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**THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

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Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

The Senate was called to order at 4:38 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

**Morning Hour**

**CONVENING ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mr. President	Hodges	Myers
Allain	Jackson-Andrews	Owen
Barrow	Kleinpeter	Pressly
Bass	Lambert	Price
Boudreaux	Luneau	Reese
Duplessis	McMath	Seabaugh
Edmonds	Miguez	Selders
Fesi	Miller	Wheat
Foil	Mizell	Womack
Hensgens	Morris	
Total - 29		

ABSENT

Abraham	Cloud	Jenkins
Carter	Connick	Stine
Cathey	Harris	Talbot
Total - 9		

The President of the Senate announced there were 29 Senators present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

The prayer was offered by Senator Gregory Miller, 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 Miller, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of March 10, 2026, was adopted.

**Introduction of Senate Resolutions**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17—**  
BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Brooklyn Antoinette Kersey on being selected as the 2025-2026 "Student of the Year" at Doyle High School in Livingston Parish.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18—**  
BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the feasibility of allowing an exception to the homestead exemption from seizure for certain unpaid or accelerated costs subject to the Louisiana Condominium Act.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19—**  
BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Grady R. Hazel, CPA, CGMA, and to honor his extraordinary life, leadership, and enduring contributions to the state of Louisiana and the accounting profession.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20—**  
BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Maggie Danielle Richardson on being selected as the 2025-2026 "Student of the Year" at Albany High School in Livingston Parish.

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

**Introduction of  
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—**  
BY SENATOR FESI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Anchor Home Task Force to study the feasibility of offering tax credits to incentivize the hiring of resident Louisiana college graduates to live and work in Louisiana during the first five years after graduation.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—**  
BY SENATOR BASS AND REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend John Keith, of AllState Land and Timber, upon being named the "Louisiana Outstanding Logger of the Year" and to recognize his commitment to practicing safe and efficient logging practices in Louisiana.

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

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on  
Second Reading to be Referred**

**SENATE BILL NO. 405—**  
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2009.10.2, relative to nursing facilities; to provide for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Quality Rating System; to provide requirements for one-star rated facilities; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Louisiana Department of Health; 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 Health and Welfare.

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Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11— BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Rachel Henry on being selected the 2025-2026 "Student of the Year" at Live Oak High School in Livingston Parish.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12— BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate John Rodriguez upon being named the 2025-2026 "Student of the Year" at Maurepas High School in Livingston Parish.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13— BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Parker Posey on being selected the 2025-2026 "Student of the Year" at Holden High School in Livingston Parish.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14— BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize the history of Irish Americans and the 250th anniversary of their signing of the Declaration of Independence.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15— BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize the women who play a critical role in Louisiana's many industries, particularly the chemical industry.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9— BY SENATOR CATHEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to immediately address the growing practice of congressional "carpetbagging" by proposing and enacting legislation, or a constitutional amendment if necessary, to require candidates for the United States House of Representatives to reside within the congressional district they seek to represent.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10— BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Dr. Norman Christopher Francis upon the occasion of his passing.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Hodges, Owen, Allain, Kleinpeter, Pressly, Barrow, Lambert, Price, Bass, Luneau, Reese, Boudreaux, McMath, Seabaugh, Duplessis, Miguez, Selders, Edmonds, Miller, Wheat, Fesi, Mizell, Womack, Foil, Morris, Hensgens, Myers, Total - 28

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Abraham, Connick, Stine, Carter, Harris, Talbot, Cathey, Jackson-Andrews, Cloud, Jenkins, Total - 10

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8— BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Drew Brees for being elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Kleinpeter, Myers, Allain, Lambert, Owen, Bass, Luneau, Pressly, Edmonds, McMath, Reese, Fesi, Miguez, Seabaugh, Foil, Miller, Wheat, Hensgens, Mizell, Womack, Hodges, Morris, Total - 23

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Abraham, Cloud, Jenkins, Barrow, Connick, Price, Boudreaux, Duplessis, Selders, Carter, Harris, Stine, Cathey, Jackson-Andrews, Talbot, Total - 15

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Charles James "Charlie" Kirk, co-founder of Turning Point USA.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. President	Kleinpeter	Myers
Allain	Lambert	Owen
Bass	Luneau	Pressly
Edmonds	McMath	Reese
Fesi	Miguez	Seabaugh
Foil	Miller	Wheat
Hensgens	Mizell	Womack
Hodges	Morris	
Total - 23		

**NAYS**

Total - 0

**ABSENT**

Abraham	Cloud	Jenkins
Barrow	Connick	Price
Boudreaux	Duplessis	Selders
Carter	Harris	Stine
Cathy	Jackson-Andrews	Talbot
Total - 15		

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. President	Hodges	Morris
Allain	Kleinpeter	Myers
Bass	Lambert	Owen
Boudreaux	Luneau	Pressly
Edmonds	McMath	Reese
Fesi	Miguez	Seabaugh
Foil	Miller	Wheat
Hensgens	Mizell	Womack
Total - 24		

**NAYS**

Total - 0

**ABSENT**

Abraham	Connick	Price
Barrow	Duplessis	Selders

Carter	Harris	Stine
Cathy	Jackson-Andrews	Talbot
Cloud	Jenkins	
Total - 14		

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

**Reports of Committees**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON**

**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:

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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 BILL NO. 39—**

BY SENATOR MIZELL

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3556(F), relative to the licensure of massage therapists; to provide for a provisional license for massage therapist graduates; to require notification to a client; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 163—**

BY SENATOR REESE

**AN ACT**

To repeal Section 2 of Act No. 700 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the licensure and regulation of virtual currency businesses; to provide relative to the authority, functions, and duties of the office of financial institutions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 254—**

BY SENATOR MIZELL

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 9:3518.5 and 3518.6, relative to debit card surcharges; to prohibit certain excess surcharges; to provide for liability; to provide reporting requirements; to provide for enforcement; to provide for civil penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 279—**

BY SENATOR MORRIS

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:255(A) and (G) and 1204 and R.S. 12:1-625(A) and to enact R.S. 6:707(E), relative to banks; to provide for certificates of stocks; to provide for uncertificated shares; to provide for terms, conditions, exceptions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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**SENATE BILL NO. 375—**  
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1615(A)(4) and to enact R.S. 40:1615(A)(5), relative to fire fighting foam; to provide for Class B fire fighting foam containing fluorinated organic chemicals; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
BETH MIZELL  
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:

March 11, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 23—**  
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:5.5(E)(2)(j), relative to food service establishments; to provide for an exemption to the definition of food service establishment; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 26—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 40:2116(B)(5) and 2159, relative to opioid treatment programs; to repeal the facility need review requirements for opioid treatment programs; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 29—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5713(C), relative to autopsies of children; to require coroners to perform autopsies on certain children; to provide for the review of immunization records; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 30—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1223.4(D), relative to telehealth services; to provide for the use of telehealth; to provide for the regulation of telehealth by state agencies and licensing boards; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 32—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part XII-A of Chapter 5-B of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and to enact R.S. 40:1124.3, relative to perinatal care; to provide for the Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for funding; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 45—**  
BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2183.1, relative to hospice care; to exempt certain organizations from hospice licensure; to provide for criteria for exempted organizations; to provide for services performed at an exempted organization; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 150—**  
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:42.1, relative to vital records; to provide for the scanning of documents; to provide for the creation of electronic files; to provide for the issuance of certified copies of documents; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 253—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:23.5, relative to peptides; to provide for the regulation of peptides by licensing boards; to provide requirements for providers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

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:

March 11, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 84—**  
BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1028(B)(1) and (E), relative to prostate cancer screening; to provide for insurance coverage for screening of men over the age of forty in accordance with the guidelines from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network; to prohibit out-of-pocket expenses for cancer screening services; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 246—**  
BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1260.44(E)(2) and to enact R.S. 22:1260.49 and 2401(4), relative to the use of artificial intelligence by insurers; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice; to provide for utilization review and determination by a human; to provide for appeals; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,  
KIRK TALBOT  
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

Senator W. Jay Luneau, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 41—**  
BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 43:144, relative to penalties for failure to timely publish minutes; to expand the number of days for publication of minutes; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 148—**  
BY SENATOR STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:103(C)(1)(l), relative to the city of Lake Charles planning commission; to authorize the governing authority of the city of Lake Charles to pay members of the Lake Charles planning commission a per diem; to provide for the rate of per diem paid to commission members and the number of meetings for which per diem shall be paid; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 172—**  
BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:113(A) and (B), relative to the development of parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to planning commissions; to provide relative to the administrative procedures for approving plats by planning commissions; to provide relative to exceptions for certain municipalities; to provide relative to certain requirements or restrictions for approval of plats; to provide relative to the waiver of a public hearing in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 334—**  
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2575(A), relative to enforcement of ordinances by a municipality or parish; to provide relative to blighted or abandoned property; to provide relative to public health, housing, fire codes, building codes, zoning, vegetation, nuisances, environmental, historic district, and licensing and permits ordinances; to provide relative to procedures for administrative adjudication; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 380—**  
BY SENATOR CARTER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9091.30, relative to Orleans Parish; to create the Real Timbers Crime Prevention and Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, authority, powers, duties, and functions of the district; to

provide for district funding; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 385—**  
BY SENATOR HARRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 1 of Act No. 130 of the 1896 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 395 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 257 of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Act No. 613 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Section 1 through 8 of Act No. 569 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 13 of the 1998 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, Act No. 395 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Act No. 613 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature relative to the New Orleans City Park Police; to provide for the authority, duties, commissioning, and training of the New Orleans City Park Police; to provide for the administration of the New Orleans City Park Police; to provide for approval of the board of commissioners of the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association; to provide for board membership; to provide for obligations of the board; to provide for matters related to insurance for City Park; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. JAY LUNEAU  
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 71—**  
BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer of state property in Lafayette Parish; to provide for the property description; to provide for reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 174—**  
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer of state property in Caddo Parish; to provide for the property description; to provide for reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 205—**  
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.19 and 851.22(A), relative to boat registrations; to provide for vessel certificate numbers; to provide for motorboats, houseboats, and sailboats; to provide for

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approved numbering systems; to provide for documented vessels; to provide for federal documentation and marking of vessels; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 213—  
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:852.3 and 852.4(A), relative to vessel and motor titling; to provide for titling requirements for certain vessels and outboard motors; to provide for exceptions and limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 229—  
BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer of state property in Bossier Parish; to provide for the property description; to provide for reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 243—  
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.29, relative to vessel stops and boardings; to provide for vessel operation and equipment; to provide for safety of persons and property; to provide for law enforcement; to provide for compliance; to provide for authority to stop and board vessels; to provide for probable cause; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 244—  
BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:256, relative to recreational alligator hunting; to provide for a special season; to provide for taking alligators; to provide for possession; to provide for quotas; to provide for season modifications; to provide for residency; to provide for methods of taking; to provide for harvest hours; to provide for licenses; to provide for tags; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for violations; to provide for Louisiana Wildlife Commission authority; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 379—  
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:3(7), 4(C)(14), (D)(1)(a) and (5), (G), and (I)(2), 5(C)(1), the introductory paragraph of (C)(2), and (6), and (D)(1), 5.1(A)(1) and (B)(1), 6.1(A) and (C), 23(D)(2), 26, 29(A), (I)(4), 73(1), 74(A)(3) and (B), 98.3(B), 101.2(A), 101.5, 135, 149(B), 149.1(A) and (E), 150(B)(4) and (5), (C)(1), (D), (F)(1) and (3), 209(2) and (4)(b) and (e), 209.2(B), 209.3(A) and (E), the introductory paragraph of 548, 917(F), 1110(C)(1)(f) and (g), and R.S. 36:357(A) and 358(B), to enact R.S. 30:84(A)(9) and (10) and (B), and to repeal R.S. 30:4(O)(3), relative to the Department of Energy and Natural Resources as the Department of Conservation and Energy; to provide for technical corrections to the structure and organization of the department; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,  
BOB HENSGENS  
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:

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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 BILL NO. 49—  
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:2(12), relative to party primary elections; to remove the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from the party primary elections; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 218—  
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:59.4(D)(1), relative to certification programs; to provide for training programs approved by the State Board of Election Supervisors; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 220—  
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 43:24(C), relative to the official journal of the state; to provide for a technical correction; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 248—  
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 18:531.1(A) and 531.1(A)(2) and to enact R.S. 18:531.1(A)(3), relative to polling places; to provide that a polling place for a precinct is not required to be opened under certain circumstances; to provide relative to the powers, duties, and authority of registrars of voters relative to polling places; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 289—  
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:4(65) through (67), relative to public records; to provide for exemptions to the public records law for certain university records; to provide for confidentiality of applicants for certain executive-level university positions; to provide for the privacy of university donors; to provide for the confidentiality of research and proprietary information at universities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 397—  
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:586(C), relative to vacancies; to provide for vacancies when an elected official has retired, resigned, or been removed from office; to prohibit an official who has retired,

resigned, or been removed from office from being appointed to or qualifying for election to the same office in which the official resigned, retired, or was removed; to provide for certain exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 50—  
BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate the Bayou Dularge Bascule Bridge in Terrebonne Parish as the "Elward T. Brady Memorial Bridge"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 55—  
BY SENATOR STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:295.1(A)(1), relative to seatbelts; to provide for the proper way to wear a seatbelt; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 69—  
BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1951(B)(2)(a), (c), (d), and (g), relative to the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission; to provide for the composition of the board of commissioners; to provide for the submission of nominees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 96—  
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Fallen Heroes" special prestige license plate; to provide for creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to the license plate; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 101—  
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 384 in Calcasieu Parish as the "Daniel Edward Didelot Memorial Highway"; to provide for location

and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 103—  
BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of United States Highway 425 in Wisner, Louisiana, as the "Gladys Edwards Highway"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 159—  
BY SENATOR WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 17 in Franklin Parish, as the "Deputy Roy Gonzales Memorial Highway"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 160—  
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of United States Highway 171 in Sabine Parish as "Joe R. Salter Memorial Highway"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 182—  
BY SENATOR WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of United States Highway 425 in Franklin Parish as the "Mayor Billy Cobb Memorial Highway"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
GARY CARTER  
Vice-Chair

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SENATE BILL NO. 8—  
BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:1732(14)(a)(xiv), relative to participation in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for an additional employer in the system; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 10—  
BY SENATOR PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 11:102(B)(1)(a) and to repeal R.S. 11:102(F)(3), 102.4, and 1332, relative to the Louisiana State Police Retirement System; to provide relative to determination of employer contributions;

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to provide relative to amortization of certain actuarial gains; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 11—**  
BY SENATOR PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:102(F)(4)(b), relative to the Louisiana State Police Retirement System and to the funding mechanism for payment of benefit increases to persons receiving benefits from the Louisiana State Police Retirement System; to provide for the determination of required employer contributions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 12—**  
BY SENATOR PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1301, 1305(B), 1307.1(B)(2), 1310(A)(1), and (2)(a), 1333, 1334, and 1345.2(1), relative to the Louisiana State Police Retirement System; to provide for relative definitions; to provide for system administration; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Retirement.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Retirement to Original Senate Bill No. 12 by Senator Price

AMENDMENT NO. 1  
On page 1, line 2, after "1310(A)(1)" delete the comma

AMENDMENT NO. 2  
On page 1, line 8, after "1310(A)(1)" delete the comma

AMENDMENT NO. 3  
On page 3, line 7, after "by" delete "either"

AMENDMENT NO. 4  
On page 3, line 21, after "by" delete "either"

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 16—**  
BY SENATOR PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:185(D)(3), relative to public retirement systems; to provide relative to boards of trustees; to provide for educational requirements for members of such boards; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 17—**  
BY SENATOR TALBOT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2073, to enact R.S. 11:2145, and to repeal R.S. 11:105(A)(6), 106(A)(4), 107(A)(5), 107.1(A)(5), 242(B)(6), 243(A)(6), and 246(A)(6), relative to the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to cost-of-living increases; to provide for calculation of the amount of any increase; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 19—**  
BY SENATOR PRICE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.142(A), (B), and (E), relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, and fee disbursement of the "RSEA" specialty prestige license plate; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 35—**  
BY SENATOR WHEAT  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:103.4, relative to offenses affecting the general peace and order; to create the crime of disturbing the peace at a place of religious worship; to prohibit the petitioning, picketing, protesting, or assembling with other persons in or near a place of religious worship; to provide for penalties; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Original Senate Bill No. 35 by Senator Wheat

AMENDMENT NO. 1  
On page 1, line 12, after "**which**" insert "**intentionally and willfully**"

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 42—**  
BY SENATOR EDMONDS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:81.1(B)(3) and (9), relative to child sexual abuse materials; to prohibit the use of artificial intelligence to create child sexual abuse materials; to provide relative to definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 46—**  
BY SENATORS REESE, ABRAHAM, BARROW, CLOUD, KLEINPETER, MIGUEZ AND MORRIS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:93.6, relative to offenses affecting the health and safety of persons with infirmities; to create the crime of unlawful operation of a group home; to provide for elements of the crime; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 51—**  
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:67.30, relative to misappropriation without violence; to create the crime of fraudulent representation of military service or awards; to provide for elements of the crime; to provide for definitions and penalties; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 58—  
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:108.1(E) and to enact R.S. 14:108.1(G) and R.S. 15:571.11(A)(1)(c), relative to aggravated flight from an officer; to provide a minimum time of imprisonment; to provide relative to the distribution of collected fines; to require seizure of insurance proceeds in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 73—  
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To repeal Section 4 of Act No. 774 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana and Section 5 of Act No. 411 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to the assessment, payment, and allocation of ad valorem taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 85—  
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:5554.15, relative to the payment of group insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in St. Charles Parish; to create a permanent fund; to provide for the depositing of certain monies into the fund; to provide for investment of monies in the fund; to authorize the withdrawal of earnings; to provide for limitations on appropriations from the fund; to provide for audits of the fund; to provide for the membership of the investment advisory board; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 89—  
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1703.1(A), relative to registration for the homestead exemption; to require the assessor in St. Charles Parish to provide a form for the permanent registration of the homestead exemption for taxpayers in that parish; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 98—  
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:81.4(B)(1), relative to offenses affecting the public morals; to provide relative to prohibited sexual conduct between an educator and student; to provide relative to the definition of "educator"; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 110—  
BY SENATORS CLOUD, ABRAHAM, BARROW, HODGES AND MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:81.1(B)(3) and to enact R.S. 14:81.1(A)(3) and (4), relative to offenses affecting the public morals; to provide relative to child sexual abuse materials; to provide relative to the elements of the crime; to prohibit using a child's image to train artificial intelligence to produce child

sexual abuse materials; to provide relative to definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 140—  
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To enact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 2813, relative to probate procedure; to provide relative to multiple successions in the same proceeding; to provide relative to successions of more than one deceased person; to provide relative to spouses or siblings; to provide relative to jurisdiction of the court over successions; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 164—  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1017.1(6) and R.S. 29:739(C) and to enact R.S. 29:723(21), relative to first responders; to expand the definition of "first responder" to include public works employees; to provide for a definition of "public works employee"; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 303—  
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1702(A)(1), relative to the Louisiana Procurement Code; to provide for cooperative purchasing for information technology systems; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Original Senate Bill No. 303 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:  
"Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Interstate Technology Collaboration Act"."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the beginning of line 15, delete "Section 2." and insert "Section 3."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 306—  
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:38.6, relative to offenses affecting the free exercise of religion; to create the crime of obstruction or interference with the freedom of worship at a church or other place of worship; to provide for conduct that constitutes the offense; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for legislative purposes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

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**SENATE BILL NO. 340—**  
BY SENATOR CATHEY

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1703.1(A), relative to registration for the homestead exemption; to require the assessor in each parish to provide property owners a form for the permanent registration of the homestead exemption; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mr. President	Hensgens	Morris
Allain	Hodges	Myers
Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Owen
Bass	Kleinpeter	Pressly
Boudreaux	Lambert	Price
Carter	Luneau	Reese
Duplessis	McMath	Seabaugh
Edmonds	Miguez	Selders
Fesi	Miller	Wheat
Foil	Mizell	Womack
Total - 30		

**ABSENT**

Abraham	Connick	Stine
Cathey	Harris	Talbot
Cloud	Jenkins	
Total - 8		

**Leaves of Absence**

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Abraham	1 Day	Cathey	1 Day
Cloud	1 Day	Connick	1 Day
Harris	1 Day	Jenkins	1 Day
Talbot	1 Day	Stine	1 Day

**Announcements**

The following committee meetings for March 16, 2026, were announced:

Finance	9:30 A.M.	Room A
Retirement	2:00 P.M.	Room E
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs	1:00 P.M.	Hainkel Room

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Mizell, at 5:08 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Monday, March 16, 2026, at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE  
Journal Clerk