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STATE OF LOUISIANA
EIGHTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Fifty-First Regular Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 3:54 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

**Morning Hour
CONVENING ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mr. President	Foil	Morris
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Price
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cloud	Luneau	Stine
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Fesi	Mizell	
Total - 28		

ABSENT

Abraham	Harris	Owen
Allain	Hensgens	Selders
Barrow	Hodges	Talbot
Carter	Myers	
Total - 11		

The President of the Senate announced there were 28 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Royce Duplessis, 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 Duplessis, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of May 20, 2025, was adopted.

**Privileged Report of the
Legislative Bureau**

May 21, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following instruments are approved as to construction and duplication.

HOUSE BILL NO. 24—

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

AN ACT

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

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 123—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

AN ACT

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

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 211—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

AN ACT

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

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 226—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

AN ACT

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

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 249—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

AN ACT

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

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 347—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY AND SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

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

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 365—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1703.2 and 1703.3, relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for ad valorem property tax exemptions; to provide for the classification of certain property; to provide for the adjustment of fair market value percentage of certain property under certain circumstances; to authorize a parish to exempt certain property under certain circumstances; to authorize certain payments to certain parishes; to provide for the administration of ad valorem property tax exemptions; to provide for limitations and requirements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 366—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 381—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
AN ACT

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

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 523—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:306(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 47:337.2(B)(3)(e), 337.18(A)(3), 337.23(C)(1)(a)(ii), and 340(G)(6)(d), relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for the compensation of certain dealers for the accounting for and remittance of taxes levied by taxing authorities; to provide for the amount of compensation; to authorize vendor's compensation as an item on certain electronic tax returns; to provide for limitations; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
GREGORY A. MILLER
Chair

Adoption of Legislative Bureau Report

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

Message from the House

**CONCURRING IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 21, 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. 41—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42—

BY SENATORS BARROW, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BASS, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LAMBERT, MILLER, PRESSLY, PRICE AND STINE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Reported without amendments.

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 130—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX
A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Sidney "Sid" Joseph Williams Jr. and to celebrate his life, legacy, and immeasurable contributions as a visionary entrepreneur, cultural champion, and beloved community leader whose enduring influence helped shape the Creole and Zydeco traditions of Louisiana.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 131—

BY SENATOR WOMACK
A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Amanda Ames for her extraordinary contributions to Louisiana and to offer congratulations and best wishes upon the occasion of her retirement following twenty-two years of dedicated public service.

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 131 a first and second time.

On motion of Senator Womack the Senate Resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 132—

BY SENATOR BARROW
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of juvenile justice to provide specific information in a report to the Senate committees on Finance and Judiciary B relative to complaints, investigations, and litigation at secure and non-secure care facilities under jurisdiction of the office of juvenile justice, youth services.

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

Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56— BY SENATOR HENRY AND REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Robert Winfred Merrick and to honor his life, legacy, and numerous contributions to Louisiana.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 125— BY SENATOR STINE A RESOLUTION

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

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126— BY SENATOR MIZELL A RESOLUTION

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

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 127— BY SENATOR MIGUEZ A RESOLUTION

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

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 129— BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of James W. Simmons Jr., a beloved coach, athletic director, educator, and mentor who dedicated more than five decades to influencing high school athletics and shaping young lives throughout the Acadiana region and beyond.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43— BY SENATOR SEABAUGH A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Mizell
Abraham	Hodges	Morris
Allain	Jackson-Andrews	Myers
Bass	Jenkins	Pressly
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Price
Bouie	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cloud	Luneau	Stine
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Edmonds	Miguez	Womack
Fesi	Miller	

Total - 29

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Selders
Carter	Hensgens	Talbot
Cathey	Owen	
Duplessis	Reese	

Total - 10

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44— BY SENATOR SEABAUGH A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

The concurrent resolution was read by title. Senator Seabaugh 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	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	Luneau	Selders
Cloud	McMath	Stine
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	
Edmonds	Mizell	

Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Hensgens	Talbot
Carter	Lambert	Womack
Harris	Owen	

Total - 8

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

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Hodges	Myers
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Price
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cloud	Luneau	Selders
Connick	McMath	Stine
Duplessis	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Total - 33		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Owen
Carter	Hensgens	Talbot
Total - 6		

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Myers
Abraham	Hodges	Pressly
Allain	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Bouie	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Fesi	Mizell	
Total - 31		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Owen
Carter	Hensgens	Talbot
Cloud	Morris	
Total - 8		

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Morris
Abraham	Hodges	Myers
Allain	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Bass	Jenkins	Price
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bouie	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	Luneau	Selders
Connick	McMath	Stine
Duplessis	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Fesi	Mizell	
Total - 32		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Talbot
Carter	Hensgens	
Cloud	Owen	
Total - 7		

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

The concurrent resolution was read by title. Senator Seabaugh moved to adopt the .

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Myers
Abraham	Hodges	Owen
Allain	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Bass	Jenkins	Price
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bouie	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	Luneau	Selders
Cloud	McMath	Stine
Connick	Miguez	Wheat

Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Fesi	Morris	
Total - 34		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Talbot
Carter	Hensgens	
Total - 5		

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

The concurrent resolution was read by title. Senator Seabaugh 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	Jackson-Andrews	Owen
Bass	Jenkins	Pressly
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Price
Bouie	Lambert	Reese
Cathey	Luneau	Seabaugh
Cloud	McMath	Selders
Connick	Miguez	Stine
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Total - 33		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Hodges
Carter	Hensgens	Talbot
Total - 6		

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

Senator Wheat in the Chair**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50—**

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Owen
Abraham	Hodges	Pressly

Allain	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Bouie	Luneau	Selders
Cathey	McMath	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Connick	Miller	Wheat
Duplessis	Mizell	Womack
Edmonds	Morris	
Fesi	Myers	
Total - 34		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Lambert
Carter	Hensgens	
Total - 5		

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris
Carter	Hensgens
Total - 4	

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

Mr. President in the Chair**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52—**

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris
Carter	Jackson-Andrews

Total - 4

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Carter	Harris
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Total - 3

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris
Carter	Luneau

Total - 4

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55—

BY SENATOR STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow
Carter
Total - 4

Harris
Miguez

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Reese asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Senator Beth Mizell, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs, submitted the following report:

May 21, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the adoption of enhanced regional transmission planning processes that use a multi-scenario, multi-value framework to ensure long-term national security, grid reliability, and resilience.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 90—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 69 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3291, relative to preventing restaurant reservation fraud; to provide for definitions; to provide for written agreements; to provide for civil penalties; to provide for restitution; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported with amendments.

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.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 254—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 67-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3275.1 through 3275.5, relative to energy utility providers that provide annual consumption reporting mechanisms; to provide for definitions; to require the Public Service Commission to publish certain utility data; to provide for information gathering; to provide for implementation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 326—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:571(B), 572(B) through (E), and 599(A)(2), (5), and (6), relative to the Louisiana Cosmetology Act; to provide for membership of the state board of cosmetology; to provide for the qualifications of board members; to provide for fees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 470—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:3137.10, relative to revenue-based financing transactions; to provide for definitions; to provide for amounts charged in a revenue-based financing transaction; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported with amendments.

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.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
BETH MIZELL
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

EDUCATION

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

May 21, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to procure an annual license for a three-dimensional (3D) game-based learning platform that aligns with Louisiana's chemistry and physical science standards and includes real-world technologies that support career opportunities for middle and high school students.

Reported favorably.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Career Alignment to study the development of a statewide strategy for implementing strategic education-to-career counseling across public postsecondary institutions in order to retain Louisiana's graduates in the state.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to make a training program accessible to athletic directors and coaches that provides important safety information for the prevention and treatment of injuries to student athletes.

Reported favorably.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 180—

BY SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:185.6 and to enact R.S. 17:185.7, relative to agricultural education; to provide for the creation of the Farm-Ed pilot program; to provide relative to funding and effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BERAULT, BRASS, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, COATES, COX, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMONT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GALLE, GEYMAN, HEBERT, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, TRAVIS JOHNSON, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LYONS, MCMAHEN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TAYLOR, TURNER, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILLARD, WYBLE, AND YOUNG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a special committee of the legislature to conduct a comprehensive study of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association's policies, governance structure, and impact on public, private, and parochial schools and to provide for the special committee's submission of a report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than February 14, 2026.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 202—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3138.1, relative to postsecondary education management boards; to require each public postsecondary education institution to offer a privacy waiver to its students for certain health information; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 213—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:87.6(C)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:87.6(C)(6) and (7), relative to alienation of school property by school boards; to authorize school boards to trade or engage in a buyback program for the alienation of individual computing devices; to provide for the use of funds derived from the sale of such devices; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 466—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARLSON, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BRASS, CARVER, CHASSION, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FREIBERG, MARCELLE, MELERINE, MOORE, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:418.1, relative to the compensation of teachers and other school employees; to require public school systems to provide a salary increase to certain personnel; to provide relative to the amount of the increase; to provide relative to related benefits; to provide for a funding mechanism; to provide for definitions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
RICK EDMONDS
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND WELFARE**

Senator Patrick McMath, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Health and Welfare, submitted the following report:

May 21, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to educate the public on risk factors and symptoms of lung cancer and to promote lung cancer screening.

Reported favorably.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to avoid cuts to the federal Medicaid program and to recognize the vital importance of Medicaid in maintaining the health, stability, and economic well-being of Louisiana residents and the broader healthcare system.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 60—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:381, relative to war veterans healthcare facilities; to provide relative to the authorization and maintenance of war veterans healthcare facilities; to provide relative to eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 210—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1006(G) and to enact R.S. 40:1006(H), relative to record retention of certain information in the state prescription monitoring program; to provide to the retention, archiving, and destruction of audit trail information; to require the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to establish rulemaking standards for audit trail information; to require the retention of all records; to require approval before the destruction of any records; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 387—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:383, relative to the Department of Veterans Affairs; to provide for maintenance and care of nonveterans; to provide for rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 468—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, MIKE JOHNSON, MARCELLE, MOORE, NEWELL, ST. BLANC, TAYLOR, AND VENTRELLA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:784(A)(8), relative to the award of certain honorary medals; to provide for the Civilian Honor Medal Program; to provide for the establishment and management of the Civilian Honor Medal Program; to provide for qualifications and selection; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported with amendments.

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.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK MCMATH
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

INSURANCE

Senator Kirk Talbot, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

May 21, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

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.

Reported with amendments.

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.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 635—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG AND SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Subpart S of Part I of Chapter 2 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:550.1 through 550.32 and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:821(40), relative to captive insurance companies; to provide for definitions; to provide for application and regulation requirements; to provide for capital and surplus requirements; to provide for confidentiality of certain records; to provide a public records exception for certain records; to provide for examinations; to provide for redomestication; to provide for dormancy; to require for the payment of fees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
KIRK TALBOT
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 21, 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. 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.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 153—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1600(3)(a) and (b)(i) and 1601(3)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 23:1601(3)(c), relative to unemployment benefits; to revise the benefit eligibility requirements for unemployment benefits; to provide for when a claimant may be disqualified for unemployment benefits; to provide the method and manner for

reporting suspected violations of failing to satisfy work search requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 280—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1172.3, relative to workers' compensation premiums; to provide for the collection of workers' compensation premiums under certain circumstances; to require notification; to provide for premiums audits; to make technical corrections; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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 21, 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:

HOUSE BILL NO. 33—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To enact Paragraph (A)(12) of Section 1 of Act No. 487 of the 1954 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 655 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 390 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Act No. 295 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the city of Alexandria; to provide relative to the civil service system for employees of the city; to exclude certain employees from the classified civil service; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 50—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.5(B), (C), (E)(4) and (5), (F)(1) and (3), (G)(1), and (H), relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, and powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to provide for the amount, expiration, and renewal of the fee; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 241—BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4791.1(C), (D), and (E) and to enact R.S. 33:4791.1(F), relative to local government; to provide relative to the regulation by local governing authorities of ambulance services; to require local governing authorities and certain ambulance service providers to submit ground ambulance service rates to the Department of Insurance; to provide relative to the duties of the Department of Insurance, relative to such information; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH BOUIE JR.
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON**SENATE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Senator Caleb Seth Kleinpeter, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

May 21, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35—BY SENATOR EDMONDS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the legislative auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Department of State's policies, procedures, and practices regarding the integrity of elections in Louisiana, including but not limited to a comparison of policies, procedures, and best practices used by other states.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 38—BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:3(A)(4)(b)(ii); relative to public records; to provide relative to law enforcement investigation records; to provide for the records of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; to provide for the disclosure of certain individuals; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

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.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 216—BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1136, relative to the broadcast and recordation of meetings of the Board of Ethics and Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure; to require the live broadcast of such meetings; to require a recorded archive of such meetings; to provide for exceptions; to provide for duties of the board related thereto; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 590—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SPELL, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BILLINGS, BUTLER, FIRMONT, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, AND OWEN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1461.9, relative to funding of elections; to prohibit the use of certain funds in conducting election administration or election campaigns; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for the return of prohibited funds; to provide for certain definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 625—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER
AN ACT

To provide for a special statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026, for the purpose of submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the electors of the state; to provide for the conduct of such election; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 648—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1254(A) and 1280.22(A) and to enact R.S. 18:454 and 464(B)(5), relative to candidate qualifying fees for an election; to provide for the imposition of a candidate qualifying fee for certain candidates; to provide for the dedication of certain revenues from the collection of a candidate qualifying fee; to establish the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund; to provide for the powers and duties of the state treasurer; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to provide for a prior Act of the Legislature of Louisiana; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
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:

May 21, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS
A RESOLUTION

To approve the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2026, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 82—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 39 in East Saint Bernard Parish as the "Lynn B. Dean Memorial Highway"; to redesignate a portion of Louisiana Highway 46 in Saint Bernard Parish as the "Henry Rodriguez Jr. Memorial Highway"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 20 in Lafourche Parish as the "Martha Ann Woods-Shareef Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 510—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ORGERON AND MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:297.1, relative to the designation of alternative pathways for certain vehicles in the town of Golden Meadow; to authorize the use of golf carts and low-speed vehicles only on the shoulders of public roads and streets; to provide for definitions; to establish speed limits; to enforce regulations for operators; to provide for the registration of golf carts and low-speed vehicles; to authorize a governing authority to assess a registration fee; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 613—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To enact Subpart D of Part IV of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 2:350.1 through 350.6, relative to the creation of the Acadiana Regional Airport and the Lemaire Memorial Airport District; to provide for powers, duties, functions and governance of the district; to provide for the composition and tenure of the board of commissioners, officers, domicile, and authority; to provide specific authority to the board upon an approval date by the Federal Aviation Administration; to provide for local government compliance; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 651—

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG
AN ACT

To enact Subpart D of Part IV of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 2:350.1 through 350.6, relative to the creation of the Claiborne Parish Airport District No. 31; to create the Claiborne Parish Airport District No. 31; to provide for powers and duties of the district; to provide for the governance of the board of commissioners; to provide specific authority to the board upon an approval date by the Federal Aviation Administration; to provide for local government compliance; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK CONNICK
Chair

Rules Suspended

Senator Miller asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 225—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 225 by Senator Duplessis

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "to provide relative to short-term rentals;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, delete "and short-term rental structures"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 15 through 17 and insert the following:

"(1) "Dwelling unit" means a room or group of rooms providing complete, independent living facilities, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation for one or more persons.

"(2) "Guests" means one or more persons who occupy a dwelling unit pursuant to a short-term rental.

"(3) "Person" means an individual, firm, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, association, or any other business entity or juridical person, whether operating on a for-profit or nonprofit basis.

"(4) "Short-term rental" means the provision of a dwelling unit, or any portion thereof, to guests for a period of less than thirty consecutive days in exchange for money or other valuable consideration."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 3, after "**law**" insert the following: "**, or any other property use explicitly exempted by applicable local ordinance**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 4 through 23 and insert the following:

"B. No person shall provide a short-term rental without the required license or permit, if applicable, or in violation of any applicable local zoning, land use, property use, or related regulatory ordinance.

C.(1) A civil action for relief as provided in this Subsection may be brought against the person providing the short-term rental in violation of this Section by the following parties:

(a) A person owning or leasing immovable property located within five hundred feet of the short-term rental.

(b) A nonprofit neighborhood association with one or more members residing within five hundred feet of the short-term rental.

(c) A nonprofit housing or lodging trade association with one or more members operating a place of business located within five hundred feet of the short-term rental.

(d) An historic, economic development, crime prevention, development, or management district that is a political subdivision of the state whose boundaries encompass the short-term rental.

(2) Appropriate relief to prevent a violation of this Section in a civil action brought against the person providing the short-term rental shall include injunctive or declaratory relief, a protective order or prohibition, or writ of mandamus.

(3) A person bringing a civil action against the provider of a short-term rental pursuant to this Section may be entitled to recover, at the discretion of the court, attorney fees and costs."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 24, after "**D**," insert "**(1)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete lines 26 through 29 and insert the following:

"(a) Provide written notice of the violations alleged pursuant to Paragraph B of this Section to the defendant and the local governing authority code enforcement or zoning department.

(b) Allow sixty days from the date of delivery of the written notice to the local governing authority.

(2) The plaintiff may bring the cause of action if the local governing authority fails to address the violations."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 9, and insert the following:

"E. In accordance with Civil Code Article 3493.1, the cause of action created by this Section is subject to a liberative prescription of two years from the date the plaintiff became aware of the violation of this Section."

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Miller asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 26—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 35—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMERO AND TARVER

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 67—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 72—

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

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 96—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Engrossed House Bill No. 96 by Representative Knox

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 14:34(C)" delete the remainder of the line and insert ", 34.1(B), and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, change "34.7(B)(1) and (2)" to "34.7(B)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 20, after "R.S. 14:34(C)" delete the remainder of the line and insert ", 34.1(B), and 34.7(B) are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:
" * * "

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 98—

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 111—

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

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 113—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 134—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER
AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Reengrossed House Bill No. 134 by Representative Wilford Carter

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 12, change "R.S. 13:1704" to "R.S. 13:5807"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 146—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 176—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 178—BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 3462 and Code of Civil Procedure Articles 74.2(E), 371, 684, 863(F), 927(A)(5), 966(B)(5), 1201(C), 1313(A)(4), 1351, 1551, 1702(A)(5), 1811(A)(1), 1911(B), 1913(A), (C), and (D), 1914(B) and (D), 1915(A)(1), (4), and (5), (B), and (C), 1974, 2088(A)(11), 2595, 4607, 4873, and 5059, to enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 1915(D), and to repeal Code of Civil Procedure Articles 74.2(F), 2088(A)(12), and 3784, relative to civil procedure; to provide for the interruption of prescription; to provide for the imposition of sanctions; to provide with respect to child custody proceedings; to provide with respect to attorney conduct; to provide with respect to interdicts; to provide with respect to objections raised by peremptory exception; to provide with respect to summary judgment procedure; to provide with respect to service of citation; to provide with respect to electronic service; to provide with respect to the issuance of subpoenas; to provide for pretrial and scheduling conference orders; to provide with respect to default judgments; to provide with respect to motions for judgment notwithstanding the verdict; to provide with respect to the signing of final judgments; to provide for notice of judgments; to provide for final, interlocutory, and partial judgments; to provide with respect to delays for applying for new trial; to provide with respect to divesting the trial court of jurisdiction; to provide with respect to the trial of summary proceedings; to provide with respect to partitions by licitation or by private sale; to provide with respect to the procedure to transfer to district court; to provide for the computation of time; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 181—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 208—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO

AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Engrossed House Bill No. 208 by Representative Villio

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 5, delete "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "574.9(H)(1)(a)(i)(dd)," insert: "and Subpart H of Part II of Chapter 5 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 15:574.71 and 574.72,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, after "behavior;" delete "to provide for a definition;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 11, after "intent;" insert: "to provide for removal procedures and conditions of certain offenders who are granted parole; to provide for duties of the committee on parole; to provide for definitions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 18, after "571.3.1(I)," delete "and 574.9(H)(1)(a)(i)(dd)" and insert: "574.9(H)(1)(a)(i)(dd), and Subpart H of Part II of Chapter 5 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 15:574.71 and 574.72,"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 8, between lines 18 and 19, insert:

"SUBPART H. ALIEN REMOVAL PROCESS**§574.71. Definitions**

As used in this Subpart:

(1) "Alien" shall have the same meaning as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101.

(2) "Committee" means the Deportation Eligibility Hearing Committee, which shall be comprised of a three-member panel of the members of the committee on parole, and which shall hear and decide deportation eligibility cases as provided in this Subpart.

(3) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

(4) "Removal" means the deportation of an alien from the United States to another country.

§574.72. Alien removal process; deportation eligibility hearing

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an offender shall be eligible for parole consideration and release for the purposes of deportation or removal pursuant to this Section if the following conditions have been met:

(1) The offender is an alien who has a final order of removal or a detainer issued by the Department of Homeland Security.

(2) The offender is not serving a sentence for either of the following:

(a) A sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541.

(b) A crime of violence, as defined in R.S. 14:2(B), punishable by imprisonment for ten years or more, life imprisonment, or death.

(3) The offender has been approved for a deportation eligibility hearing by both the governor and the district attorney of the parish where the conviction was obtained.

B. For any offender who meets the criteria of Subsection A of this Section, the committee shall:

(1) Conduct an expedited pre-hearing investigation.

(2) Notify the district attorney and sheriff of the parish where the conviction was obtained and any registered victim at least thirty days prior to any deportation eligibility hearing.

(3) Conduct an expedited deportation eligibility hearing.

(4) Render its decision ordering or denying the release and transfer of the offender for the purpose of deportation or removal within seven days of the hearing.

C. Any decision by the committee to grant an offender release on parole for the purpose of deportation or removal shall include and recite the following conditions of release:

(1) The offender shall only be released from physical state custody directly to the custody of the Department of Homeland

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Security and shall be held in its custody until the offender is physically removed from the United States.

(2) The remainder of the offender's sentence shall be suspended upon the date the offender is transferred out of state custody.

(3) If the offender is deemed to be ineligible for deportation or removal for any reason, the offender shall be transferred back to state custody to serve the remainder of his current sentence.

(4) If deported or removed from the United States, the offender shall remain outside of the United States and the state of Louisiana and shall not attempt to reenter the country unless such reentry is in compliance with Title 8 of the United States Code.

(5) If the offender is discovered or detained within the United States after deportation or removal, the parole of the offender shall be automatically revoked by the committee on parole and the offender shall be remanded to state custody to serve out the balance of the suspended sentence.

D.(1) If the committee grants a release on parole for the purposes of deportation or removal pursuant to this Section, the committee shall issue all orders and paperwork necessary to transfer or deliver the offender to the custody of the Department of Homeland Security.

(2) Upon release of the offender to the Department of Homeland Security, the committee shall issue a warrant for the return of the offender to the custody of the department to be executed if the offender is released from the custody of the Department of Homeland Security for any reason other than deportation or removal.

E. The committee shall have sole discretion as provided by R.S. 15:574.11 regarding its decision to release the offender pursuant to this Section, and no person shall have a right of appeal from any such decision."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 212—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 234—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY AND KNOX
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 260—

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

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 375—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 403—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Reengrossed House Bill No. 403 by Representative Turner

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 18, delete "clerk of court" and insert "sheriff"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the beginning of line 11, delete "clerk of court" and insert "sheriff"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the beginning of line 24, delete "clerk of court" and insert "sheriff"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, at the beginning of line 8, delete "clerk of court" and insert "sheriff"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, at the beginning of line 23, delete "clerk of court" and insert "sheriff"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, at the beginning of line 6, delete "clerk of court" and insert "sheriff"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, at the beginning of line 17, delete "clerk of court" and insert "sheriff"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, at the beginning of line 28, delete "clerk of court" and insert "sheriff"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 5, at the beginning of line 9, delete "clerk of court" and insert "sheriff"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 412—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Reengrossed House Bill No. 412 by Representative Romero

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" change "R.S. 26:903(1) through (4), 911(B)(2) and (E)," to "R.S. 26:911(E)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 4, delete "permit"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, after "Section 1." change "R.S. 26:903(1) through (4), 911(B)(2) and (E)," to "R.S. 26:911(E)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 21

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 13, after "cause any" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 14, delete "electronic cigarette" and insert "alternative nicotine product"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 19, after "distributing" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 20, delete "electronic cigarette" and insert "an alternative nicotine product"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, line 18, after "vapor product" delete "or alternative nicotine product"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, at the end of line 22, after "vapor product" delete "or" and at the beginning of line 23, delete "alternative nicotine product"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4, at the end of line 24, after "vapor product" delete "or" and at the beginning of line 25, delete "alternative nicotine product"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 5, line 2, after "vapor product" delete "or alternative nicotine product"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 6, line 1 after "pursuant to" change "Subsection A" to "Subsections A or B"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 7, line 1, after "Notwithstanding" change "Subsection A" to "Subsections A and B"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 8, at the end of line 14, delete the period "."

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 8, line 15, after "cause any" delete "vapor product."

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 8, line 16, after "nicotine product" delete the comma "," and delete "or electronic cigarette"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 8, line 21, after "distributing" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 22, delete "electronic cigarette" and insert "an alternative nicotine product"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 445—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 563—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

AN ACT

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

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Reengrossed House Bill No. 563 by Representative LaCombe

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, at the end of line 8, after "Paragraph" delete the comma "," and add "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 9, after "brewer" delete "complies with" and insert "does not violate"

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

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

AN ACT

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

and Tourism and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to promulgate rules; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to Reengrossed House Bill No. 652 by Representative Kerner

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 6, line 20, after "than" and before "thousand" change "one" to "fifteen"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, line 22, after "than" delete the remainder of the line and insert "twenty-five thousand"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, line 24, after "than" and before "thousand" change "five" to "fifty"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 7, line 13, after "A." delete the remainder of the line and insert "Seafood processors and distributors"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 7, at the beginning of line 14, delete "seafood"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 7, line 23, after "R.S. 3:4749.2 for" and before "processors" delete "imported and commingled seafood"

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Reese asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

SENATE BILL NO. 24—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

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

The bill was read by title. Senator McMath 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
Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Bouie	Lambert	Selders

Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Fesi	Morris	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

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

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 the Louisiana Department of Health to reimburse Medicaid providers for certain behavioral health services; to provide relative to reimbursement rates; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator McMath 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
Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Bouie	Lambert	Selders
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Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Fesi	Morris	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 121—

BY SENATOR SELDERS

AN ACT

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

Floor Amendments

Senator Selders proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Selders to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 121 by Senator Selders

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 15, after "consent" insert "in writing"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 17, after "screening" insert the following: ", unless the student has reached the age of majority or is an emancipated minor and independently consents in writing to the screening"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 2, after "parent" delete the remainder of the line and insert the following: ", legal guardian, or the student if he has reached the age of majority or is an emancipated minor"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 9, after "parent" delete "or legal guardian" and insert the following: ", legal guardian, or the student if he has reached the age of majority or is an emancipated minor"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 10, after "parent" delete "or legal guardian" and insert the following: ", legal guardian, or the student if he has reached the age of majority or is an emancipated minor."

On motion of Senator Selders, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Owen
Abraham	Foil	Pressly
Allain	Hensgens	Price
Barrow	Hodges	Reese
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Bouie	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miller	Wheat
Duplessis	Mizell	Womack
Edmonds	Myers	
Total - 32		

NAYS

Kleinpeter	Miguez	Morris
Total - 3		

ABSENT

Bass	Harris
Carter	Jenkins
Total - 4	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 202—

BY SENATORS HARRIS, CARTER, EDMONDS AND JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

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

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

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

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(c) and (4)(a), relative to student assessments; to provide with respect to the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; to provide with respect to standards-based assessments in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Carter	Duplessis	Harris
Total - 3		

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

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

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

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

between competitive and noncompetitive markets; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Allain, the bill was read by title and withdrawn from the files of the Senate.

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

BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Carter	Duplessis	Harris
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Total - 3

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Fesi asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator Fesi asked that Senate Bill No. 57 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 57—

BY SENATOR FESI

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the special assessment level for ad valorem taxes; to provide for eligibility for the special assessment level for residential property receiving the

homestead exemption; to remove income limitations for persons sixty-five or older; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Floor Amendments

Senator Fesi proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Fesi to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 57 by Senator Fesi

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete the set of Senate Floor Amendments (SFASB57 3648 973) proposed by Senator Boudreaux and adopted by the Senate on April 30, 2025.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Delete the set of Senate Floor Amendments (SFASB57 4564 1041) proposed by Senator Myers and adopted by the Senate on April 30, 2025.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 2, after "Article VII," delete the remainder of the line and insert the following: "Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii) and (iii) of the Constitution of Louisiana, and to add Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(i)(ee) and (2)(a)(vi) of the Constitution of Louisiana,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 5, after "exemption," delete the remainder of the line and insert the following: "to increase income limitations for persons eligible to receive the special assessment level; 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"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, delete line 11 and insert the following: "Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii) and (iii) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to add Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(i)(ee) and (2)(a)(vi) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, delete lines 15 through 17 and insert the following:
"(1)(a)(i) The assessment of residential property receiving the homestead exemption which is owned and occupied by any of the following and who meet all of the other requirements of this Section shall not be increased above the total assessment of that property for the first year that the owner qualifies for and receives the special assessment level, provided that such person or persons remain qualified for and receive the special assessment level:
* * *

(ee) Any person who meets the federal poverty guidelines published in the prior calendar year in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under its authority to revise the poverty line pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9902."

(ii) Any person or persons shall be prohibited from receiving the special assessment as provided in this Section if such person's or persons' adjusted gross income, as reported in the federal tax return for the year prior to the application for the special assessment, exceeds one hundred **fifty** thousand dollars. For persons applying for the special assessment whose filing status is married filing separately, the adjusted gross income for purposes of this Section shall be determined by combining the adjusted gross income on both federal tax returns. Beginning for the tax year ~~2026~~**2028**, and for each tax year thereafter, the one hundred **fifty** thousand dollar limit shall be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Government. **Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, a decrease in the total amount of ad valorem tax collected by a taxing authority as a result of the special assessment level shall be absorbed by the taxing authority and shall not create any additional tax liability for other**

taxpayers in the taxing district as a result of any subsequent reappraisal and valuation or millage adjustment. Implementation of the special assessment level shall neither trigger nor be cause for a reappraisal of property or an adjustment of millages pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 23(B) of this constitution.

(iii)(a) An eligible owner or the owner's spouse or other legally qualified representative shall apply for the special assessment level by filing a signed application establishing that the owner qualifies for the special assessment level with the assessor of the parish or, in the parish of Orleans, the assessor of the district where the property is located.

(b) The assessor may establish if a person's or persons' federal adjusted gross income, as reported on the Louisiana state tax return for the year prior to the application is eligible for the special assessment level by verifying the person's or persons' federal adjusted gross income with the secretary of the Department of Revenue."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 9

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

"(2) Provided such owner is qualified for and receives the special assessment level, the special assessment level shall remain on the property as long as:

(a)(i) * * *

(vi) The owner who meets the federal poverty guidelines published in the prior calendar year in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services remains the owner of the home and continues to annually meet the federal poverty guidelines.

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AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, delete lines 20 through 23, and insert the following: "Do you support an amendment to increase the income limitation for persons that qualify for the special assessment level for residential property receiving the homestead exemption and to extend eligibility for the special assessment level for residential property receiving the homestead exemption to certain persons who annually meet federal poverty guidelines?"

(Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii) and (iii); Adds Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(i)(ee) and 2(a)(vi))"

On motion of Senator Fesi, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Barrow	Foil	Myers
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Price
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Selders
Cloud	Lambert	
Duplessis	Luneau	
Total - 16		

NAYS

Abraham	McMath	Seabaugh
Bass	Miguez	Stine
Connick	Miller	Talbot
Edmonds	Morris	Wheat
Hodges	Owen	Womack
Jackson-Andrews	Pressly	
Jenkins	Reese	
Total - 19		

ABSENT

Allain	Cathey
Carter	Harris
Total - 4	

The Chair declared the amended bill failed to pass for lack of receiving the required two-thirds vote.

Notice of Reconsideration

Senator Fesi moved to reconsider on the next Legislative Day the vote by which the bill failed to pass.

Called from the Calendar

Senator Duplessis asked that Senate Bill No. 218 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 218—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 930.4(G) and 930.8(E) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 930.3(9), 930.4(H), and 930.8(A)(7), relative to post conviction relief; to provide relative to applications for post conviction relief based upon a conviction obtained by a non-unanimous jury verdict; to provide relative to grounds for relief; to provide relative to repetitive applications for relief; to provide relative to time limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Duplessis proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Duplessis to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 218 by Senator Duplessis

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, line 20, after "finding of a" change "nonunanimous" to "non-unanimous"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, line 21, after "proved" change "their" to "his"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, line 25, after "guilty to a" change "different" to "greater"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, at the beginning of line 32, change "nonunanimous" to "non-unanimous"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, at the end of line 32, after "limitation" add "described"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, at the end of line 36, after "trial" insert a period "." and add the following:

"E. Where a defendant is charged with any sex crime described in R.S. 14:41 through 43.7, the state may introduce the prior sworn testimony of the victim, regardless of victim availability. Such testimony shall not be subject to the restrictions of Paragraph B of Article 295.

F. A petitioner seeking relief under this Article, who previously knowingly and intentionally waived their right to a bench trial and elected to be tried by a jury shall, if retried, be tried by a jury. The option for a bench trial shall not be available in any subsequent proceedings arising under this Article.

G. Applications for relief under this Article shall not be subject to the provisions of Paragraph F of Article 930.4.

H. It is the intent of the legislature that district courts resolve applications for relief under this Article in a deliberate and orderly manner, giving priority to the cases that have been pending the longest. The legislature recommends the following prioritization schedule:

(1) Applications involving convictions finalized on or before December 31, 1999, be resolved prior to August 1, 2026.

(2) Applications involving convictions finalized between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2010, be resolved prior to August 1, 2027.

(3) Applications involving convictions finalized after January 1, 2011, be resolved prior to August 1, 2028.

I. The prioritization described in Paragraph H of this Article shall be advisory and intended to guide courts in managing caseloads fairly and efficiently while acknowledging the need for timely resolution."

On motion of Senator Duplessis, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator McMath proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator McMath to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 218 by Senator Duplessis

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete the set of Senate Floor Amendments (SFASB218 539 1220) proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Delete the set of Senate Floor Amendments (SFLBSB218 2395 1179) proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 2 and 3 and insert "To enact R.S. 15:574.2.2, relative to"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 5, after "verdict;" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 6 and insert "to allow for parole eligibility for persons convicted by a verdict rendered by a non-unanimous jury; to establish a review board for cases in which a non-unanimous jury verdict was rendered;"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, delete lines 9 through 17 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 21 and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 15:574.2.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§574.2.2. Non-unanimous jury convictions; special committee on parole

A.(1) The Special Committee on Parole for Non-unanimous Jury Convictions, hereinafter referred to as the "special committee", is hereby created in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, which shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this Section. The special committee shall consist of the following members:

(a) Three retired appellate court judges or supreme court justices appointed by the governor.

(b) One retired district attorney or assistant district attorney appointed by the governor from a list of three nominations by the Louisiana District Attorneys Association.

(c) One retired public defender or assistant public defender appointed by the governor from a list of three nominations by the Louisiana Public Defender Board.

(2) In addition to the appointment of the special committee members, the governor shall also appoint one alternate member from each of the categories established by Subparagraphs (1)(a), (b), and (c) of this Subsection. This member shall be of the same qualifications as the special committee members and shall only serve in an ad hoc capacity should any committee member be unable to serve for any reason. The ad hoc member shall be from the same category as the member who is unavailable to serve.

(3) All five special committee members shall be present for any hearing on or in consideration of an application for relief. For all other administrative purposes, four of the five special committee members shall constitute a quorum.

B.(1) The chairman of the special committee shall be appointed by the governor. Additional officers may be elected by majority vote of the membership of the committee. The salary of the special committee members shall be the same as the salaries of the members of the Board of Pardons and shall be established in the same manner.

(2) Ad hoc special committee members shall be paid a per diem at a rate set by the special committee for services rendered due to the recusal or absence of any committee member from any participation in any petitioner's application or consideration.

C. All members appointed to the special committee shall be prohibited from representing any petitioner or victim either directly or indirectly. Any member of the special committee who has or had personal, professional, or financial transactions involving or relating to the petitioner or victim shall be recused from any participation in consideration of that petitioner's application.

D. The special committee shall meet not less than once per month per calendar year to consider applications filed by petitioners. Such dates shall be determined by the chairman. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, persons providing testimony may appear before the committee by means of teleconference or telephone communication.

E. In accordance with the provisions of this Section, the special committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To determine whether the petitioner was convicted of an offense by a non-unanimous jury, and, if so, whether that conviction resulted in a miscarriage of justice.

(2) To determine the specific conditions of release from custody of any petitioner to whom parole was granted pursuant to this Section.

(3) To keep a record of its actions and notify each correctional facility of the special committee's final determination relating to the petitioner's application.

(4) To take testimony under oath at a hearing or by deposition. Under no circumstance shall the victim or the victim's family be compelled to testify at any hearing set or otherwise convened by the special committee or under the provisions of this Section.

(5) To notify the district attorney of the judicial district or the prosecuting authority in the parish where the conviction occurred of the petitioner's application to the special committee.

(6) To notify the district attorney of the judicial district or the prosecuting authority in the parish where the conviction occurred of the special committee's final determination relating to petitioner's application.

(7) To perform any additional duties necessary to enforce the provisions of this Section.

F.(1)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person currently incarcerated who alleges a conviction for an offense rendered by a non-unanimous jury shall be entitled to file an application with the special committee under the provisions of this Section, regardless of the term of imprisonment imposed.

(b) The petitioner shall use the Uniform Application for Special Parole Consideration approved by the Supreme Court of Louisiana. The application shall be signed by the petitioner and be accompanied by a certified copy of the entirety of the record of the proceedings relative to the petitioner's direct appeal of the

conviction on which the petitioner's application is based and the petitioner's affidavit that the allegations contained in the application are true and accurate to the best of petitioner's information and belief. If no direct appeal has been taken, the application shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the trial court record.

(c) Failure of the petitioner to provide supporting documentation with an application shall not be grounds for denial of the petitioner's application. However, if the petitioner submits an application without providing the required certified copy, the petitioner shall include in his affidavit that he requested a certified copy of the entirety of the record of the proceedings relative to the petitioner's direct appeal, or trial court record, of the conviction on which the petitioner's application is based from the clerk of court from the parish of conviction. Thereafter, upon receipt of such documentation from the clerk of court, the petitioner shall be allowed to supplement his application prior to any hearing on the petitioner's application.

(d) Any documents requested by a petitioner pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(c) of this Subsection from the clerk of court of the parish of conviction shall be made available by the clerk of court to the petitioner no later than ninety days after the request is made. A petitioner requesting a certified copy of the record on direct appeal or trial court record for purposes of submitting with an application for relief pursuant to this Section shall be deemed indigent for purposes of the cost of production of the requested record. If the requested documents are unavailable, the clerk of court shall certify the reasons why the requested documents are unavailable and shall provide the certification to the petitioner within ninety days of the request.

(e) The district attorney of the judicial district or prosecuting authority in the parish where the conviction was obtained shall, in all instances, be permitted to file with the special committee a written response to the petitioner's application.

(2)(a) The petitioner shall have the burden of establishing by clear and convincing evidence the non-unanimity of his conviction based exclusively upon the existing certified copy of the entirety of the record submitted with the application. If the petitioner is unable to establish that the verdict was non-unanimous, the special committee shall summarily deny the petitioner's application at a hearing without any further consideration, inquiry, or review for relief under this Section. If the petitioner is able to establish that the verdict was non-unanimous, the special committee shall then consider whether the non-unanimous verdict resulted in a miscarriage of justice.

(b) In determining whether the non-unanimous jury verdict resulted in a miscarriage of justice, evidence shall be limited to the certified copy of the entirety of the record upon which the petitioner's application is based, any testimony of the petitioner or victim, as provided by R.S. 46:1842, et seq., and any written statement submitted by the district attorney of the judicial district where the conviction was obtained. In its evaluation, the special committee may also consider any of the following illustrative, non-exhaustive, non-mandatory factors:

(i) Whether the non-unanimity was the result of juror votes to acquit.

(ii) Whether a juror voted to convict for a responsive verdict when the petitioner was convicted of the offense charged.

(iii) Whether a juror voted to convict for the offense charged when the petitioner was convicted of a responsive verdict.

(iv) The overall strength of the state's case.

(v) The length of deliberations.

(vi) The nature of the offense.

(vii) The assistance of counsel for the applicant at trial and on appeal.

(viii) Any indicia of racial animus in the prosecution of the petitioner's case.

(c) If the petitioner is serving sentences for multiple convictions, the petitioner shall only be eligible to make a single application to the special committee pursuant to this Section for the conviction relative to the offense for which he is serving the

longest sentence. If the petitioner is serving a sentence for multiple convictions under a single bill of information or indictment, the special committee shall consider the issue of non-unanimity for all counts.

(3)(a) The special committee may not grant or deny parole without a hearing on the petitioner's application. The special committee shall schedule an application for hearing at the soonest available committee meeting, but in no event prior to the receipt of the certified copy of the petitioner's record of the proceedings upon which the petitioner's application is based. In addition to notifying the petitioner that the matter has been set for hearing, the special committee shall notify the district attorney in the judicial district where the conviction occurred, and the victim, or a relative of a deceased victim, of the time and date of the hearing.

(b) Except as provided for in Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph, three of the five special committee members shall be required for both an affirmative finding that the petitioner's conviction was the result of a non-unanimous jury verdict and that the non-unanimous verdict resulted in a miscarriage of justice.

(c) In all instances where the petitioner is serving a life sentence, a unanimous vote of the special committee shall be required for both an affirmative finding that the petitioner's conviction was the result of a non-unanimous jury verdict and that the non-unanimous verdict resulted in a miscarriage of justice.

G.(1) The provisions of this Section shall be the exclusive and sole remedy for any petitioner applying for relief on the basis of being convicted by a non-unanimous verdict. However, a claim for relief pursuant to this Section shall not preclude a petitioner from petitioning for relief under any other provision allowed by law not related to the non-unanimous verdict issue. Evidence of the non-unanimous verdict may be used at any other proceedings not under the provisions of this Section subject to the limitations in the Code of Evidence.

(2) Any grant or denial of parole by the special committee shall be deemed as a final determination of the petitioner's application for special parole consideration based on a non-unanimous jury verdict resulting in a miscarriage of justice. A denial of the petitioner's application shall not be subject to appeal or collateral attack nor shall the application be eligible for any reconsideration or rehearing.

(3) All applications pursuant to this Section shall be filed within one year of the effective date of this statute. The special committee shall not consider any petitioner's application for parole filed thereafter pursuant to this Section.

(4) A grant or denial of parole pursuant to this Section may be a consideration in any application made for a pardon by the petitioner when eligible.

(5) If an application is granted resulting in parole release, the term of supervised release shall be the remaining term of the original sentence of conviction or as commuted by the governor.

(6) Upon the completion of a minimum of one-half of the term of parole supervision or twenty-five years, whichever is less, the offender may subsequently petition the committee on parole for consideration of early termination of parole supervision, as provided by 15:574.7(E).

(7) All qualified victims, as provided by R.S. 46:1842 et seq., shall be afforded opportunity and access to all victim services available through the Department of Public Safety and Corrections Victim Services section throughout the entirety of the process from initial application through the duration of any potential parole release.

Section 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall terminate either three years after the effective date of this Act or upon a ruling by the Louisiana Supreme Court that the holding in *Ramos v. Louisiana*, 140 S. Ct. 1390, 206 L.Ed.2d 583 (2020), is retroactive as a matter of Louisiana law, whichever occurs first. Any petitioner who has made application for or has availed himself of the relief provided by Section 1 of this Act shall not be prohibited from obtaining any additional relief afforded him resulting from such a ruling by the Louisiana Supreme Court."

On motion of Senator McMath the amendments were withdrawn.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Barrow	Duplessis	Luneau
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Selders
Total - 9		

NAYS

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

ABSENT

Allain	Fesi
Carter	Harris
Total - 4	

The Chair declared the amended bill failed to pass.

Notice of Reconsideration

Senator Duplessis moved to reconsider on the next Legislative Day the vote by which the bill failed to pass.

Motion

Senator Seabaugh moved to suspend the rules to advance to the order of House Bills on Third Reading and Final Passage, to take up House Bill No. 450 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

HOUSE BILL NO. 450—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMMENT, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, ORGERON, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, TARVER, TURNER, VILLIO, WILDER, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

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

Floor Amendments

Senator Jenkins proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Jenkins to Reengrossed House Bill No. 450 by Representative Melerine

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

Section 4. Pursuant to the provisions of this Act, every motor vehicle insurer authorized to transact business in the state of Louisiana shall reduce its combined rates for bodily injury liability and for property damage by a minimum of two percent in each of its respective territorial service areas. Every motor vehicle insurer authorized to transact business in the state of Louisiana shall make a policy rate filing with the commissioner of insurance for the required minimum rate reduction of two percent within sixty days of the effective date of this Act. The savings provided for in this Section shall be applicable to an insured upon policy renewal or policy issuance."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 1, change "Section 4." to "Section 5."

Senator Jenkins moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Seabaugh objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Barrow	Duplessis	Luneau
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Miller
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Connick	Jenkins	Selders
Total - 12		

NAYS

Mr. President	Hodges	Pressly
Abraham	Kleinpeter	Reese
Allain	Lambert	Seabaugh
Bass	McMath	Stine
Cathey	Miguez	Talbot
Cloud	Mizell	Wheat
Edmonds	Morris	Womack
Fesi	Myers	
Foil	Owen	
Total - 25		

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Owen
Abraham	Hodges	Pressly
Allain	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bass	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	McMath	Stine

Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Connick	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	
Foil	Myers	
Total - 28		

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Luneau
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Selders
Total - 9		

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

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

Motion

Senator Seabaugh moved to suspend the rules to take up House Bill No. 434 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 434—

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

AN ACT

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

Floor Amendments

Senator Duplessis proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Duplessis to Engrossed House Bill No. 434 by Representative Dewitt

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, after line 16, insert the following:

"Section 2. Pursuant to the provisions of this Act, every motor vehicle insurer authorized to transact business in the state of Louisiana shall reduce its combined rates for bodily injury liability and for property damage by a minimum of two percent in each of its respective territorial service areas. Every motor vehicle insurer authorized to transact business in the state of Louisiana shall make a policy rate filing with the commissioner of insurance for the required minimum rate reduction of two percent within sixty days of the effective date of this Act. The savings provided for in this Section shall be applicable to an insured upon policy renewal or policy issuance."

Senator Duplessis moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Seabaugh objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Barrow	Duplessis	Miller
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Selders

Connick	Luneau
Total - 11	
	NAYS

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

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Owen
Abraham	Hodges	Pressly
Allain	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bass	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	McMath	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Connick	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	
Foil	Myers	
Total - 28		

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Luneau
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Selders
Total - 9		

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

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

Motion

Senator Seabaugh moved to suspend the rules to take up House Bill No. 431 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 431—

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

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 2323(A), relative to comparative fault; to establish a modified comparative fault

system; to provide for the recovery of damages; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Luneau proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Luneau to Reengrossed House Bill No. 431 by Representative Chenevert

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, between line 7 and line 8, insert the following:

"Section 2. Pursuant to the provisions of this Act, every motor vehicle insurer authorized to transact business in the state of Louisiana shall reduce its combined rates for bodily injury liability and for property damage by a minimum of two percent in each of its respective territorial service areas. Every motor vehicle insurer authorized to transact business in the state of Louisiana shall make a policy rate filing with the commissioner of insurance for the required minimum rate reduction of two percent within sixty days of the effective date of this Act. The savings provided for in this Section shall be applicable to an insured upon policy renewal or policy issuance."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 8, change "Section 2" to "Section 3"

Senator Luneau moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Seabaugh objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Selders
Bouie	Luneau	
Duplessis	Miller	
Total - 10		

NAYS

Mr. President	Foil	Myers
Abraham	Hensgens	Owen
Allain	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cloud	McMath	Stine
Connick	Miguez	Talbot
Edmonds	Mizell	Wheat
Fesi	Morris	Womack
Total - 27		

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Owen
Abraham	Hodges	Pressly

Allain	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bass	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	McMath	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Connick	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	
Foil	Myers	
Total - 28		

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Luneau
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Selders
Total - 9		

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

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

Motion

Senator Miguez moved to suspend the rules to take up House Bill No. 436 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 436—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT AND EDMONSTON

AN ACT

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

Floor Amendments

Senator Miguez proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miguez to Engrossed House Bill No. 436 by Representative Firment

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, after line 12 insert:

"C. This Article shall not apply to a claim made against an uninsured or underinsured motorist policy which names the unauthorized alien as an insured."

Senator Miguez moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Luneau objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 27

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Luneau
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Selders
Total - 9		

ABSENT

Carter	Harris	Owen
Total - 3		

The Chair declared the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Luneau proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Luneau to Engrossed House Bill No. 436 by Representative Firmment

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, after line 12, insert the following:

"Section 2. Pursuant to the provisions of this Act, every motor vehicle insurer authorized to transact business in the state of Louisiana shall reduce its combined rates for bodily injury liability and for property damage by a minimum of two percent in each of its respective territorial service areas. Every motor vehicle insurer authorized to transact business in the state of Louisiana shall make a policy rate filing with the commissioner of insurance for the required minimum rate reduction of two percent within sixty days of the effective date of this Act. The savings provided for in this Section shall be applicable to an insured upon policy renewal or policy issuance."

Senator Luneau moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Miguez objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Selders
Bouie	Luneau	
Duplessis	Miller	
Total - 10		

NAYS

Mr. President	Foil	Myers
Abraham	Hensgens	Owen
Allain	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cloud	McMath	Stine
Connick	Miguez	Talbot
Edmonds	Mizell	Wheat
Fesi	Morris	Womack
Total - 27		

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

Floor Amendments

Senator Jackson-Andrews proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Jackson-Andrews to Engrossed House Bill No. 436 by Representative Firmment

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "accident;" insert "to provide for proof of citizenship;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 12, insert the following:

"C.(1) The insurer shall verify proof of citizenship prior to the issuance of a motor vehicle policy.

(2) The provisions of this Article shall not apply when the insurer fails to verify proof of citizenship prior to the issuance of the policy."

Senator Jackson-Andrews moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Seabaugh objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Barrow	Duplessis	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Selders
Bouie	Jenkins	
Connick	Luneau	
Total - 10		

NAYS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Myers
Abraham	Hodges	Owen
Allain	Kleinpeter	Pressly
Bass	Lambert	Reese
Cathey	McMath	Seabaugh
Cloud	Miguez	Stine
Edmonds	Miller	Talbot
Fesi	Mizell	Wheat
Foil	Morris	Womack
Total - 27		

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

Floor Amendments

Senator Luneau proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Luneau to Engrossed House Bill No. 436 by Representative Firmment

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after ""accident;" insert "to provide for an award of exemplary damages; to provide for vicarious liability;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 12, insert the following:

"C. In addition to general and special damages, exemplary damages shall be awarded upon proof that the injuries on which the action is based were caused by the fault of the unauthorized alien.

D. In addition to the provisions of Article 2320 of the Civil Code, employers shall be vicariously liable for the exemplary damages awarded pursuant to Subsection C of this Article upon proof

that the unauthorized alien was in the course and scope of employment at the time of the automobile accident."

Senator Luneau moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Seabaugh objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Barrow	Duplessis	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Selders
Bouie	Jenkins	
Connick	Luneau	
Total - 10		

NAYS

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

ABSENT

Abraham	Carter	Harris
Total - 3		

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

The bill was read by title. Senator Miguez 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	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cathey	McMath	Seabaugh
Cloud	Miguez	Stine
Connick	Miller	Talbot
Edmonds	Mizell	Wheat
Fesi	Morris	Womack
Total - 27		

NAYS

Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Selders
Bouie	Lambert	
Duplessis	Luneau	
Total - 10		

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

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

Motion

Senator Reese moved to suspend the rules to revert to the order of Senate Bills on Third Reading and Final Passage, Subject to Call to take up Senate Bill No. 231 out of its regular order.

Senator Luneau objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Pressly
Abraham	Hodges	Reese
Allain	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Bass	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Myers	
Foil	Owen	
Total - 25		

NAYS

Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Morris
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Price
Bouie	Luneau	Selders
Duplessis	Miller	
Total - 11		

ABSENT

Carter	Cathey	Harris
Total - 3		

The Chair declared the rules were suspended.

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator Reese asked that Senate Bill No. 231 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 231— BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

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

Floor Amendments

Senator Seabaugh proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Seabaugh to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 231 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 6, after "definitions;" delete the remainder of the line, delete line 7, and insert "to provide relative to obtaining"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 10 through 13

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the beginning of line 14, change "(3)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 17 through 29, and on page 3, delete lines 1 and 2

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, at the beginning of line 3, change "(6)" to "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, at the beginning of line 7, change "(7)" to "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 14, after "billed." delete the remainder of the line, and delete lines 15 through 20

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, delete lines 26 through 29, and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 3

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4, at the beginning of line 4, change "E." to "**D.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, delete lines 8 through 20, and insert the following:

"E. In a trial to recover past medical expenses provided by Subsections B, C, or D of this Section, the trier of fact shall be informed of the amounts billed and amounts actually paid for medical expenses that have been incurred by the claimant. This shall include the amounts paid to a medical provider by or on behalf of the claimant, and the amounts remaining owed to a medical provider, including medical expenses secured by a contractual or statutory privilege, lien, or guarantee.

F. In a jury trial, only after a jury verdict is rendered may the court receive evidence related to the limitations of recoverable past medical expenses provided by Subsection B or D of this Section. The jury shall be informed only of the amount billed by a medical provider for medical treatment. Whether any person, health insurance issuer, or Medicare has paid or has agreed to pay, in whole or in part, any of a claimant's medical expenses, shall not be disclosed to the jury. In trial to the court alone, the court may consider such evidence.

In cases where the attorney for the claimant has entered into a pre-negotiated agreement with a medical provider of the claimant whereby the medical provider has agreed to accept as full compensation an amount less than the amount billed, a claimant's recovery of medical expenses shall be limited to the amount actually paid pursuant to the pre-negotiated agreement, and any applicable cost sharing amounts paid or owed by the claimant."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, at the beginning of line 21, change "**H.**" to G."

Senator Seabaugh moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Luneau objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Owen
Abraham	Hodges	Pressly
Allain	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bass	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	McMath	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Edmonds	Mizell	Wheat
Fesi	Morris	Womack
Foil	Myers	

Total - 26

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Miller
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Selders
Connick	Luneau	

Total - 11

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
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Total - 2

The Chair declared the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Seabaugh proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Seabaugh to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 231 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Amendment No. 10 proposed by Senator Seabaugh (SFASB231 539 2143) and adopted by the Senate on May 21, 2025, on page 1, line 26, after "**claimant**," delete the remainder of the line, and delete lines 27 through 29

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Amendment No. 10 proposed by Senator Seabaugh (SFASB231 539 2143) and adopted by the Senate on May 21, 2025, on page 2, line 1, before "**In cases**" insert the following: "**The recovery of past medical expenses other than those provided by Subsections B or C of this Section shall include the amounts paid to a medical provider by or on behalf of the claimant, and the amounts remaining owed to a medical provider, including medical expenses secured by a contractual or statutory privilege, lien, or guarantee.**

G."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

Delate Amendment No. 11 proposed by Senator Seabaugh (SFASB231 539 2143) and adopted by the Senate on May 21, 2025.

On motion of Senator Seabaugh, 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	Morris
Abraham	Hensgens	Myers

Allain	Hodges	Owen
Bass	Kleinpeter	Pressly
Cathey	Lambert	Reese
Cloud	McMath	Seabaugh
Connick	Miguez	Stine
Edmonds	Miller	Talbot
Fesi	Mizell	Wheat

Total - 27

NAYS

Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Selders
Duplessis	Luneau	

Total - 8

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris
Carter	Womack

Total - 4

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.

Motion

Senator Talbot moved to suspend the rules to advance to the order of House Bills on Third Reading and Final Passage, to take up House Bill No. 148 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

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.

Floor Amendments

Senator Talbot proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Talbot to Reengrossed House Bill No. 148 by Representative Wiley

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "1454(A)" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and (B)(5),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, before "1465(A)(1)" insert "1464(D), and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, after "renewals;" insert "to provide for public inspection with respect to rates and supporting information; to require the commissioner of insurance to determine if information is confidential, trade secret, or proprietary relative to public inspection;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 12, after "1454(A)" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and (B)(5),"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, at the beginning of line 13, before "1465(A)(1)" insert "1464(D), and"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, delete line 3 and insert the following:

"B. In determining whether rates are excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory, consideration may be given to the following items:

* * *

(5) Other relevant factors. Any other factors available at the time of the rate filing, including but not limited to rates computed in accordance with accepted actuarial standards.

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§1464. Rate Filing

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D.(1) All rates, supplementary rate information, and any supporting information filed pursuant to this Subpart shall be open to public inspection upon expiration of the notification period as applicable pursuant to R.S. 22:1451, or upon disapproval, except for information which is deemed that is confidential, trade secret, or proprietary by the insurer or filer. The determination of whether such information is in fact confidential, trade secret, or proprietary shall be made by the commissioner.

(2)(a) If the commissioner receives a request for any information which has been marked by the insurer or filer as confidential, trade secret, or proprietary, prior to disclosure, the commissioner shall notify the insurer or filer in writing of the request and the commissioner's determination of whether or not the information so requested is subject to disclosure.

(b) Within ten days of receipt of the notification, the insurer or filer may request a hearing before the division of administrative law in accordance with R.S. 22:2191 et seq. In the event of a hearing request, the commissioner's determination as to whether the information is confidential, trade secret, or proprietary shall be stayed.

(c) Any action brought pursuant to this Paragraph shall be tried by preference and in a summary manner. The court may review the documents in-camera before reaching a decision.

(3) Nothing in this Subsection precludes the public examination or reproduction of any record or part of a record which is not confidential, proprietary, or trade secret.

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Senator Talbot moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Bass objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Mizell
Abraham	Jackson-Andrews	Morris
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Myers
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Price
Cathey	Lambert	Reese
Cloud	Luneau	Stine
Connick	McMath	Talbot
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Foil	Miller	

Total - 26

NAYS

Allain	Fesi	Seabaugh
Bass	Owen	Wheat
Edmonds	Pressly	

Total - 8

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Selders
Carter	Hodges	
Total - 5		

The Chair declared the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Morris
Abraham	Jackson-Andrews	Myers
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Price
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Selders
Cloud	Luneau	Stine
Connick	McMath	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Foil	Mizell	
Total - 26		

NAYS

Allain	Fesi	Pressly
Bass	Miguez	Seabaugh
Edmonds	Owen	Wheat
Total - 9		

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris
Carter	Hodges
Total - 4	

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed and ordered it returned to the House. Senator Talbot 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.

Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57— BY SENATOR HENRY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Steven Joseph Miguez and to recognize and commend his life of service, entrepreneurship, and devotion to family and community.

Senator Henry asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57 a first and second time.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Owen
Abraham	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly

Bass	Jenkins	Price
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bouie	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	Luneau	Selders
Cloud	McMath	Stine
Connick	Miguez	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	
Foil	Myers	
Total - 34		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Allain	Carter	Hodges
Barrow	Harris	
Total - 5		

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

May 20, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

HB No. 5	HB No. 6	HB No. 116
HB No. 120	HB No. 160	HB No. 297
HB No. 359	HB No. 481	HB No. 486
HB No. 497	HB No. 585	HB No. 639
HB No. 657	HB No. 661	HB No. 689
HB No. 690	HB No. 691	HB No. 47
HB No. 179	HB No. 240	HB No. 242
HB No. 282	HB No. 296	HB No. 184
HB No. 357	HB No. 467	HB No. 533
HB No. 610	HB No. 622	HB No. 298
HB No. 165	HB No. 172	

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:46.3(A)(1) and (D)(2), 82.2(C)(1), (4), and (5), 83(B)(1)(b), (2), and (3), 83.1(B)(2) and (3), 83.2(B)(2) and (3), 84(B)(2) and (3), 85(B)(2) and (3), 86(B)(1)(b) and (c), 89.2(B)(3), 104(B)(2) and (3), 105(B)(2) and (3), and 282(B)(2) and (3), R.S. 15:539.1(A), 539.2(A), 541(24)(a), R.S. 46:1844(W)(2)(a), and Code of Criminal Procedure Article

571.1, to enact R.S. 14:46.3(A)(7) and 83(C), and to repeal R.S. 14:82.1 and R.S. 15:541(25)(g) and 1352(A)(47), relative to offenses concerning prostitution; to provide for certain prostitution offenses; to provide for penalties; to provide for a definition; to provide with respect to sex offender registration and notification requirements; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:71.5, relative to misappropriation without violence; to create the crime of misappropriation of funds in connection with the payment of utility services; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 47—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2494(C)(7), relative to the city of Alexandria; to provide for the classified police service; to provide for the certification and appointment of eligible persons; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 116—

BY REPRESENTATIVES EGAN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, CHASSION, CREWS, DAVIS, DICKERSON, EMERSON, HORTON, JACKSON, KNOX, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:122(B)(7) and (8) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund; to expand the authorized expenditures of the fund to include indigent veteran burials and indigent student benefits; to provide for annual grants from the fund; to provide for application requirements for the grants; to provide for use of the grant funds; to provide for audits of the grantees; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 120—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILEY, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CHASSION, DEVILLIER, EGAN, FIRMENT, HORTON, KERNER, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, SPELL, STAGNI, THOMPSON, VILLIO, WALTERS, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:26.1(A)(1), (B)(6), (C)(1) and (2)(a), and (F), 38.1(A), 38.2(A)(1) and (C), 402(A) and (B), and 403(11) and (13), relative to the military forces of this state; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to death and disability benefits; to provide relative to prohibition of academic penalties; to provide for employment and other servicemembers protections; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 160—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DICKERSON, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FISHER, JACKSON, OWEN, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1141(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 42:1141(D) and 1153(C), relative to enforcement of laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics; to provide relative to ethics complaints; to provide for the investigative powers of the Board of Ethics; to provide for the procedure for making complaints; to provide for a prohibition against retaliation; to

provide for penalties for making a false complaint and retaliating; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 165—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3306(A)(2)(introductory paragraph), relative to the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District; to remove the deadline for the board to promulgate regulations for watershed management; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 172—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:1855(M)(2) and (P)(1)(introductory paragraph), relative to the Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act; to extend the date for which permit exceptions are 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. 179—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1456(A), (B)(3), and (D), relative to the membership of the board of commissioners of the Capital Area Transit System; to add a member of the Amalgamated Transit Union to the board; to provide for voting privileges; to provide for the removal of board members; to provide for a temporary replacement if the union representative is removed; to prohibit the union representative from being counted in the total number of seats during a reapportionment period; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 184—

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and 297.26, relative to individual income tax; to authorize a deduction from tax table income for certain taxpayers for hardship distributions from retirement accounts; to provide for eligibility for the deduction; to provide for definitions; 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. 240—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.41(A) and (B), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Brookstown Neighborhood Crime Prevention District; to change the name of the 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 placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 242—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9103(A)(6), relative to the East Baton Rouge Parish Communications District; to provide relative to the membership of the board of commissioners; to increase the

membership of the board; to provide for appointment of board members; to provide relative to the terms of office of the board 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. 282—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9097.50, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to create the Cypress Point Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to district funding, including the authority to impose a parcel fee, subject to voter approval, within the district; to provide with respect to termination of the district; 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. 296—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG, JACKSON, AND MARCELLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.70.5, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the distribution of sales and use tax revenue collected by the parish governing authority on the sale of admission tickets to and concessions and parking at certain events; to provide relative to the approval of such distributions; 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. 297—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(C)(1) and (P)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 38:2212(C)(5), relative to contract limitations for public works projects by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to provide for a "contract limit" for public works projects to be completed by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to remove the ten-day time frame for a public entity to post notice of a public emergency in its official journal; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 298—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4710.11(A) and (D), 4710.13(3), (7), (8), and (13), 4710.15.1(A), 4710.15.2(A), 4710.16, 4710.17(A), 4710.17.1(A) and (D), 4710.24(A), (B)(1), (C)(1), and (F), 4710.25(A), 4710.26(B), 4710.28(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (2), and 4710.29 and to repeal R.S. 33:4710.14, 4710.15(B)(5), 4710.15.1(B)(4), 4710.15.2(B)(5), 4710.23(A)(4) and (B)(4), 4710.24(E), 4710.25(D), 4710.26(C), and 4710.30, relative to the Ernest N. Morial-New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the authority; 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. 357—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, COATES, DEWITT, FISHER, FREIBERG, HUGHES, ILLG, KERNER, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.4, relative to integrative treatments for cancer; to require health insurance coverage for such treatments; to require coverage for Medicare enrollees; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability 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. 359—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MILLER, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CARRIER, DICKERSON, FISHER, FREIBERG, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCMAKIN, MOORE, NEWELL, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, WALTERS, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1216.2 and R.S. 46:2168.1, relative to human trafficking; to establish procedures for treating victims of human trafficking; to establish the Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Advisory Board; to require the board to prepare a protocol; to require the board to report to the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 467—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY AND MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1059.6 and R.S. 40:1081.13, relative to health insurance coverage; to require coverage for amino acid-based elemental formulas for infants and children when medically necessary; to provide application to Medicaid coverage; to provide for application to coverage plans; 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. 481—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 26:81.1 and 281.1, relative to limitations of the issuance of certain alcohol beverage permits; to prohibit the issuance of alcoholic beverage permits in certain areas; to provide for a temporary moratorium; to provide for an effective date; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 486—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FISHER, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, CHASSION, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GREEN, HUGHES, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, PHELPS, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, WALTERS, WILLARD, AND YOUNG
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:173.1, relative to mental health services for students; to require public schools to offer a mental health assessment to certain students at the beginning of each school year; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 497—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:317(B)(1) and (2)(b) and (d) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Catch and Cook Program; to allow charter boat captains to provide fish directly to retail food establishments; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 533—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:386 and R.S. 47:6033(G) and to enact R.S. 47:6003, relative to tax credits; to establish a tax credit for employment of certain apprentices, interns, and youth workers; to provide for the amount of the credit; to provide for qualifications for the credit; to provide for requirements and limitations with respect to the credit; to provide for claiming of the credit; to authorize recovery of credit amounts in certain circumstances; to provide relative to apprenticeship programs of the Louisiana Workforce Commission; to limit the period in which a tax credit relative to apprenticeships may be earned; to provide for definitions; to authorize promulgation of administrative rules; 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. 585—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1115, relative to notice requirements for Class V and Class VI permit applications; to require notice to surface and mineral owners of property that may be burdened with a carbon dioxide storage facility; to prohibit carbon dioxide sequestration activity and permitting without providing required notice; to provide for the persons entitled to receive notice; to require notice by certified mail; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 610—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:338.221(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:338.221(E), relative to the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to an occupancy tax levied on short-term rentals of overnight lodging; to increase the maximum tax authorized to be levied by the governing authority of the city; to provide relative to the rental of short-term rentals through online platforms; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 622—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.4 and R.S. 40:1081.13, relative to treatments for cancer; to require health insurance coverage for histotripsy procedures when medically necessary for the treatment of liver cancer; to provide for application to Medicaid coverage; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability relative to coverage plans; 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. 639—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:625(B) and (G)(8) and to enact R.S. 17:1792 and R.S. 27:625(G)(9) and (10), relative to online sports wagering tax revenue and student athletes; to provide for the tax rate on online sports wagering; to allocate online sports wagering tax revenue; to create a fund for the benefit of university athletic departments; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 657—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1046(G)(1)(b) and (H)(2)(a), relative to fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health for therapeutic marijuana; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to collect an annual fee from retail permit holders authorized to sell therapeutic marijuana; to provide relative to information collected by the Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 661—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:4.7, 31.32(D) and (E), and 1046(G)(1)(b), to enact R.S. 40:31.31.1 and 31.40, and to repeal R.S. 40:31.32 (F), relative to fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health; to provide for vendor fees at certain events; to provide for fees for export and free sale certificates; to provide for sewage fees; to establish fees for the review of plans for certain facilities; to establish fees related to the sale and production of therapeutic marijuana; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 689— (Substitute for House Bill No. 305 by Representative Deshotel)

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:2370.13, 2370.15, 2370.32(B), 2370.41, and 2370.51 and to enact R.S. 51:1362.1, relative to the regulation of certain broadband services; to provide for the oversight and enforcement authority of the office of broadband development and connectivity; to provide for administration fees; to provide for reimbursement of grantees; to provide for grants; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 690— (Substitute for House Bill No. 377 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, AMEDEE, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CREWS, EGAN, FIRMINT, HORTON, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:5.13, relative to the administration of medical activities under Emergency Use Authorization; to require the surgeon general to promulgate rules for the administration of emergency use authorization-related medical activities; to provide for the applicability of these rules to all members of the healthcare community; to specify that these rules apply during health emergencies and regular operations; to provide for the scope and content of the rules; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 691— (Substitute for House Bill No. 568 by Representative Carrier)

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1106(D)(1) and 1107.1(C) and to enact R.S. 30:1107.1(B)(4) and (5) and (D) through (F), relative to carbon dioxide sequestration; to increase civil penalties; to add reporting requirements; to impose criminal penalties for willful and knowing failures to report; to require notice to the public and emergency responders; 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.

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 21, 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. 62

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62— BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Robert "Bob" Winfred Merrick and to honor his life, legacy, and contributions to Louisiana.

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. 74— BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 77— BY REPRESENTATIVES TURNER, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, FREIBERG, HORTON, ILLG, KERNER, MACK, SCHLEGEL, AND THOMPSON AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 85— BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 164— BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 193— BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 256— BY REPRESENTATIVES MCMAKIN, BOYD, AND CHASSION AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 286— BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 303— BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 310—BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 405—BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 409—BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 433—BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

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

duties of the state treasurer; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of Louisiana Economic Development; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 442—BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 494—BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 500—BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 507—BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 513—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 531—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 605—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 685— (Substitute for House Bill No. 421 by Representative Chenevert)

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 687— (Substitute for House Bill No. 616 by Representative Wright)

BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT, HUGHES, MENA, AND TAYLOR

AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 688— (Substitute for House Bill No. 633 by Representative Braud)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

AN ACT

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

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

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY

AN ACT

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

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

Message from the House**SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 21, 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. 48—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate September 21-28, 2025, as Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week in Louisiana.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

May 21, 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 Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HOUSE BILL NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:416(A)(3)(b), relative to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System; to provide for the reemployment of retirees; to provide for eligibility; to provide for an exemption from any increase, suspension, or decrease of benefits as a result of reemployment under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 66—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

AN ACT

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 131—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM

AN ACT

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 142—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MENA, BACALA, BAYHAM, BOYD, BRASS, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSON, 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.

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.

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, CHASSON, 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 AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, CLOUD, CONNICK, MCMATH, AND WHEAT

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 189—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TRAVIS JOHNSON AND THOMPSON AND SENATORS BARROW, CARTER, AND JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 549—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAMERHORN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMONT, 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.

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 Bills and Joint Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

Total - 37

ABSENT

Carter	Harris
Total - 2	

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Carter	1 Day	Harris	1 Day
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Announcements

The following committee meetings for May 27, 2025, were announced:

Finance	10:00 A.M.	Room A
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs	10:00 A.M.	Hainkel Room

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Edmonds, at 10:14 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE
Journal Clerk