide for the granting of the credit; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to provide an annual credit cap for the program; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 159 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 159—
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:297.18(B)(2) and (I), relative to the individual income tax exemption for digital nomads; to expand the taxable periods to which the exemption applies; to extend the sunset date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 186 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 186—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6016.1(B)(8)(a) and (11), (E)(1)(c), (2), and (5)(d), and the introductory paragraph of (H)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:6016.1(E)(1)(g) and (5)(e), relative to the New Markets Jobs Act premium tax credit; to provide for the definition of qualified active low-income community business; to provide for the definition of qualified low-income community investment; to provide for the application requirements to be designated a qualified equity investment; to provide for the denial of applications under certain circumstances; to provide relative to the deposit required under certain circumstances; to provide for equity investment authority after a certain date; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 235 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 235—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297.26, relative to individual income tax; to provide for a credit toward a homeowner's insurance policy premium; to provide relative to limitation of the credit; to provide for refundability for certain taxpayers; to authorize the credit to be carried forward in certain circumstances; to require certain taxpayers to maintain documentation; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 8, 2025

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. 29—
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—
BY REPRESENTATIVES NEWELL, BOYD, HILFERTY, HUGHES, MENA,
AND WILLARD AND SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Eric Anthony, Jr.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS AND SENATORS JENKINS AND PRESSLY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Westwood Elementary Chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society for its outstanding academic achievements.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY AND SENATOR PRESSLY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Calvary Baptist Academy softball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2025 Division III Select state championship.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39—
BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR AND BOYD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as AKA Day at the state capitol and to commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

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.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Harris	McMath	Stine
Luneau	Price	
Total - 5		

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Harris	1 Day	Luneau	1 Day
McMath	1 Day	Price	1 Day
Stine	1 Day		

Announcements

The following committee meetings for May 12, 2025, were announced:

Finance	1:00 P.M.	Room A
Retirement	10:30 A.M.	Room E
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs	10:00 A.M.	Hainkel Room

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 4:20 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Monday, May 12, 2025, at 3:30 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE
Journal Clerk