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Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

The Senate was called to order at 3:50 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Fesi	Myers
Abraham	Foil	Owen
Allain	Harris	Pressly
Barthelemy	Hensgens	Price
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	Luneau	Wheat
Connick	Miller	Womack
Duplessis	Mizell	
Edmonds	Morris	
Total - 34		

ABSENT

Barrow	McMath	Selders
Hodges	Miguez	
Total - 5		

The President of the Senate announced there were 34 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Reverend Marty Harden, 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 Allain, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of April 1, 2026, was adopted.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57—
BY SENATOR CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 1, 2026, as Tulane Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to recognize Tulane University for its vital contributions to the state of Louisiana.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58—

BY SENATORS JACKSON-ANDREWS, CATHEY AND MORRIS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, April 7, 2026, as Coca-Cola Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend Coca-Cola UNITED for its outstanding legacy, economic impact, and enduring commitment to the residents and communities of Louisiana.

Senator Jackson-Andrews asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 58 a first and second time.

On motion of Senator Jackson-Andrews the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59—

BY SENATOR JENKINS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Gerald Kimble.

Senator Jenkins asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 59 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Senator Boudreaux asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 60 a first and second time.

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

**Introduction of
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—

BY SENATOR FESI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the "LIFTOff Louisiana" team led by the Department of Transportation and Development's office of multimodal commerce with key support from the Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission and the Gulf of America Center of Excellence (UGC) for Large-Unmanned Aircraft Systems, and their many partners for their roles in developing a highly successful response to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) request for proposals for the Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing and Advanced Air Mobility Aircraft Integration Pilot Program.

Senator Fesi asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25 a first and second time.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Mizell
Abraham	Fesi	Morris
Allain	Foil	Myers
Barthelemy	Harris	Pressly
Bass	Hensgens	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Total - 33		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow McMath Owen
Hodges Miguez Selders
Total - 6

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26— BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of John Norman Gallaspy.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53— BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend Reverend Eradly Ben Sr. on his Golden Jubilee celebration.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54— BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend Randy K. Haynie on receiving the 2025 Opus Award from the Ogden Museum of Southern Art.

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

Rules Suspended

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42— BY REPRESENTATIVES DEVILLIER AND FREEMAN AND SENATOR HENRY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend David Kerstein for being awarded the 2025 Times-Picayune Loving Cup.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Morris
Abraham Foil Myers
Allain Harris Owen
Barthelemy Hensgens Pressly
Bass Jackson-Andrews Price
Boudreaux Jenkins Reese
Carter Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Cathey Lambert Stine

Cloud Luneau Talbot
Connick Miguez Wheat
Duplessis Miller Womack
Edmonds Mizell
Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow McMath
Hodges Selders
Total - 4

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Duplessis asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to:

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 55— BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Joseph M. Cotton Sr.

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

April 1, 2026

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. 41 HB No. 139 HB No. 141
HB No. 213 HB No. 247 HB No. 357
HB No. 537 HB No. 680 HB No. 681
HB No. 847 HB No. 861 HB No. 892
HB No. 904 HB No. 1012 HB No. 916
HB No. 134 HB No. 194 HB No. 290
HB No. 308 HB No. 311 HB No. 360
HB No. 382 HB No. 417 HB No. 575
HB No. 718 HB No. 723 HB No. 776
HB No. 228 HB No. 289 HB No. 301
HB No. 46 HB No. 812 HB No. 888
HB No. 966

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 41—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (a) and (3) and to repeal R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(b), relative to the Firefighters' Retirement System; to provide relative to certain members of the board of trustees; to provide for qualifications; to provide for elections; to provide relative to vacancies on the board of trustees; 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. 46—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(X), relative to the premium costs of group hospital and health insurance for retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs in DeSoto Parish; to provide for eligibility of premium costs; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 134—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL AND EDMONSTON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2717.2.1, relative to material harmful to minors, to provide relative to interactive computer services that enter into a contract with a minor; to provide relative to the delivery or display of material harmful to minors; to provide relative to algorithmic systems and the delivery of material harmful to minors; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; 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. 139—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SAWYER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9097.44, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to create the Parkview Oaks Crime Prevention and Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; 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. 141—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
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 private information in court filings; to revise the types of information prohibited in court filings; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 194—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER AND SENATOR CATHEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:5607(A), relative to actions against a professional engineer, surveyor, professional interior designer, architect, or real estate developer; to provide relative to peremptive periods; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 213—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.8(D), (E)(2) and (5), (F) through (I), and (N), relative to the Downtown Development District of the city of Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the governing board of the district; to provide relative to the membership of the board; to provide relative to the appointment of board members; to provide relative to the terms and compensation of the members; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge with respect to the district; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 228—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 247—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.70.11 and to repeal R.S. 33:4574(B)(3), 4574.1.1(A)(3), and 4574.14, relative to Allen Parish; to create the Allen Parish Economic Development District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to provide relative to the Allen Parish Tourist Commission; to provide relative to the governing board of the commission; to provide relative to the compensation of board members; to provide relative to taxes levied by the commission; to repeal provisions that provide for the creation of the commission; to abolish the commission; to provide relative to the funds and property of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 289—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 873, relative to sentencing; to provide relative to the imposition of sentence in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

April 7, 2026

HOUSE BILL NO. 290—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(i), relative to the Department of the Treasury, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of the Treasury and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; 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. 301—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 11-B of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 23:1821 through 1823, relative to voluntary portable benefits for independent contractors; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for contributions to a portable benefit account; to allow certain persons or entities to contribute funds to a portable benefit account; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 308—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 3 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:441, relative to public facilities; to provide for acceptance of certain types of payments at facilities; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions; 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. 311—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1476(A)(2), relative to the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Operating Dedicated Fund Account; to provide for the deposit of a certain portion of insurance premium assessments into the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Operating Dedicated Fund Account; 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. 357—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1034.2(A) and (C)(1) and (2) and to enact R.S. 23:1034.2(C)(5), relative to workers' compensation; to provide for the adoption of a medical reimbursement schedule; to require that the fees be based on other similar regional states; to provide for the authority of the assistant secretary to promulgate the medical reimbursement schedule; to require certain duties of the assistant secretary; to provide for the collection of any necessary information and data under certain circumstances; to provide for legislative oversight; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 360—
BY REPRESENTATIVES EGAN AND GLORIOSO
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 41 in Pearl River, Louisiana, as the "Sgt. Michael J. Guillory Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 382—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:802(D)(2), relative to the authority of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide for the review and approval of certain contract amendments by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 417—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2205(A)(1), relative to the Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund; to increase the maximum balance in the Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund; to require annual increases to the maximum balance under certain circumstances; 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. 537—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 23:1294 and R.S. 36:309(B)(2), relative to the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council; to repeal the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 575—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:330(B)(4), relative to state property; to provide a preference for the purchase of certain surplus property by persons in the extended foster care program; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 680—
BY REPRESENTATIVES WYBLE, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BRAUD, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, CREWS, DEWITT, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, KERNER, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, OWEN, RISER, SAWYER, SCHAMERHORN, WALTERS, WRIGHT, AND ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:20, 33, 2041, 2056, 2061(2), 2062(2) and (4), 2063(A)(1), 2065(A)(4), (7), and (8), 2091, and 2191, to enact R.S. 23:2062(5) and (6), and to repeal R.S. 23:2054, 2063(A)(2) and (3), 2065(A)(9), and 2192 through 2195, relative to workforce development; to provide legislative intent; to provide a workforce system planning process; to provide for administration funding; to provide for executive organization; to provide for the goals, duties, and functions of the Workforce Investment Council; to provide for the transfer of state advisory council responsibilities; to provide for workforce development boards; to provide definitions; to provide for a Transition

Advisory Team; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 681—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.1(F)(1)(b) relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Lakeview Crime Prevention District; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to provide for the maximum fee amount; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 718—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2791.2, relative to the limitation of liability applicable to aeronautical activities at nonpublic use airports; to provide for a limitation of liability for private landowners permitting the recreational use of private land for aeronautical activities at nonpublic use airports; to establish exceptions to this limitation of liability; to provide for 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. 723—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:232(3)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) and to enact R.S. 32:232(3)(h), relative to driver compliance with traffic-control signals; to authorize the driver of a two or three-wheeled motorcycle, moped, or bicycle or electric bicycle to proceed through an intersection controlled by a vehicle-actuated traffic-control signal under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 776—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:3452(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (D), 3453, 3457(A)(introductory paragraph) and 3473 and to enact R.S. 34:3451(6) through (8) and 3457(C), relative to the Port Construction and Development Priority Program; to modify the entities the department can contract with to assist in the development of the port priority program; to provide for the maximum amounts allotted to port projects; to provide for definitions; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber definitions; to provide for proper notice of public hearings; to require a local match based on the appropriate project category; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 812—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1907(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:1907(N), relative to assessor compensation; to provide for increases in assessors' annual compensation by certain amounts during a specified period; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for legislative intent; 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. 847—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1206(A) and 1207(C) and (G) and to enact R.S. 3:1206(C), relative to the election of district supervisors for the state soil and water conservation commission; to establish the method and administration of elections; to provide for supervisor terms, the filling of vacancies, and eligibility requirements for reappointment or reelection; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 861—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BOUDREAUX, BUTLER, CARLSON, DICKERSON, EGAN, FREIBERG, HORTON, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:782(J)(2)(a) and (b), R.S. 15:574.21(D), R.S. 25:521(A), R.S. 30:521(A)(1), R.S. 41:1501, R.S. 49:214.5.4(G)(8) and 966(B)(3)(b), and R.S. 56:1948.4(B) and to repeal Section 3 of Act No. 323 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 2 of Act No. 427 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature, R.S. 13:782(J)(1), Chapter 1-A of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 15:321 through 324, Chapter 13-A of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 15:1441 and 1442, R.S. 17:1875, 3398.2(B) through (E), and 3883(A)(6), Subpart J of Part III of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 22:1201 through 1220, Chapter 13 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 23:2021 through 2024, Chapter 23-A of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 25:1021 through 1027, Part I of Chapter 6 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 30:401 through 403, R.S. 36:4(B)(18) and (34) and (D)(1), 209(A)(10) and (D)(1), 610(C)(2), and 651(K)(2), R.S. 38:90.2 and 90.5(A), Subpart F-1 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:99.26 through 99.46, Part XI-A of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:332.1, and Chapter 17-F of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:1800.21 through 1800.35, R.S. 40:600.91(A)(28)(b), 1730.28.4, and 1730.28.5(C), R.S. 43:111(A)(9), Part VII of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:220.31 through 220.33, 966(B)(23), and Chapter 19 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:1221 through 1223, Chapter 10-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:1317 through 1319, and Part XIII-A of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:699.21 and 699.22, R.S. 56:1948.4(A)(2), Part III-A of Chapter 9 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:1948.11 through 1948.13, Part VII of Chapter 9 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:1950.21 through 1950.26, and 1681, relative to boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities, districts, like entities, and funds related thereto; to provide relative to the functional organization of state government by abolishing certain boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities, districts, like entities, and funds related thereto; to remove references to, provisions for, and the powers, functions, and duties of the Advisory Commission for Louisiana's Energy, Environment, and Restoration, Advisory Subcommittee of the Accountability Commission, Byways Commission, Centers of Excellence Financing Corporation, Centers of Excellence Program Advisory Board, Clerks of Court Certification Program Committee, Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Corporation, ENCORE Louisiana Commission, Energy Code Commission, Equal Pay Commission, Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission, Louisiana Health Plan, Housing and Transportation Planning and Coordinating Commission,

Hunting and Fishing Advisory Education Council, Latino Commission, Louisiana Juvenile Jurisdiction Planning and Implementation Committee, Louisiana Music Trail Commission, Louisiana Quincentenary Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Process Technology Advisory Board, Rural Water Infrastructure Committee, Louisiana Sentencing Commission, State Buildings and Lands Highest and Best Use Advisory Group, and Waste Tire Task Force; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 888—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:473(H), 519(A), 520(E), and (F) and to enact R.S. 47:519(P), 520(G) through (I), and 521(D), relative to certain requirements for the design, authentication, and regulation of temporary registration plates; to provide for dealer inventory plates requirements; to provide for effectiveness of application fees; to provide for security features and design of temporary registration plates; to provide for placement of temporary registration plates; to provide for rule promulgation of temporary registration plates to prevent counterfeiting; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 892—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, CARVER, COX, DOMANGUE, FREIBERG, DANA HENRY, KNOX, LYONS, MARCELLE, MURRAY, AND SAWYER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.70.11, relative to the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans; to create the West End Economic Development District within the parishes; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; 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. 904—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:550.4, 550.10(E), 550.11, 550.13(E), 550.20, 550.21(1), 550.23(H), and 550.24(A) and to enact R.S. 22:550.3(D), 550.10(F), 550.14(B)(5), and 550.21(4), relative to captive insurers; to provide for capital and surplus requirements; to require certain deposits; to prohibit insuring certain risks; to provide for the governance of a company; to provide for annual reporting requirements; to provide for the use of certain taxes; to provide for rate filings; to make technical changes; 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. 916—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:754(F)(3), relative to recordation of documents with the clerk of court; to provide for a fee for recording documents; to provide for the deposit of the funds; to authorize cooperative agreements; 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. 966—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MOORE, WALTERS, AND FISHER AND SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 15 in Monroe, Louisiana, as the "President Barack Obama Road"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1012— (Substitute for House Bill No. 843 by Representative Boyd)

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, DANA HENRY, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, TAYLOR, AND WILEY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:11.2(A)(10) and (K), relative to public records; to limit access to the personal information of a victim of a sex offense; to provide for definitions; to create the Sexual Assault Survivor Empowerment and Privacy Protection Act; to provide relative to time delays related to the removal of published personal information; to provide for criminal penalties; 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

April 7, 2026

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. 44

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—
BY REPRESENTATIVES SPELL, BEAULLIEU, BOUDREAUX, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BRYANT, CARLSON, CHASSION, DEVILLIER, HEBERT, CHANCE HENRY, AND JACOB LANDRY AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BOUDREAUX, CLOUD, HENSGENS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, MIGUEZ, MILLER, PRICE, REESE, AND STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Emile Myers on the success of his annual philanthropic endeavor, "Emile's Hot Cocoa Fundraiser".

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. 13—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:102(B)(3)(c) and (F) and 1332.1(B)(1)(b) and (d), relative to the Louisiana State Police Retirement System; to provide relative to employer contributions; to provide for determination of the employer contribution rate; to provide relative to amortization periods for

certain changes, gains, and losses; 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 Retirement.

HOUSE BILL NO. 23—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:542.4, relative to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System; to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment; to provide for eligibility and funding; to provide for payment and timing; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 25—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:784(A) and (C)(2), relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide relative to compliance with amendments to the Internal Revenue Code; to provide relative to the commencement of benefit payments; to provide relative to certain elections by a surviving spouse; 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 Retirement.

HOUSE BILL NO. 32—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:224, 403(15), 405, 407, 444(A)(1)(a)(i) and (2)(b)(i)(bb) and (C)(introductory paragraph), and 446(F), relative to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to restoration to active service of a disability retiree; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to exemption of certain benefits from execution; to provide relative to the correction of administrative errors; to provide relative to the computation and payment of benefits; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 90—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.70.6(B), (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), (c), and (d) and (2), and (I) and to enact R.S. 33:2740.70.6(D)(1)(f) and (g) and (J), relative to the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; to provide relative to the governing board of the district; to provide relative to the membership of the board; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department with respect to the district; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 120—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD
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, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; 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 Local and Municipal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 121—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOMANGUE, BAGLEY, BAYHAM, BROUSSARD, COATES, CHANCE HENRY, TRAVIS JOHNSON, MCMAHEN, AND ST. BLANC

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:4749.1(B)(7), relative to imported seafood; to expand the powers and authority of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to include seizure and destruction of seafood that violates state law; 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 Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

HOUSE BILL NO. 122—

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9074(E), relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Spring Lake Subdivision Improvement District; to provide relative to the taxes and fees imposed within the district; to provide relative to the term and renewal of such taxes and fees; to increase the maximum fee authorized to be imposed within the district; 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 Local and Municipal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 127—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.38(B) and (F)(4), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Victoria Farms Crime Prevention and Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to provide relative to the authority of the district to change the amount of the fee; 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 Local and Municipal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 138—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.29(E)(3), (F)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (3), (G), and (H) and to enact R.S. 33:9097.29(I) and (J), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Parkwood Terrace Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District; to provide relative to the members of the governing board of the district; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to establish a maximum fee; to provide relative to the increase of the fee; 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 Local and Municipal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 179—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:511 and Code of Civil Procedure Article 372(C) and (D), relative to notes and recordings retained by court reporters; to provide for ownership, custody, and control of the notes and recordings of court reporters; to provide relative to criminal and civil cases; and to provide for related matters.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 187—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 13:981, relative to court reporter pools; to repeal provisions establishing a court reporter pool employed by the Louisiana Supreme Court; and to repeal provisions relative to rules, procedures, and guidelines with respect to the court reporter pool.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 199—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MILLER AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2116.1(B)(1), relative to the moratorium on nursing facilities; to provide for a termination date; 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. 202—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:375.1, relative to State Civil Service; to provide relative to the announcement of classified job vacancies; to require certain information within the job announcement; to provide for notice of rejection; 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. 218—
BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR, CARPENTER, CARVER,
EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, MARTINEZ, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:2113 and 3996(B)(24), relative to student questionnaires; to provide for the inclusion of questions pertaining to food insecurity on a residency questionnaire; to provide for the administration of the questionnaire; to provide for the confidentiality of responses; to provide for information on resources and services; to provide for applicability; to provide a limitation of liability; 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. 223—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(h), relative to the Department of Children and Family Services, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Children and Family Services and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; 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 Health and Welfare.

HOUSE BILL NO. 235—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1281.27, relative to sewerage systems; to provide for the installation of individual sewerage systems in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; 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 Health and Welfare.

HOUSE BILL NO. 246—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2605(B)(4) and 2605.1(B)(2) and (16), to enact R.S. 46:2605.1(B)(22), and to repeal R.S. 46:2605(B)(34) and (37), relative to the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board; to provide for the membership of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board; to provide for the membership of the Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren; 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. 286—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 33:7728, relative to the St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District; to repeal the independent authority of the St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District relative to the expenditure of district funds; to repeal the district's authority to extend its services outside the territorial bounds of the district and to pay health insurance claims of its employees under certain circumstances; to repeal certain provisions relative to the boundaries of the district and the name of the district; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 332—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:264(H), relative to the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority; to provide for minimum meeting requirements of the authority; 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 Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

HOUSE BILL NO. 344—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3412.1(E), relative to the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund; to provide for changes in balance allocation and suspension of collections under the fund; to provide relative to the balance within the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority; to increase the upper and lower threshold balances of the monies within the authority; to provide for the collection of assessments; 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 Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

HOUSE BILL NO. 367—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BUTLER, BAGLEY, BAYHAM, COATES,
DEWITT, CHANCE HENRY, KNOX, MCMAHEN, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3372(E)(2), relative to the enforcement procedures of the Structural Pest Control Commission; to provide relative to notice requirements applicable to an adjudicatory hearing held by the commission; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 370—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3412.1(B), relative to the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund; to increase the assessment rate on the value of all regulated agricultural commodities charged by the commission; 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 Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

HOUSE BILL NO. 462—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:773, relative to the Capital Area Road and Bridge District; to provide relative to the board of commissioners of the district; to provide relative to the membership of the board; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 505—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANCE HENRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3210(B), 3242(A), 3244, 3246(A), and 3251(B)(4), relative to the Louisiana Pesticide Law; to provide for the disposition of unexpended and unencumbered monies in the Pesticide Fund; to provide for the issuance of certification cards for commercial applicators, pesticide salespersons, and agricultural consultants; to provide for the renewal of such certificates; to provide for fees for certain licenses and certificates issued or reissued by the commissioner; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 547—

BY REPRESENTATIVES THOMAS AND AMEDEE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1461.3(C)(5), relative to election offenses; to provide that no person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally photograph, record, or otherwise reproduce voter registration information in precinct registers; to provide for penalties; 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. 725—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:4749.4, relative to records for seafood purchases; to require retailers who purchase seafood to retain the records of purchases for at least six months; to require purchase records be made available for inspection by the department; to prohibit false or fraudulent records; to provide for civil penalties; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 738—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCMAKIN, BAYHAM, BOYD, CHASSION, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, FREIBERG, MIKE JOHNSON, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARTINEZ, PHELPS, SAWYER, STAGNI, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3394(B), (D), (E)(1), and (F)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:3394(F)(4) and (5), relative to disciplinary proceedings at public postsecondary education institutions; to

provide relative to an appeals process; 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. 806—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:100(B)(2) and (D), relative to hit-and-run driving offenses; to provide for considerations when setting bail for hit-and-run driving offenses; to direct the law enforcement agency responding to a hit-and-run offense to use a certain system to notify all law enforcement agencies of the offense; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 851—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG, BAYHAM, COATES, COX, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, FREIBERG, GEYMAN, GREEN, DANA HENRY, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, MANDIE LANDRY, MACK, MOORE, ORGERON, RISER, SAWYER, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2531(A)(4) and to enact R.S. 30:2531(A)(5), relative to littering; to prevent the intentional release of balloons; to provide for exceptions and penalties; 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. 889—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:449(C), relative to tagging of oysters; to establish a tag for bulk harvesting for alternative oyster cultivation; 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. 907—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:978.2.3, relative to prescriptions; to provide for civil and criminal immunity for the distribution or use of Naloxone and other opioid antagonists beyond their shelf-life end date; 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. 908—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MENA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:222(B)(1)(b) through (g), (2)(a) through (c), (3), (4)(a) through (c), (e), and (f), (5)(b) through (e), (6), (7), (11) through (13), (14)(b), (15)(b), and 16(b), relative to fees charged by the secretary of state; to provide for fees for domestic business corporations and limited liability companies; to provide for fees for domestic nonprofit corporations; to provide for fees for foreign corporations and limited liability companies; to provide for fees for partnerships and registered limited liability companies; to provide for fees for trade names, trademarks, and service marks; to provide for general fees; to provide for special fees; to provide for fees for state franchises that offer cable or video service; to provide for fees for home service contractor provider and motor vehicle service contract applications; to provide for fees for structured settlement purchase company registrations; 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. 929—
BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT AND GREEN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1902(A)(12), 1964(31) and 1964.1, relative to unfair trade practices in the business of insurance; to provide for definitions; to prohibit certain unfair trade practices regarding the repair or replacement of motor vehicle glass; to require disclosures and notices related to the repair or replacement of motor vehicle glass and the calibration of advanced driver assistance systems; to provide for penalties; to provide for insurer-permitted practices; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1009— (Substitute for House Bill No. 100 by Representative McMakin)
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:99(A), relative to reckless operation of a vehicle; to provide for behavior which constitutes reckless operation of a vehicle; and to provide for related matters.

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

JUDICIARY B

Senator Mike Reese, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

April 7, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 251—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY
AN ACT

To enact Part B of Chapter 51 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3081 through 3090, and to designate R.S. 51:3071 through 3080 as Part A of Chapter 51 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, relative to critical infrastructure protection; to provide for critical infrastructure that needs protection from foreign adversaries accessing state critical infrastructure; to provide for assessing the state's vulnerability to sanctioned communications equipment; to prohibit use of adversary cameras and laser sensor technologies in Louisiana transportation systems; to provide enforcement of protected activities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 510—
BY SENATOR MORRIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:90(A)(3)(a) and 286(A)(3)(a), relative to alcoholic beverage permits; to provide for acts prohibited on licensed premises; to prohibit enticement of minors on premises with certain substances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
MIKE REESE
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY C

Senator John C. "Jay" Morris III, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary C, submitted the following report:

April 7, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 125—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.8(H)(2) and (Q), relative to reprieve and pardons of convicted persons; to provide for compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment; to provide for deadline to file for supplemental compensation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 134—
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:81.1(A)(3), relative to offenses affecting the public morals; to provide relative to child sexual abuse materials; to provide that the crime of child sexual abuse materials does not apply to persons under the age of seventeen under certain circumstances; to provide relative to the crime of "sexting"; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 201—
BY SENATOR MORRIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 878.1(D), relative to juvenile sentencing; to provide for a hearing to determine parole eligibility for certain juvenile offenders; to provide for resentencing; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 422—
BY SENATOR MILLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:98.4(D) and to enact R.S. 14:98.4(E), relative to driving offenses; to provide relative to penalties for fourth offense operating while impaired; to provide for unsupervised probation in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 56—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 14:98.1(A)(4), 98.2(A)(5), 98.3(A)(4), and 98.4(A)(3), relative to additional fines imposed for driving while impaired; and to provide for an effective date.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 57—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2135(A)(introductory paragraph), (B), and (D), relative to temporary restraining orders; to permit the consideration of certain evidence; to provide an opportunity to respond; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 64—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 205 and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 202(H), relative to arrest warrants; to provide for the authority of a magistrate to recall an arrest warrant; to provide for notification; to provide relative to the effective period of arrest warrants; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 68—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, ADAMS, BOYER, CHENEVERT, GLORIOSO, HORTON, MOORE, AND VILLIO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:103(A)(9) and (B)(3), relative to offenses affecting the general peace and order; to provide for conduct that constitutes disturbing the peace; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 92—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 465(A)(introductory paragraph) and 814(A)(11), to enact R.S. 14:42(A)(8) and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 465(A)(47), and to repeal R.S. 14:43.3, relative to sex offenses; to provide for an additional circumstance that constitutes first degree rape; to provide relative to specific indictments for forcible or second degree rape; to provide relative to responsive verdicts for first degree rape; to repeal the crime of oral sexual battery; to provide for technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 111—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:828(E), relative to diminution of sentence; to provide relative to diminution of sentence for the earning of an associate's degree; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 147—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:1352(A)(89) and (90), relative to the crime of racketeering; to provide for additional crimes that are elements of racketeering activity; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN C. "JAY" MORRIS III
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE**

Senator Glen Womack, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

April 7, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 233—

BY SENATOR MIZELL
AN ACT

To enact Subpart F of Part I of Chapter 1 of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:18.1 through 18.3, relative to data exchange; to establish the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact; to provide for authorization and purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms, conditions, administration, and procedure; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 274—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2351.28, relative to environmental quality; to provide for data and records related to lead hazard detection; to provide for risk assessments of certain facilities; to provide for applicability; to provide for authority of state departments to enter agreements; to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 423—

BY SENATOR FOIL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:332.2(B), relative to the use of monies in certain treasury funds; to provide for the use of monies in the East Baton Rouge Parish Riverside Centroplex Fund; to provide for the state sales tax on hotel occupancy collected in certain political subdivisions within East Baton Rouge Parish; to revise the dedication of a portion of such monies; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
GLEN WOMACK
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
RETIREMENT**

Senator Edward J. "Ed" Price, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

April 7, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 18—

BY SENATOR PRICE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1762(A) and to repeal Section 2 of Act 634 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature relative to retirees who return to part-time employment in a position covered by the Municipal Employees' Retirement System; to provide for retirement benefits under certain conditions; to provide for the termination date of certain provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 416—
BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:149(B) and to enact R.S. 11:416(A)(4), relative to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to the reemployment of retirees to fill certain shortages within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, corrections services; to provide for qualifications; to provide for definitions; to provide for advertisement requirements; to provide for benefits; to provide for contributions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 455—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1903(B)(2) and to enact R.S. 11:1903(A)(5) and (H), relative to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System; to provide for a district court or parish court; to provide for membership; to provide for irrevocable elections; to provide for transfer credits; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 456—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1384(A) and to enact R.S. 11:551(C), (D), and (E) and 566(C), relative to assigned retired judges; to provide for membership eligibility in a retirement system; to provide for irrevocable elections; to provide for methods of compensation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 477—
BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:164(A)(3) and R.S. 27:14(B)(2) and to enact R.S. 11:411(16), relative to part-time public officials; to provide for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System; to provide membership eligibility; to provide for the chairman of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board; to provide for full-time employment; to provide for compensation and benefits; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD J. "ED" PRICE
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

Senator Franklin J. Foil, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, submitted the following report:

April 7, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 406—
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:338.265, relative to the city of Slidell; to authorize the governing authority of the city, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect a hotel occupancy tax; to provide for the use of the tax proceeds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANKLIN J. FOIL
Chair

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
on Second Reading
Reported by Committees

SENATE BILL NO. 34—

BY SENATORS MCMATH, BARTHELEMY, BOUDREAUX, HARRIS, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, LUNEAU AND OWEN AND REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2522, relative to missing person alerts; to provide for criteria for issuing alerts; to provide for responsibilities of local law enforcement and state police; to provide for training; to provide for immunity; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 34 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "alerts;" insert "to provide for alerts for adults and children with disabilities;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, after "alerts" insert "; **adults and children with disabilities**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, between lines 15 and 16 insert the following:

"C. A Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory shall be identified as "Bryan's Call" if the missing child is:

(1) Aged seventeen or younger.

(2) Not a risk to the general public.

(3) Believed to be suffering from any of the following:

(a) A developmental or cognitive impairment, including but not limited to autism spectrum disorder (ASD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), Down syndrome, or Sanfilippo syndrome.

(b) An irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties that makes them unable to meet their own needs or to seek help without assistance.

D. In addition to the procedures established pursuant to R.S. 40:2030.1 et seq., a Silver Alert may be issued for missing persons aged eighteen and older who are believed to be suffering from a developmental or cognitive impairment, including Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, ASD, TBI, or an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties that makes them unable to meet their own needs or to seek help without assistance, and that is not a risk to the general public."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 16, delete "C." and insert the following:

"E. A local law enforcement agency with the capability to issue an alert shall issue one immediately upon receipt of a report of a missing person or child provided for in Subsection C or D of this Section. If the local law enforcement agency does not have

the capability to issue an alert, the agency shall immediately contact state police to issue the alert."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"F. If state police receives a request that involves a missing person or child provided for in Subsection C or D of this Section, and the time of the receipt is no more than seventy-two hours since the person or child went missing, state police shall issue an alert providing rapid dissemination of information using a wireless emergency alert either statewide or locally regarding the missing person or child. The office of state police shall make every effort to disseminate the information as quickly as possible when a person's or child's status as missing has been reported to a local law enforcement agency."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 3, change "D." to "G."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 4, after "missing" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 5 in its entirety and insert "persons or children, whether the case involves an abduction, child endangerment, or individuals with cognitive disabilities, including the utilization of"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 7, change "E." to "H."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, delete line 19

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

SENATE BILL NO. 37—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1285.1 through 1285.4, 1285.6(B), and 1285.7 and to repeal R.S. 30:2351.1(7), 2351.52(A) and (C), and 2351.53 and R.S. 40:1285.6(G), relative to lead poisoning prevention; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for lead testing requirements for early learning centers, schools with prekindergarten programs, and elementary schools; to provide for mandatory reporting of lead poisoning cases; to provide for the detection of lead poisoning sources; to provide for the sale and use of lead-based paint; to provide for lead removal; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 37 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, after "centers" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and schools"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "programs" delete ", and elementary schools"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, change "removal" to "risk assessments and hazard control"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 17, change "it's" to "its"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete line 6 through 8 and insert "centers and schools with prekindergarten programs that were built prior to 1978 in order to obtain any required department approval of plans and specifications."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete line 16 and insert "(6) and shall advocate for the abatement of Advocating for lead hazard control methods concerning sources of lead when"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

"D. As used in this Part, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Facility" or "facilities" means a building including but not limited to those buildings operating as an early learning center or a school with a prekindergarten program.

(2) "Lead hazard" shall have the meaning set forth in R.S. 30:2351.1.

(3) "Lead hazard control methods" means measures taken to reduce or eliminate a lead hazard, including but not limited to lead abatement, interim controls, or both, as appropriate.

(4) "Schools with prekindergarten program" means and is limited to the classroom space primarily occupied by children in the prekindergarten program and shall not include communal spaces such as cafeterias, libraries, gymnasiums, or places of worship.

E. In the event of a conflict between any provision of this Part and a provision of R.S. 13:5233.1 or Title 17, the provision of this Part shall prevail."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 24, change "D." to "F."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 27, after "programs" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 28

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, delete lines 6 through 17 and insert the following:

"A.(1) Every early learning center and school with a prekindergarten program that was built, in whole or in part, prior to 1978 shall have a lead risk assessment performed by a certified lead risk assessor and submit the results to the department as a requirement for obtaining any departmental approval of plans and specifications.

(2) The lead risk assessment shall include lead testing results which shall include testing of all painted surfaces of the building, dust, water, and soil adjacent to the building and on any property that is regularly utilized by the children enrolled at the early learning center or prekindergarten program.

B.(1) If test results identify lead hazards, the department shall not grant approval of plans and specifications for a new early learning center or new school with a prekindergarten program until appropriate lead hazard control methods have been verified by a clearance inspection authorized by the state health officer.

(2) If test results identify lead hazards the early learning center or school with a prekindergarten program shall enter into a lead hazard abatement agreement with the department which shall include required compliance with certain timelines and efforts to mitigate danger to children on the premises as required by the state health officer.

C. If the owner or operator of an early learning center or school with a prekindergarten program provides test results to the department which show"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, line 18, change "presence of lead" to "lead hazards"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 3, line 20, at the end of the line, insert "No further lead hazard testing shall be required unless the owner or operator

initiates major alterations through renovation or remodeling that warrants subsequent approval by the department."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 3, delete lines 21 through 23 and insert the following: **"D. The department shall provide an owner or operator with a list developed by the Department of Environmental Quality of persons approved or licensed to conduct the non-drinking water lead testing required by this Part."**

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 4, delete lines 2 and 3 and insert **"reported. Such reports all test results for lead hazards. Reports shall be made on forms"**

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 4, line 25, after "dwellings" insert **", early learning centers, and schools with prekindergarten programs"**

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 4, line 26, change "dangerous amounts of lead" to **"dangerous amounts of lead hazards"**

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 5, delete lines 5 through 7 and insert the following: **"in those dwellings located in areas where significant numbers of lead poisoning cases have recently been reported, and in which children under the age of six years or other persons deemed at risk by the state health officer or his designee reside, and which serve as the primary residence for a child under the age of six, a person deemed at risk by the surgeon general, or are operating as an early learning center or school with a prekindergarten program."**

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 5, line 8, after "case of" insert **"child"**

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 5, delete lines 9 and 10 and insert **"poisoning pursuant to this Part, or otherwise, he shall cause to have inspected the he shall order an investigation of any dwelling in which the person child with lead poisoning resides, or has"**

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 5, delete line 12 and insert **"notice, to such inspection the investigation. The state health officer or his designee may also order an investigation of any other properties or premises in which the child spends a significant amount of time. The findings of such inspection the investigations shall be reported"**

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 5, delete line 15 and insert **"C. A dangerous level of lead Lead hazards found in a dwelling, early learning center, or school with a prekindergarten program inspected investigated pursuant to this"**

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 5, line 16, after "building" insert **", early learning center, or school with a prekindergarten program"**

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 5, line 17, after "tenants" insert **"or occupants"**

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 5, delete lines 21 through 23 and insert **"entrance to said the dwelling or facility a notice that the dwelling or facility contains dangerous amounts of lead paint or other lead materials lead hazards and that children under the age of six years and persons deemed at risk should not be allowed to reside in said or occupy the dwelling or facility. Such"**

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 5, delete line 27 and insert **"D. When a dangerous level of lead hazard is found in a dwelling, early learning center, or school with a prekindergarten program inspected investigated pursuant"**

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 6, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert the following: **"persons as he may find advisable to examine, residing in or occupying, or who have recently resided in or occupied said the dwelling, early learning center, or school with a prekindergarten program. The results of such the examinations shall be reported to the"**

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 6, line 29, change "dangerous levels of lead" to **"dangerous levels of lead hazards"**

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 7, line 5, change "dangerous levels of lead" to **"dangerous levels of lead hazards"**

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 7, delete lines 17 and 18 and insert **"interior surfaces or fixtures that may be readily chewed by children or persons with intellectual disabilities."**

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

SENATE BILL NO. 56—
BY SENATOR CONNICK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(Y), 330.1(A)(1), (B)(2)(a), the introductory paragraph of 330.1(C)(1)(b), 330.1(C)(1)(b)(iii), (C)(2)(b), and (L)(2)(a), 330.3(A), (B)(1) and (C)(1), and 330.10, relative to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority- West Bank and Lafitte Area Independent Levee District; to provide for renaming the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank and Lafitte Area Independent Levee District; to provide for the board of commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank and Lafitte Area Independent Levee District; to provide for legal proceedings; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to change statutory references as necessary; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 102—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1254(C)(11), (D)(4)(b), (E)(4)(a) and (6) through (11), and 1255, and to enact R.S. 32:1253.1, relative to the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission Law; to provide for a private right of action for dealers and trade associations; to provide for standing and remedies; to provide for license amendments and fees; to remove certain requirements regarding dealer-operators; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original Senate Bill No. 102 by Senator Pressly

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, at the beginning of the line after "To" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, at the beginning of the line delete "1255, and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, delete "dealers and"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 5, at the end of the line delete "to provide for license" and delete line 6

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 9, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and on line 10 delete "are hereby amended and reenacted and"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, delete lines 12 through 17 and delete pages 2 through 8 and insert the following:

"A. A trade association may bring an action or intervene in an action in its own name or on behalf of one or more of its members as provided in Subsection B of this Section, provided it meets all of the following conditions:

(1) It is primarily comprised of and controlled by a minimum of one hundred licensed motor vehicle dealers.

(2) A minimum of one of its members holds a valid license under this Chapter and has standing to sue or intervene individually.

(3) The interests the association seeks to protect are germane to its purpose.

(4) Neither the claim asserted nor the relief requested requires the participation of individual members.

B. A trade association prevailing under this Section may be granted any of the following remedies:

(1) Declaratory relief.

(2) Injunctive relief.

(3) Reasonable costs and attorney fees.

C. An action by a trade association under this Section may be brought before the commission or in any district court of competent jurisdiction."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 9, delete line 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 106—
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(30) and to enact R.S. 44:3(A)(9) and 19.1, relative to public records; to provide relative to the confidentiality of crime scene photographs, audio or video recordings, digital images, which may be used as evidence in a criminal proceeding; to provide for limited access under specified circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 106 by Senator Kleinpeter

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "19.1" to "4(65)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, change "and 19.1" to "and 4(65)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 4 through 14 on their entirety and insert the following:

"(9) Copies of any audio recording, image, video, or photograph in the custody of a clerk of court after it is introduced into evidence of a criminal prosecution and which is determined

by the clerk to depict: an autopsy, dead body, sexual assault, gruesome injury, obscene act, a juvenile victim, or any patently offensive ultimate sexual act, unless such image, video, or photograph is voluntarily released, otherwise available to the general public, or released by court order."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

"§4. Applicability

This Chapter shall not apply:

* * *

(65) To a copy of any audio recording, image, video, or photograph in the custody of a clerk of court after it is introduced into evidence of a criminal prosecution and which is determined by the clerk to depict: an autopsy, dead body, sexual assault, gruesome injury, obscene act, a juvenile victim, or any patently offensive ultimate sexual act, unless such image, video, or photograph is voluntarily released, otherwise available to the general public, or released by court order.

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 24, delete "19.1,"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete lines 26 through 29 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 9.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 175—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:412(D) and to enact R.S. 6:412(E), relative to banks; to provide relative to the use of a trade or assumed name of an FDIC-insured depository institution; to provide for terms, conditions, and exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported by substitute by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title; the committee substitute bill was read.

SENATE BILL NO. — (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 175 by Senator Boudreaux)

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 6:356, relative to banks; to provide relative to the use of a trade or assumed name of an FDIC-insured depository institution; to provide relative to the use of a bank name following mergers and consolidations; to provide for the continued use of a name of a nonsurviving state bank; to provide for limitations and requirements; to provide for terms; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 6:356 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§356. Continuation of corporate name; use of previous name

A. In a merger or consolidation transaction, the surviving or new bank shall have the right to use the name of the nonsurviving state bank for a reasonable time immediately following the merger or consolidation transaction when circumstances make it appropriate.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, in a merger or consolidation transaction, the surviving or new federally insured state or national bank shall have the continuing right to use the name of the nonsurviving state bank upon cessation of its corporate existence following the effective date of the merger or consolidation transaction, as a division of the surviving or new bank, under the following conditions and circumstances:

(1) Any name usage provided in this Section shall be in strict accordance with the name use guidelines and requirements of the

appropriate chartering authority of the surviving or new bank and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, with respect to the avoidance of false or misleading representations as to availability and extent of federal deposit insurance for depositors of the surviving or new bank.

(2)(a) The name of the nonsurviving state bank shall only be used if the name is immediately followed by the phrase "a division of" followed by the legal name of the surviving or new bank, or similar language as may be required by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the applicable chartering authority, hereinafter referred to as a "division name".

(b) When using a division name, a surviving or new bank shall take reasonable steps to ensure that depositors will not be confused about either the identity of the surviving or new bank or the extent of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance coverage and the reasonable steps shall include but not be limited to the following:

(i) Clearly and conspicuously disclosing in signs, advertising, and similar materials that the facility is a division of the surviving or new bank to ensure that the signs and advertising do not create a deceptive or misleading impression.

(ii) Using the legal name of the surviving or new bank for legal documents, certificates of deposit, signature cards, loan agreements, account statements, checks, drafts, and other similar documents.

(iii) Educating the staff of the surviving or new bank regarding the possibility of depositor confusion with respect to deposit insurance, including instructing staff at each branch or any other facility using a division name, to inquire whether a depositor, prior to opening a new account, has deposits at any of the surviving or new bank's facilities or branches, and inform the depositor of disclosures that identify a particular branch or facility as a division of a surviving or new bank.

(c) Obtaining from a depositor opening a new account at a branch or facility operating under a division name, a signed statement acknowledging that the depositor is aware that the branch or other facility is in fact part of the same federally insured state or national bank and that the deposits held at each branch or facility are not separately insured.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

On motion of Senator Mizell, the committee substitute bill was adopted and becomes Senate Bill No. 521 by Senator Boudreaux, substitute for Senate Bill No. 175 by Senator Boudreaux.

SENATE BILL NO. 521— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 175 by Senator Boudreaux)

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 6:356, relative to banks; to provide relative to the use of a trade or assumed name of an FDIC-insured depository institution; to provide relative to the use of a bank name following mergers and consolidations; to provide for the continued use of a name of a nonsurviving state bank; to provide for limitations and requirements; to provide for terms; 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 190—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2009.10.2, relative to nursing facilities; to provide for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Special Focus Facility Program; to provide for nursing facility candidates for the program; to provide for state requirements for nursing facilities; to provide for the duties and responsibilities

of the Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 190 by Senator Mizell

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "Program;" delete the remainder of the line and on line 4, delete "nursing facility candidates for the program;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, delete "**candidates;**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 17, and insert the following:

"that is selected for participation in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Special Focus Facility Program shall be subject to enhanced state oversight."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 3, delete "**a candidate for placement**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 4, delete "**persistent**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete line 5 and insert "**requirements.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete line 21 and insert "**(g) Be responsible for staffing increases as directed by the department to address**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 7

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

SENATE BILL NO. 255—
BY SENATOR SELDERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(a)(i), relative to psychosocial rehabilitation services; to provide for educational requirements to provide PSR services; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 270—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1046.5, relative to medical marijuana; to allow for the use of medical marijuana by a terminally ill patient in a healthcare facility; to provide for requirements; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 270 by Senator Jackson-Andrews

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11 after "**R.S. 40:2006(A)(2).**" insert the following: **"Healthcare facility shall not mean any freestanding or distinct part unit of a hospital providing behavioral health services or any emergency or outpatient department of a hospital."**

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 14 and 15 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(3) "Patient" means a person who has a terminal and irreversible condition as defined by R.S. 40:1151.1 and maintains a current recommendation to use medical marijuana."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 16, after "**permit**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**patient use of**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 6 through 19 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(4) Require a patient or a primary caregiver to be responsible for acquiring, retrieving, administering, and removing medical marijuana.

"(5) Subject to the policy adopted by the healthcare facility, require medical marijuana to be stored securely at all times in a locked container provided by the patient in the patient's room, other designated area, or with the patient's primary caregiver.

"(6) Prohibit health care professionals, healthcare facility staff, including but not limited to physicians, nurses, and pharmacists, from administering, storing, retrieving, or assisting the patient with the medical marijuana.

"(7) Upon discharge, all remaining medical marijuana shall be removed by the patient or patient's primary caregiver. If a patient cannot remove the medical marijuana and does not have a primary caregiver that is available to remove the medical marijuana, the medical marijuana shall be disposed of in accordance with the health facility policy and procedure governing medical marijuana.

"(8) Develop, disseminate, and train health facility staff on the written guidelines developed by the facility for patient use of medical marijuana within the health care facility pursuant to this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 20 change "**E.**" to "**C.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 23 change "**F.**" to "**D.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 25 change "**G.**" to "**E.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, delete line 27 and insert "**following actions against a healthcare facility, then all healthcare facilities may suspend compliance with the**"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 273—

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2009.26, relative to inpatient licensed facilities; to provide for hospice care; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for patient care plans; to provide for facility requirements; to provide for Louisiana Department of Health oversight; to provide for violations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 273 by Senator Abraham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 8, delete "**non-hospice**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 1, delete "**non-hospice**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 9, after "**means**" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 24, change "**designated**" to "**authorized**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 27, change "**family**" to "**authorized family member**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 29, delete "**immediately**"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 1, after "**representative**" insert "**as soon as practicable**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, line 3, change "**six**" to "**twenty-four**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 6, after "**reportable**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**incident that the transferring facility submits to the department.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, line 8, after "**reportable**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**incident that the receiving facility submits to the department.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, delete lines 26 through 29 and insert the following: "**a violation of this Section, the department may conduct a complaint survey that may include a review of the facility's care plans. The provider shall issue a plan of correction to any deficiencies cited by the department. The department may issue directed plans of correction or assess administrative penalties as determined by the department.**"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 314—

BY SENATOR SELDERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2724(B)(2)(a), relative to community psychiatric support and treatment services; to provide for limited scope certified social worker license to provide CPST services; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 314 by Senator Selders

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 14, change "at least sixty days" to "**at least sixty days**"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 323—

BY SENATORS BASS AND TALBOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:18(A), 1860, 1969, and 1970(A), relative to penalties for violations of the Louisiana Insurance Code concerning pharmacy benefits; to provide for the commissioner of insurance's authority to issue penalties for certain violations; to repeal the maximum aggregate amount of fines that may be levied by the commissioner for certain violations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 326—

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37: 2150.1(3) through (24), 2152(A)(2), 2155(G)(3), 2156(K)(3), (M), and (N), 2156.1(B)(1), (D)(1), and (E), 2156.2(B)(2), 2157(A)(15)(b) and (18), 2158(C), 2159.1(3), and 2164(A), (B), and (I), to enact R.S. 37:2150.1(25) through (28), 2156.4(D), and 2158(A)(24) and (G), and to repeal R.S. 37:2157(A)(19), relative to the State Licensing Board for Contractors; to provide relative to domicile of the board; to provide for powers and duties of the board; to provide relative to administrative fees retained by the board; to provide relative to license requirements; to provide relative to residential roofing requirements; to provide for exemptions; to provide for violations, prohibited acts, and civil penalties; to provide for definitions, terms, and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 326 by Senator Abraham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To amend and reenact" delete the remainder of the line.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 3 through 5, and insert:
"R.S. 37:2150.1(3) through (24), 2152(A)(2), 2155(G)(3), 2156(K)(3), (M), and (N), 2156.1(B)(1) and (D) through (J), 2156.2(B)(2), 2157(A)(15)(b), (17), and (18), 2158(C) and (E), 2159.1, and 2164 (A), (B), and (I), to enact R.S. 37:21(B)(12) and(13), 37:21(B)(12) and(13), 2150.1(25) through (28), 2152(A)(3), 2155 (G)(6) and (7), 2156(A)(3), 2156.1(K), 2156.4(D), 2158(A)(24) through (27) and (G), 2163.1, and 2164(L), and to repeal R.S. 37:2157(A)(19),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, after "requirements;" insert "to provide for unfair or deceptive trade practices;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 13 through 17 and insert:
"Section 1. R.S. 37:2150.1(3) through (24), 2152(A)(2), 2155(G)(3), 2156(K)(3), (M), and (N), 2156.1(B)(1) and (D) through (J), 2156.2(B)(2), 2157(A)(15)(b), (17), and (18), 2158(C) and (E), 2159.1, and 2164 (A), (B), and (I) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:21(B)(12) and(13), 2150.1(25) through (28), 2152(A)(3), 2155 (G)(6) and (7), 2156(A)(3), 2156.1(K), 2156.4(D), 2158(A)(24) through (27) and (G), 2163.1, and 2164(L) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§21. Limitations on disciplinary proceedings by professional or occupational boards and commissions

B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the following:

- * * *
- (12) Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.
- (13) Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Commission.
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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 4, delete "(3)" and insert "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 7, change "(3)(4)" to "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 5, line 26, after "dollars or more." insert "A mechanical contractor who performs plumbing work for which the project value is ten thousand dollars or more shall possess a master plumber license issued by the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, line 18, after "sewer systems" delete "within" and insert "within for"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 6, line 19, after "residential structure" insert ", including service lines,"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 7, line 25, after "seven thousand five hundred dollars or more." insert "For the purposes of residential roofing only, any structure or building that is primarily used as a residence with no more than four separate dwellings incorporated into one structure shall be considered a residential roofing project and subject to the same licensure requirements."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 8, between lines 27 and 28 insert:
"(3) Except as otherwise provided by law, all meetings of the board shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 9, between lines 11 and 12, insert:
"(6)(a) If the board receives a complaint that is based on a license or rule violation, no proceeding may be instituted after five years from the date of the act or omission. This period may be interrupted by the filing of procedural motions or suspended as provided in this Paragraph.
(b) The time period provided in this Paragraph shall be suspended during the pendency of a legal action involving the licensee as a party or witness if the complaint arises from the same facts giving rise to the legal action or arises from the licensee's activities in the legal action.
(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Paragraph, in the event the board finds that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, the board may take emergency action and issue a summary suspension in accordance with R.S. 49:977.3(C). For the purposes of this Paragraph, "legal action" includes litigation, arbitration, mediation, an administrative proceeding, or any other disciplinary proceeding.
(7) The board shall use special counsel to conduct disciplinary proceedings and prosecute violations at regular or special meetings whenever deemed necessary and shall also use special hearing officers at the board's discretion. These proceedings shall be in accordance with R.S. 49:975 et seq. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not limit the special counsel to only matters of a disciplinary proceeding provided the board's general counsel shall not prosecute cases."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 9, between lines 12 and 13, insert:

"A. * * *

(3) Failure to meet all requirements of licensure shall result in denial of the application of an applicant or any principal. An applicant may appeal the denial in the following order:

(a) An applicant shall first appeal the denial to the board upon request at the next regular meeting of the board.

(b) Following the final decision of the board pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, an applicant may appeal the final decision of the board to the Nineteenth Judicial District Court."

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 9, line 18, change "**four percent**" to "**two percent**"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 10, line 26, after "D." insert:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, criminal background information in the possession of the State Licensing Board for Contractors shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed to any person outside of the agency, except as necessary for action on the application of the applicant. However, any such record may be released to the public in an administrative proceeding before the board, and any final determination made by the board relative to the fitness of any person to receive or to continue to hold a license issued by the board and any legal ground upon which such determination is based shall be a public record as provided by R.S. 44:4(51). The provisions of this Subsection shall not be construed to interfere or limit the jurisdiction and oversight of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor or the Louisiana State Inspector General.

E."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 11, line 4, delete "**E.(1)**" and insert "**F.(1)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 11, line 19, delete the asterisks and insert:

"(4) The policy shall list the board as a certificate holder.

(5) Coverage shall be for a minimum of six months and shall include all scopes of work for which they are licensed.

F.(4)G.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any residential home improvement or mold remediation licensee in good standing with the board for not less than one consecutive year may apply to transfer the license to an inactive status.

(2) An inactive licensee shall follow the same renewal requirements as an active licensee as provided in this Chapter, including the payment of fees, with the exception of the submission of current insurance certificates.

(3) An inactive licensee shall be required to fulfill all prescribed continuing education requirements established for active licensees.

(4) A licensee may request transfer from inactive status to active status at any time, if:

(a) The inactive license has been renewed as provided for in this Section.

(b) The inactive license is current at the time the request is received by the board.

(c) The licensee submits the required insurance certificates as provided in Subsection E of this Section.

G. H. Before a license is issued, a mold remediation license applicant shall be required to furnish evidence to the board that he has satisfactorily completed at least twenty-four hours of training in mold remediation and basic mold assessment.

H.(4)L.(1) Mechanical, plumbing, and electrical contractors licensed pursuant to the provisions of this Section are excluded from local, municipal, or parish regulatory authority examination procedures and may bid and perform work within any local jurisdiction upon paying all appropriate fees.

(2) The purpose of this Subsection is to preempt local, municipal, or parish regulatory examination authority for statewide-licensed mechanical, plumbing, or electrical contractors

bidding and performing work in multiple jurisdictions. The preemption shall further exclude the employees of statewide-licensed electrical and mechanical contractors from local, municipal, or parish regulatory examination or certification authority as a condition to performing work for the statewide-licensed electrical or mechanical contractor.

I.(4)J.(1) Any plumbing contractor who currently holds a Master Plumber License from the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana shall be exempt from any trade examination requirement.

(2) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit plumbing contractors to perform plumbing work without first complying with the licensure provisions of Chapter 16 of this Title, R.S. 37:1361 et seq.

K. The board may consolidate, add, or remove subclassifications or specialties by rule as it deems appropriate."

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 12, delete lines 2 and 3, and insert:

"D. For purposes of residential roofing only, any structure or building used as a residence and containing no more than four separate dwelling units with a single structure shall be considered a residential roofing project and shall be subject to the same licensure requirements."

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 12, between lines 12 and 13, insert:

"(17) Any person performing work as a subcontractor for a residential construction license holder, except for electrical, mechanical, plumbing, mold remediation, water wells, asbestos, or hazardous materials scopes of work. The subcontractor shall contract directly with the residential license holder."

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 12, delete lines 28 and 29.

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 13, delete line 1, and insert:

"(24) Failure to comply with the provisions of the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law, R.S. 40:1749.11 et seq.

(25) Damaging or altering the property of any person with the intent to induce that person to enter into a contract.

(26) Failure to pay for materials or services rendered in connection with operating as a contractor when the contractor has received sufficient funds as payment for the construction work, project, or operation for which the services or materials were rendered or purchased.

(27) Making a material misrepresentation of fact in any application for a permit required by state, municipal, or parochial law."

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 13, between lines 9 and 10, insert:

"E. Any party to the proceeding who is aggrieved by the action of the board may appeal the decision in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. Any party aggrieved by a final decision or order of the board in an adjudication proceeding may appeal the action of the board by filing a petition within thirty days of the final decision or order in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court. Upon request by the aggrieved party for a stay of enforcement or effect of the board's order pending review, the aggrieved party's request for stay shall be set by the court for hearing with no less than ten days' prior written notice to the board or the attorney representing the board. After hearing the request for stay, the court shall determine whether to stay the final order or decision of the board pending review of the appeal. Upon making its determination, the court shall then enter an order accordingly."

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 13, line 19, before "The following" insert "**A.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 13, delete line 20, and insert:

"(1) Interpreting insurance policy provisions regarding coverage or duties under an insured's property insurance policy or advertising or soliciting such services. A contractor shall be considered to have violated the provisions of this Paragraph if a person working on behalf of the contractor including but not limited to a compensated employee or a nonemployee who is compensated by the contractor violates the provisions of this Paragraph.

(2) Adjusting a property insurance claim on behalf of an insured as a public adjuster, as defined in R.S. 22:1692, or advertising or soliciting such services. A contractor shall be considered to have violated the provisions of this Paragraph if a person working on behalf of the contractor, including but not limited to a compensated employee or a nonemployee who is compensated by the contractor, violates the provisions of this Paragraph."

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 14, delete line 2, and insert:

"(4) Sharing in any legal fee earned by an attorney.

(5) Requiring an insured to sign an attorney representation agreement on behalf of an attorney.

(6) Accepting a fee, commission, or other valuable consideration, regardless of form or amount, in exchange for a referral by the person or company to an attorney or law firm.

(7) Advertising or soliciting as insurance claims specialists.

(8) Advertising or soliciting as providing any insurance claim or policy interpretation related services to an insured.

(9) Assignment of benefits.

B. For the purposes of this Section, "assignment agreement" means any instrument by which post-loss benefits under a residential or commercial property insurance policy, including but not limited to any right of action against the insurer or any proceeds acquired from the insurer, are assigned, transferred, or otherwise acquired, in whole or in part, to or from a person providing services, including but not limited to inspecting, protecting, repairing, restoring, or replacing the property or mitigating against further damage to the property.

C.(1) No person shall solicit or accept an assignment, in whole or in part, of any post-loss insurance benefit under a residential or commercial property insurance policy. Any such assignment agreement shall be against public policy and void.

(2) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to any of the following:

(a) An assignment, transfer, pledge, or conveyance granted to a federally insured financial institution, mortgagee, or subsequent purchaser of the property.

(b) Liability coverage under a residential or commercial property insurance policy.

D. Any violation of Subsection C of this Section shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade practice and subject the violator to any action and penalty pursuant to R.S. 22:1969.

E. The provisions of Civil Code Article 2652 shall not apply to this Section.

F. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit an attorney from collecting a contingency fee, pursuant to R.S. 37:218 and the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Louisiana State Bar Association, for an action related to a property insurance claim.

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§2163.1. Records and evidence; civil subpoenas

The board's papers, documents, reports, or evidence related to the subject of an investigation in accordance with this Chapter shall not be subject to disclosure until the completion of the investigation. Such papers, documents, reports, or evidence relative to the subject of an investigation in accordance with this Chapter shall not be subject to subpoena until the investigation has concluded and any violations have been adjudicated at a hearing before the board, unless a court of competent jurisdiction determines the agency and the person who is the subject of the investigation would not be necessarily hindered by such subpoena. Board personnel shall not be subject to subpoena for a civil action by any court of this state to testify concerning any matter of which they have knowledge pursuant to a pending

investigation. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to interfere with or limit the jurisdiction and oversight of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor or the Louisiana State Inspector General.

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 14, line 7, after "violation." delete the remainder of the line.

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 14, line 8, delete "attorney fees for each offense." and insert **"For violations of this Chapter for which a value cannot be determined or does not apply, the violator shall be liable to the board for a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars. In addition to the fine, the board may impose administrative costs and attorney fees for each offense."**

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 14, between lines 24 and 25, insert:

"L. A licensee shall maintain a current email address on file with the board for purposes of receiving all board correspondence, including but not limited to notices, actions, and requests for information. Such correspondence shall be considered received upon receipt of an email delivery confirmation by the board."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 369—

BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1867.1, relative to the pricing of drugs; to provide for restrictions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Original Senate Bill No. 369 by Senator Bass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11, after "reimbursement" and before "for" insert **"on behalf of an Office of Group Benefits insurance plan or any other state sponsored insurance plan"**

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

SENATE BILL NO. 384—

BY SENATOR HARRIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:2211.3, relative to innovation and economic development; to create the Pilot Innovation Hub in certain parishes; to provide for designation of a Pilot Innovation Hub; relative to fostering and testing innovative technologies; to provide for requirements to complete the program; to provide for public notice; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 384 by Senator Harris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 12 through 17, and insert: **"according to the latest federal decennial census is authorized to enact a resolution designating the parish as a Pilot Innovation Hub."**

B. The Pilot Innovation Hub designation shall permit the validation and implementation of innovative technologies to address public challenges, stimulate local economic activity, and create job opportunities. Local business growth and technology commercialization is hereby recognized as a key component to efficiently and safely address public challenges, an essential factor in economic development, and a primary contributor to an all-of-government approach to driving state economic competitiveness.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Delete page 2 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 9 and insert:

"C.(1) Any political subdivision within the jurisdiction designated as a Pilot Innovation Hub may do all of the following:

(a) Establish reasonable procedures governing the competitive selection of the pilot innovation contractor.

(b) Enter into a contractual agreement with the pilot innovation contractor for the purposes of directly managing the programming.

(c) Use public property and resources and align procedures including permitting and zoning, to implement programming.

(2) Pilot innovation contractors, when and if authorized by a political subdivision with a Pilot Innovation Hub shall do all of the following:

(a) Establish reasonable procedures governing the competitive selection and vetting of program participants.

(b) Develop and implement programming.

(c) Define benchmarks and deployment metrics.

(d) Implement programming in a manner that does not adversely impact the political subdivision or the health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the parish.

D. Successful completion of programming shall be demonstrated by a comprehensive pilot report, compiled by the pilot innovation contractor and delivered to the parish governing authority or political subdivision. The comprehensive pilot report shall:

(1) Provide performance data, roadmap for scaled deployment including integration requirements and regulatory considerations.

(2) Demonstrate that usage of technology delivers a valid, useful public purpose and address the goals outlined in the agreement."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 10, after "**completion of**" delete "**a program**" and insert "**programming**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 11, after "**governing authority**" delete "**shall**" and insert "**or political authority may**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, delete lines 16 through 18, and insert:

"F. For the purposes of this Section:

(1) "Programming" means any activities related to the piloting and validation of technologies intended to address public challenges located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Pilot Innovation Hub, including but not limited to flooding, water management, subsidence, infrastructure challenges, energy and grid resilience, maritime logistics, coastal restoration, and other issues of significant public concern within the Pilot Innovation Hub.

(2) "Pilot innovation contractor" means an established business, non-governmental organization, or venture platform with demonstrated experience in developing and managing pilot designed programs to validate start-up technologies."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 386—
BY SENATOR CONNICK

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 20-B of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:1776 through 1780.1, relative to consumer data privacy; creates the Louisiana Data Privacy Act; to provide for limitations and restrictions of the use of certain data; to provide for consumer rights regarding personal data; to provide for applicability and exemptions; to provide for public notice; to provide for definitions and terms; to provide for a private right of action; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 386 by Senator Connick

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "1780.1" to "1780"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 11, change "1780.1" to "1780"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 8, delete lines 24 through 29 and insert: "**that does business in the state and that satisfies one or more of the following thresholds:**

(1) Has annual gross revenues in excess of twenty-five million dollars.

(2) Annually buys, receives for the business's commercial purposes, sells, or shares for commercial purposes the personal information of seventy-five thousand or more consumers, households, or devices.

(3) Derives fifty percent or more of its annual revenues from selling consumers' personal information."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 9, delete line 1.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 13, line 5, change "**at least**" to "**up to**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 22, between lines 6 and 7, insert:

"G. This Section shall not prevent a controller or processor's ability to prevent, detect, protect against or respond to security incidents, identity theft, fraud, harassment, malicious or deceptive activity, or illegal activity; preserve the integrity or security of systems; or investigate, report, or prosecute those responsible for such actions."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 22, line 7, change "**(3)**" to "**H.(1)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 22, line 13, change "**(4)**" to "**(2)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 22, line 18, change "**G.(1)**" to "**L.(1)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 22, delete lines 24 through 29 and delete pages 23 through 25 and insert:

"A. The attorney general shall enforce the provisions of this Chapter.

B. The attorney general shall post on his website, information relating to the responsibilities of a controller and a processor and consumers' rights pursuant to this Chapter.

C. Any violation of the provisions of this Chapter shall constitute an unfair and deceptive trade practice pursuant to the

Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, R.S. 51:1401 et seq., excluding private rights of action as provided in R.S. 51:1409 and 1409.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any monies received related to the attorney general's enforcement of this Chapter shall be used by the attorney general for consumer protection efforts or to promote consumer protection and education.

D. Beginning January 1, 2027, and ending July 31, 2027, before bringing an action pursuant to R.S. 51:1780, the attorney general shall notify a person in writing, not later than the thirtieth calendar day before initiating an investigation, identifying the specific provisions of this Chapter the attorney general alleges is being violated. The attorney general shall not initiate an investigation against the person if the person does all of the following:

(1) Cures the alleged violation identified by the attorney general within the thirty-day period.

(2) Provides the attorney general with a written statement that the person cured the alleged violation and notified the consumer that the consumer's privacy violation was addressed provided the consumer's contact information has been made available to the person.

(3) Submits supportive documentation to the attorney general to show how the privacy violation was cured.

(4) Changes are made to the internal policy, if necessary, to ensure that no further violations occur.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 387—

BY SENATORS BASS AND TALBOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1863 and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11), to enact R.S. 22:1867.1, and to repeal R.S. 22:1868.1, relative to pharmacy benefit managers; to provide for definitions; to provide for a duty to enrollees, health plans, and providers; to provide for compensation; to provide for a private cause of action; to provide for audits; to provide for contract and other requirements; to provide for penalties; to provide for a public records exemption; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Original Senate Bill No. 387 by Senator Bass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 22:1856.1(B)(2)(a), 1863, and 1865(A) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11), to enact R.S. 22:1867.1 and 1868.2, and to "

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "definitions;" insert "to provide for appeals;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 5, after "compensation;" insert "to provide for rebates, formularies, and cost-sharing;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 10, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 22:1856.1(B)(2)(a), 1863, and 1865(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:1867.1 and 1868.2 are "

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:
"§1856.1. Pharmacy record audits; recoupment; appeals
* * *

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, when an audit of the records of a pharmacy is conducted by an entity, the audit shall be conducted in accordance with the following criteria:
* * *

(2)(a) No entity shall conduct an audit at a particular pharmacy more than one time annually. The audit shall be limited to claims submitted not more than twelve months prior to date the audit begins. However, the provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply when an entity must return to a pharmacy to complete an audit already in progress, or there is an identified history of errors, an identified activity which a reasonable man person would believe to be inappropriate, or illegal activity that the entity has brought to the attention of the pharmacy owner or corporate headquarters of the pharmacy.
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AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 6, between lines 1 and 2, insert the following:
"§1865. Appeals; maximum allowable costs

A. (1) The pharmacy benefit manager shall provide a reasonable administrative appeal procedure to allow pharmacies to challenge maximum allowable costs for a specific NDC or NDCs as not meeting the requirements of this Subpart or being below the cost at which the pharmacy may obtain the NDC. Within fifteen business days after the applicable fill date, a pharmacy may file an appeal by following the appeal process as provided for in this Subpart. The pharmacy benefit manager shall respond to a challenge within fifteen business days after receipt of the challenge.

(2) The administrative appeal procedure shall allow a pharmacy or pharmacist the option to submit a consolidated appeal representing multiple substantially similar claims.
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AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 6, line 2, after "**PBM**" and before "**compensation**" delete "**Duty;**" and insert "**fiduciary duty;**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, line 3, between "**PBM**" and "**Duty**" insert "**Fiduciary**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 6, at the beginning of line 5, between "**manager**" and "**duty**" insert "**fiduciary**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 6, line 10, between "**manager**" and "**duty**" insert "**fiduciary**"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 6, line 18, between "**manager**" and "**duty**" insert "**fiduciary**"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 6, line 25, between "**manager**" and "**duty**" insert "**fiduciary**"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 7, at the beginning of line 5, before "**duty**" insert "**fiduciary**"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 7, delete lines 6 and 7 in their entirety and insert "**party.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 7, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

(3) A pharmacy benefit manager shall not:
(a) Obtain a rebate, or any other incentive or inducement including but not limited to discounts, on a name brand drug in exchange for not placing other name brand drugs, biosimilars, generic drugs, or any other drug in the same class of drugs on the PBM formulary.
(b) Design a prescription drug formulary to favor a certain branded pharmaceutical or biologic over a therapeutically equivalent generic or biosimilar, unless the branded

pharmaceutical or biologic has a lower net acquisition cost and that lower cost is reflected in a lower out-of-pocket expense for consumers.

(c) Charge an out-of-pocket cost share that is based on a prescription drug price greater than the pharmacy benefit manager's net acquisition cost of the prescription drug.

(d) Use its formulary to effectively ban the use of certain pharmacies by an insured."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 7, at the beginning of line 8, change "(3)" to "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 7, delete lines 12 through 17 and insert the following:

"(1) A pharmacy benefit manager or group purchasing organization may negotiate but shall not retain rebates and fees. All manufacturer rebates, whether accrued to a pharmacy benefit manager, a pharmacy benefit manager's affiliated group purchasing organization, or any other pharmacy benefit manager owned or affiliated entity shall be passed through to the pharmacy benefit manager's healthcare plan sponsor client as described in this Section.

(2) A pharmacy benefit manager may earn income only from the following sources:

(a) The assessment of a flat dollar service fee charged on either a per-person per-month or a per-prescription basis which shall cover all of the pharmacy benefit manager's administrative, clinical, print, electronic, and related costs for the provision of prescription benefit management services to a client health benefit plan. The flat dollar service fee may vary among a pharmacy benefit manager's clients based on the number of health benefit plan participants and clinical and administrative services provided, and shall be set forth in a written agreement between the parties.

(b) A flat dollar performance bonus payment, which may be paid by a client health benefit plan to a pharmacy benefit manager for meeting specified benchmarks in reducing the client health benefit plan's aggregated overall drug spending over a specific period of time. A flat dollar performance bonus payment shall be set forth in a written agreement between the parties."

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 7, at the beginning of line 18, change "(2)" to "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 7, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

"(4)(a) A pharmacy benefit manager or group purchasing organization shall not earn any income based directly on prescription drug list prices, acquisition cost, average wholesale cost, or any other metric for prescription drug pricing or fulfillment at any stage in the drug supply chain, including but not limited to prescription drug markups, up-charging, spread pricing of any kind, manufacturer-derived revenues of any sort, which shall include but not be limited to price protection, group purchasing organization retained rebates or fees of any kind, rebate aggregator administrative or any other fees charged or collected, coupon compensation and patient assistance compensation fees, retained discounts and rebates, and other manufacturer payments, and any other arrangements on price of prescription drugs.

(b) Any prohibited pharmacy benefit manager income that a pharmacy manager may receive during the course of a pharmacy benefit manager's operations in service of its Louisiana client health plans shall be considered prohibited income that the pharmacy benefit manager shall pass through in its entirety to the pharmacy benefit manager's Louisiana health benefit plan clients on a quarterly basis."

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 7, at the beginning of line 28, change "(3)" to "(5)"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 8, line 9, after "contract." and before "As" insert the following: "The commissioner may also examine the books or

records of any entity in a pharmacy benefit manager's corporate vertical structure, including but not limited to the insurer, group purchasing organization, manufacturer, wholesale distributor, special or mail order pharmacy, retail or long-term care pharmacy, and provider."

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 9, line 1, after "days" and before "its" delete "of" and insert "after"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 10, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"* * *

§1868.2. Pharmacy benefit manager formularies

A. As used in this Section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Affiliated manufacturer" means a drug or biological product manufacturer that, either directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, meets one or more of the following criteria:

(a) Has an investment or ownership interest greater than five percent in a pharmacy benefit manager.

(b) Shares common ownership with a pharmacy benefit manager.

(c) Has an investor or a holder of an ownership interest in a pharmacy benefit manager.

(2) "Biological product" has the same meaning as in the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 262.

(3) "Biosimilar" has the same meaning as in the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 262.

(4) "Interchangeable" has the same meaning as in the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 262.

B.(1) A pharmacy benefit manager revising the formulary of covered prescription drugs at the beginning of a plan year shall provide a sixty day continuity-of-care period in which the covered prescription drug that is being revised from the formulary continues to be provided at the same cost for the insured for a period of sixty days.

(2) The sixty day continuity-of-care period commences upon notification to the insured by the insurer.

(3) This Subsection does not apply if any of the following have occurred regarding the covered prescription drug:

(a) The prescription drug has been made available over the counter by the United States Food and Drug Administration and has entered the commercial market as such.

(b) The prescription drug has been removed or withdrawn from the commercial market by the manufacturer.

(c) The prescription drug is subject to an involuntary recall by state or federal authorities and is no longer available on the commercial market.

C. A pharmacy benefit manager shall not require an insured to receive a drug or biological product that is manufactured by an affiliated manufacturer when there is an available generically equivalent drug, or an available biological product that is biosimilar to and interchangeable for the prescribed biological product.

D. A pharmacy benefit manager shall not require an insured to receive a more expensive name brand drug when less expensive name brand drugs, biosimilars, generic drugs, or any other drug in the same class of drugs are available.

E. Other than at the time of coverage renewal, while an insured is taking a prescription drug a pharmacy benefit manager shall not do any of the following:

(1) Remove the prescription drug from its list of covered drugs during the policy year unless any of the following have occurred:

(a) The United States Food and Drug Administration has issued a statement about the drug which calls into question the clinical safety of the drug.

(b) The manufacturer of the drug has notified the United States Food and Drug Administration of a manufacturing discontinuance or potential discontinuance of the drug as required by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 356.

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(c) The drug has been approved and made available over the counter by the United States Food and Drug Administration and entered the commercial market as such.

(2) Reclassify the drug to a more restrictive drug tier or increase the amount that an insured must pay for a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible for prescription drug benefits, or reclassify the drug to a higher cost-sharing tier during the policy year.

F. This Section does not prohibit the addition of prescription drugs to the formulary during the policy year."

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 11, delete line 7 in its entirety and insert:

"Section 4. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 401 of this 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted and becomes effective. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the date that Senate Bill No. 401 become effective."

On motion of Senator Talbot, the committee amendment was adopted.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 401—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact Subpart C-2 of Part II of Chapter 6 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1870.10 through 1870.18, relative to a Prescription Drug Affordability Board; to provide legislative findings and purpose; to provide for definitions; to establish the Prescription Drug Affordability Board; to provide for membership, powers, and duties of the board; to require drug manufacturers to provide drug pricing information to the board; to require educational or marketing materials for prescription drugs directed to healthcare providers to include price information; to establish the minimum price information content; to authorize enforcement pursuant to the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law; to provide for a public records exception; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Original Senate Bill No. 401 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11)" and before "to enact" change the "and" to a comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "through" and before "relative" delete "1870.18," and insert "1870.20, and to repeal R.S. 22:1870(B)(5),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, after "Law;" and before "to" insert the following: "to require reporting when a prescription drug's price increases over a certain amount; to provide for information requests by the board; to provide for public access to certain drug pricing information; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for audits of reporting entities; to provide for an annual report; to provide for the authority of the attorney general;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 15, change "1870.18" to "1870.20"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 24, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 26, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 27, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, line 1, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4, line 2, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, line 3, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, line 5, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 4, line 6, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 4, line 7, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 4, line 8, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 4, line 10, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 4, line 12, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 4, line 16, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 4, line 25, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 4, line 28, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 5, line 5, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 5, line 7, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 5, line 8, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 5, line 10, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 5, line 24, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 5, delete line 27 and insert "(i) Local pharmacies, as defined in R.S. 22:1863."

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 6, line 7, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 6, line 15, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 6, line 22, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 6, line 24, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 6, line 26, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 7, line 3, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 7, line 6, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 7, line 8, change "committee" to "board"

AMENDMENT NO. 34

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

"§1870.19. Prescription drug pricing transparency

A.(1) A pharmaceutical drug manufacturer shall notify the board no later than thirty days after any of the following occur:

(a) The wholesale acquisition drug cost of a brand name drug increases by more than the percentage change from the preceding year in the prescription drug component of the Consumer Price Index of the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics per pricing unit during any twelve-month period.

(b) The wholesale acquisition drug cost of a generic or biosimilar drug increases by more than one hundred dollars from the preceding year or two hundred dollars total per pricing unit during any twelve-month period.

(c) A new drug is introduced for distribution in the state that has a wholesale acquisition cost greater than the amount that causes the drug to be considered a specialty drug under the Medicare Part D program.

(2) For any prescription drug reported pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the manufacturer shall report to the board the following information about the drug:

(a) An explanation of the increase, including whether it was in response to any rebate, other incentive or inducement, including discounts, or formulary requirement.

(b) The total cost of production and approximate cost of production per pricing unit.

(c) Research and development costs of the drug including but not limited to all of the following:

(i) Research and development costs that are paid with public funds.

(ii) After-tax research and development costs paid by the manufacturer.

(iii) Research and development costs paid by third parties.

(iv) Marketing and advertising costs for the drug, apportioned by marketing activities that are directed to consumers, marketing activities that are directed to prescribers, and the total cost of all marketing and advertising that is directed primarily to Louisiana consumers and prescribers.

B. No later than thirty days after receipt of a notice provided for in Subsection A of this Section, the board shall request pricing component data per pricing unit for the prescription drug from each reporting entity.

C. No later than sixty days from the date of receiving a request from the board, a reporting entity shall notify the board of pricing component data per pricing unit of the prescription drug.

D. Each reporting entity that submits a notification or report pursuant to this Section shall submit with the notification or report a signed written certification of the notification's or report's accuracy.

E. The information provided for in Subsections A and C of this Section shall be made publicly accessible on the website of both the Department of Insurance and the Louisiana Department of Health.

F. The failure of any reporting entity to provide information required by this Section shall be considered an unfair method of competition and unfair practice or act in accordance with the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, R.S. 51:1401 et seq. In addition to any enforcement actions taken by the commissioner as authorized pursuant to this Title, the commissioner on behalf of the board shall refer any reporting

entity that fails to provide a notification or report required by this Section to the attorney general.

G. The Department of Insurance and the Louisiana Department of Health may audit the data submitted by a reporting entity pursuant to this Subpart. The reporting entity shall pay for the costs of the audit.

H. By January first of each year, the board shall produce an annual report and submit the report to the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives. The report shall include all of the following:

(1) Information developed from the disclosures received pursuant to this Subpart on trends in the cost of prescription drugs, analysis of manufacturer prices and price increases, the major components of prescription drug pricing along the supply chain and the impacts on insurance premiums and cost sharing, and any other information the board determines is relevant to providing greater consumer awareness of the factors contributing to the cost of prescription drugs in the state.

(2) Information identifying the twenty-five costliest drugs in the state, the twenty-five most frequently prescribed drugs in the state, and the twenty-five drugs with the highest year-over-year cost increases.

I. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Affiliated manufacturer" means a drug or biological product manufacturer that, either directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries:

(a) Has an investment or ownership interest in a pharmacy benefit manager licensed by the commissioner.

(b) Shares common ownership with a pharmacy benefit manager licensed by the commissioner.

(c) Has an investor or a holder of an ownership interest in a pharmacy benefit manager licensed by the commissioner.

(2) "Prescription drug" or "drug" means a drug that is required by any applicable federal or state law or regulation to be dispensed or delivered pursuant only to a prescription drug order, or is restricted to use by practitioners only and includes biological products. The term is limited to prescription drugs and biological products intended for human use.

(3) "Reporting entity" means a manufacturer, affiliated manufacturer, group purchasing organization, rebate aggregator, wholesale drug distributor, pharmacy benefits manager, and any other entity in the supply chain between the manufacturer and pharmacy.

§1870.20. Termination

The provisions of this Subpart shall terminate on June 30, 2028."

AMENDMENT NO. 35

On page 9, after line 5, insert the following:

"Section 3. R.S. 22:1870(B)(5) is hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 387 of this 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted and becomes effective. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the date that Senate Bill No. 387 becomes effective."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 418—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 174 in Sabine Parish as "Dick and Jacque Shuford 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 by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

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SENATE BILL NO. 420—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 48:2094(C) and 2094(H), relative to the Lafayette Metropolitan Expressway Commission; to provide for commissioners of the Lafayette Metropolitan Expressway Commission; to provide for the boundary and jurisdiction of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original Senate Bill No. 420 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2 after "2094(H)" and before the comma insert "and to enact R.S. 48:2094(C)(8) and (9)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 10, after "reenacted" insert "and R.S. 48:2094(C)(8) and (9) are hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 14 before "directors" insert "thirteen"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

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

"(8) One member appointed by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury President.

(9) One member appointed by the Iberia Parish President.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 441—

BY SENATORS MIZELL AND BARROW
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:11(B), 24.8(A), (B), and (D)(1), 407.33(1) and (5), 407.35(A), and 407.41(A), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) and to enact R.S. 17:407.41(D), relative to programs for prekindergarten-aged children; to provide for nonpublic and public prekindergarten programs; to provide for approval of nonpublic prekindergarten programs; to provide for child safety and welfare standards; to provide for violations; to provide for camps; to provide for exemptions; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for terms, definitions, conditions, and procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions
on Second Reading
Reported by Committees

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY SENATOR MYERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To repeal the Department of Public Safety and Corrections rule LAC 55:I.207(D) which provides relative to criminal history background checks on licensed ambulance personnel and nonlicensed persons; to direct the office of the state register to incorporate the repeal into the Louisiana Administrative Code; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3 by Senator Myers

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "repeal" to "amend"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 14

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 18, change "repeals" to "amends"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 1, after "Corrections" insert ", to provide that implementation of LAC 55:I.207(D) is suspended until October 1, 2026"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 4, change "have" to "amend"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 5, delete "the repeal of"

On motion of Senator Jackson-Andrews, the committee amendment was adopted.

The amended resolution was read by title and ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

Senator Boudreaux in the Chair

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—

BY SENATOR FESI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, in coordination with the Department of Transportation and Development and other relevant agencies, to study the differences between Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi laws and regulations governing commercial driver's licenses and commercial freight hauling operations and to report findings and recommendations to the legislature regarding improving regulatory alignment and cohesiveness amongst the states.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Fesi 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	Harris	Myers
Barthelemy	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Carter	Jenkins	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cloud	Lambert	Stine
Connick	Luneau	Talbot
Duplessis	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow McMath Selders
Total - 3

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—
BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress and to urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize states to implement a presumption of Medicaid eligibility during redetermination for elderly and disabled beneficiaries and to allow exemption from annual redetermination requirements consistent with reforms enacted by the state of Florida.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Wheat 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	Harris	Myers
Barthelemy	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Carter	Jenkins	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cloud	Lambert	Stine
Connick	Luneau	Talbot
Duplessis	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow McMath Selders
Total - 3

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

Mr. President in the Chair

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

SENATE BILL NO. 14—
BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:710.3 and to repeal R.S. 11:710, 710.1, and 710.2, relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for reemployment of retired teachers; to allow for a retirement benefit while working, subject to conditions; to provide for earning limits; to provide for supplemental benefits; to provide for critical shortages; to provide for reporting and notification requirements; to provide for employee and employer contributions; to provide for service credits; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cloud proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cloud to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Price

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 9, between line 24 and 25, insert the following:

"H. The system and the legislative auditor shall determine any identifiable actuarial impact of this Section following the experience study of the system for the period ending June 30, 2032, and shall report their findings to the chairmen of the House Committee on Retirement and the Senate Committee on Retirement not less than one hundred twenty days before the commencement of the 2034 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature for consideration of legislative action, as necessary."

On motion of Senator Cloud, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Pressly
Total - 1

ABSENT

Barrow McMath Selders
Total - 3

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

SENATE BILL NO. 315—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2316, relative to professional service contract exemptions; to provide for thresholds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Reese proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Reese to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 315 by Senator Reese

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "thresholds;" insert "to provide for contract requirements;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of the line 10, insert the following: "Any agency that enters into more than one professional services contract in any given fiscal year shall ensure that not less than fifty percent of the total number of such contracts are awarded to separate, distinct, and unaffiliated professional services firms if such contracts are exempt pursuant to the provisions of this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 15 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2026, whichever is later."

On motion of Senator Reese, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barthelemy, Bass, Boudreaux, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Luneau, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Barrow, McMATH, Selders

Total - 3

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

SENATE BILL NO. 426— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 168 by Senator Stine)

BY SENATOR STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3386.1, 3386.2(A), the introductory paragraph of 3386.2(B), and 3386.2(B)(5) and (6) and (G), 3387.1(A)(2)(b) through (d), 3387.2(A)(2)(b) through (d), 3387.3(B)(4), 3387.6(E)(1) and (3) and (I), 3388.3, 3390.3(A)(11) and (B)(4) and 3390.6(A) and (B)(6) through (8) and R.S. 40:1203.3(E), to enact R.S. 37:3386.2(B)(7) through (10), 3387.15, 3387.16, 3387.17, 3388.4, and 3390.6(B)(9), relative to the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority; to provide for the board's authority; to provide for board membership; to provide for definitions; to provide for scope of practice; to provide for peer support specialists; to provide for peer support specialist associates; to provide for peer support

specialist supervisors; to provide for criminal background checks; to provide for renewals; to provide for fees; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Stine proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Stine to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 426 by Senator Stine

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "3386.2(B)(5) and (6) and (G)" to "3386.2(B)(5) and (6), the introductory paragraph of 3386.2(F)(1), and 3386.2(G)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, change "R.S. 40:1203.3(E)," to "R.S. 40:1203.3(E) and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "(10)" insert "and (H)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 15, change "3386.2(B)(5) and (6) and (G)" to "3386.2(B)(5) and (6), the introductory paragraph of 3386.2(F)(1), and 3386.2(G)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 1, after "(10)" insert "and (H)"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 7, between 25 and 26, insert the following:

"F. Except for the consumer member, each member of the board shall at the time of appointment:

- (1) Be currently credentialed by the board.
(2) Have no disciplinary history with the board.
(3) Be eligible to provide supervised clinical services, mentor trainees, or participate in board-approved supervision structures.
(4) Demonstrate competency in:
(a) Addiction counseling and recovery-oriented care.
(b) Co-occurring disorder treatment.
(c) Evidence-based behavioral health practices.
(5) Have familiarity with Louisiana's behavioral health infrastructure, including state agencies, parish level services, and community based recovery networks.

F.G.(1) The consumer member of the board shall possess all of the following qualifications:

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AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 7, line 26, change "G." to "G: H."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 20, after line 28, insert the following:

"Section 3.(A) The Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority shall coordinate with the Louisiana Department of Health during the transition of peer support specialists from the department to the board.

(B) Any rules promulgated by the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority relative to peer support specialist associates, peer support specialists, and peer support supervisors shall align with the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Model Standards for Peer Support Certification in accordance with any federal requirements by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)."

On motion of Senator Stine, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	McMath	Selders
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Total - 3

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

SENATE BILL NO. 427— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 311 by Senator Pressly)

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2351, 2354, 2354.1, 2354.2, 2354.7, 2354.8, and 2357(A) and (F) and to enact R.S. 17:2351.1 and 2354.10 through 2354.14, relative to anatomical gifts; to provide requirements and methods for executing an anatomical gift; to provide for definitions; to provide for authority to execute or revoke an anatomical gift; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Pressly proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Pressly to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 427 by Senator Pressly

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "2351," insert "2352,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, after "2351," insert "2352,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, line 7, change "record" to "record."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following: "§2352. Applicability; persons who may make an anatomical gift or refusal prior to the death of the donor

A. The provisions of this Part shall apply to an anatomical gift or amendment, revocation, or refusal to make an anatomical gift.

B. Subject to the provisions of R.S. 17:2354.2, an anatomical gift or refusal of a body or part of the donor may be made during his life for the purpose of transplantation, therapy, research, or education as provided in R.S. 17:2354 by any of the following:

- (1) An adult donor.

(2) A minor donor, if he who has been emancipated or authorized under state law to apply for a driver's license who is emancipated pursuant to law or who is legally married.

(3) An agent of the donor, as defined in R.S. 17:2351, unless the power of attorney for health care or other record prohibits it.

(4) A parent of the donor, if he is an unemancipated minor.

(5) The guardian of the donor."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, delete lines 10 through 12 and insert the following:

"by persons as provided by and in accordance with R.S. 17:2352 by any of"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 11, line 7, after "minor" insert ", except as provided by R.S. 17:2352(B)(2) or R.S. 17:2354(A)."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 12, line 19, delete "otherwise provided by law" and insert "the record is in accordance with R.S. 17:2354.7"

On motion of Senator Pressly, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	McMath	Selders
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Total - 3

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

SENATE BILL NO. 76—

BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Art. 138, relative to the modification of child custody; to provide with respect to the evidentiary burdens required to modify child custody; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 76 by Senator Miller

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 17, after "B." delete "In" and insert "After five years have elapsed from the date of a judgment rendered by considered decree, and in"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Fesi, Mizell, Abraham, Foil, Morris, Allain, Harris, Myers, Barthelemy, Hensgens, Owen, Bass, Hodges, Pressly, Boudreaux, Jackson-Andrews, Price, Carter, Jenkins, Reese, Cathey, Kleinpeter, Seabaugh, Cloud, Lambert, Stine, Connick, Luneau, Talbot, Duplessis, Miguez, Wheat, Edmonds, Miller, Womack, Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Barrow, McMath, Selders, Total - 3

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

SENATE BILL NO. 118— BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 14:98.1(A)(1) and (A)(1)(b) and the introductory paragraph of 98.2(A)(1) and (A)(1)(b) and to enact R.S. 14:98.1(D), relative to driving offenses; to provide relative to first and second offenses of operating a vehicle while impaired; to provide for probation conditions; to provide for substance use disorder screening; to provide for diagnosis and treatment; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Boudreaux proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Boudreaux to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 118 by Senator Boudreaux

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete line 21 and insert "'Judge Jules Edwards, III Impaired Driving Prevention Act'."

On motion of Senator Boudreaux, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Fesi, Mizell, Abraham, Foil, Morris, Allain, Harris, Myers, Barthelemy, Hensgens, Owen, Bass, Hodges, Pressly, Boudreaux, Jackson-Andrews, Price, Carter, Jenkins, Reese, Cathey, Kleinpeter, Seabaugh, Cloud, Lambert, Stine, Connick, Luneau, Talbot, Duplessis, Miguez, Wheat, Edmonds, Miller, Womack, Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Barrow, McMath, Selders, Total - 3

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

SENATE BILL NO. 156— BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:32(C)(1) and (2), relative to negligent homicide; to provide relative to penalties; to increase the maximum term of imprisonment for negligent homicide under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Kleinpeter proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Kleinpeter to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 156 by Senator Kleinpeter

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 10 through 17 and insert:

"C.(1)(a) Except as provided for in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, whoever commits the crime of negligent homicide shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than ten years, fined not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without labor, for not more than fifteen years, or both.

(b) If the court does not order the offender to a term of imprisonment when the following two factors are established, the court shall state, both orally and in writing at the time of sentencing, the reasons for not sentencing the offender to a term of imprisonment:

(i) The fatality was caused by a person engaged in the operation of, or in actual physical control of, any motor vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, or other means of conveyance; and

(ii) The offender's blood alcohol concentration contributed to the fatality.

(2)(a) If the victim ~~killed~~ was under the age of ten years, the offender shall be imprisoned at hard labor, without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence, for not less than two ~~years~~ nor more than ~~ten~~ **fifteen** years.

(b) ~~If the court does not order the offender to a term of imprisonment when the following two factors are established, the court shall state, both orally and in writing at the time of sentencing, the reasons for not sentencing the offender to a term of imprisonment:~~

~~(i) The fatality was caused by a person engaged in the operation of, or in actual physical control of, any motor vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, or other means of conveyance; and~~

~~(ii) The offender's blood alcohol concentration contributed to the fatality.~~

If the victim was under the age of thirteen years and the fatality was the result of criminally negligent mistreatment, abuse, or neglect, the offender shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than two years nor more than twenty years.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Delete page 2

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Harris	Myers
Abraham	Hensgens	Owen
Allain	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathy	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Fesi	Mizell	
Foil	Morris	
Total - 34		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Duplessis	Selders
Barthelemy	McMath	
Total - 5		

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

Motion

Senator Lambert moved to suspend the rules to take up Senate Bill No. 258 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 258—

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To enact Children's Code Art. 951.1, relative to juvenile traffic violations; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Myers
Abraham	Hodges	Owen
Allain	Jenkins	Pressly
Bass	Kleinpeter	Price
Cathy	Lambert	Reese
Cloud	Luneau	Seabaugh
Edmonds	Miguez	Stine
Fesi	Miller	Talbot
Foil	Mizell	Wheat
Harris	Morris	Womack
Total - 30		

NAYS

Boudreaux	Duplessis
Carter	Jackson-Andrews
Total - 4	

ABSENT

Barrow	Connick	Selders
Barthelemy	McMath	
Total - 5		

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

SENATE BILL NO. 197—

BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:312.1(D), relative to judges on the court of appeal; to provide for the number of judges on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal; to reduce the number of judges serving on the fourth circuit; to provide for implementation of the reduced number of judges; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Morris proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Morris to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 197 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, after "of judges;" insert "to provide for an effective date;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 11, change "**eight**" to "**ten**" and change "**Five**" to "**Seven**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 2, change "Divisions F, G, or H" to "Division G"

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 5, insert the following:

"Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."

On motion of Senator Morris, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Cathey, Cloud, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Total - 26; Hensgens, Hodges, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers; Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

NAYS

Table with 3 columns of names: Barthelemy, Boudreaux, Carter, Total - 9; Duplessis, Harris, Jackson-Andrews; Jenkins, Luneau, Price.

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns of names: Barrow, Connick, Total - 4; McMath, Selders.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 217— BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1136, 1137(B), 1302, 1312(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), 1335, 1337(A) and (B), 1343(A), 1344(A) and (D), 1347(A)(3), (B), and (C), 1383, 1384, 1595, 2151(D), 2151.4(D), 2492(A)(1), (5), and (6), to enact R.S. 13:1312(E) and (F) and 2492(A)(8), and to repeal R.S. 13:1304, 1347(D), 1595.1, and 2492(A)(7)(b), relative to courts in Orleans Parish; to provide for the number of court judges and commissioners; to provide for payment of court expenses from the Consolidated Judicial Expense Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 217 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 6, line 7, before "Orleans" change "of" to "for"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Senator Morris, the amended bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

SENATE BILL NO. 256—

BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1211, 1211.1, 1212(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5), 1212.1, 1213.1, 1213.2, 1216, 1222, 1371.2, 1373(A)(1), 1373.1, 1381.3, and 1381.7(A) and R.S. 18:2(3), 444(E), 602(C)(1), (E)(2)(c), 1300.7(B), 1354(A)(1), 1511.2(E) and 1511.3(A)(1), relative to the clerk of court in Orleans Parish; to provide for one clerk of the civil district court and the criminal district court; to provide for payments from the Clerk of Court Expense Fund; to provide for the administration of the court by the clerk of court in Orleans Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 256 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 10, delete line 4

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Morris proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Morris to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 256 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 8, after "Orleans Parish;" insert "to provide for an effective date;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the beginning of line 13, insert "A."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

"B. To facilitate transition to a consolidated office of the clerk of court, no employee of the clerk of the Criminal District Court on the date this Section becomes effective may be discharged from employment by the clerk before January 15, 2027, except for good cause shown including, but not limited to, insubordination or violation of any state or federal law, notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 13:1371.2. The clerk of the office of the consolidated clerk of court may hire temporary employees or hire contractors to assist in the transition using unrestricted funds of the clerk until June 30, 2027."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 10, after line 17, insert the following:

"Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."

On motion of Senator Morris, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Senator Morris, the amended bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

SENATE BILL NO. 288—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(b) and (F)(1), 587.2(B), and 587.7(B)(3), relative to criminal history background checks; to provide for the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information; to provide for the duty to provide certain information to the Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners and employers; to provide for the release of expunged criminal history record information under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	McMath	Selders
Total - 3		

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

SENATE BILL NO. 294—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:44(15), 205(16), and 353(9), relative to promotional play in certain forms of gaming; to provide for the allowable amount of promotional play deduction in certain forms of gaming; 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. 313—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 14.1(D), relative to electronic filings in criminal matters; to prohibit additional fees from being assessed; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Jackson-Andrews proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Jackson-Andrews to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 313 by Senator Jackson-Andrews

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11, after "by the" change "clerk's" to "clerk of court's" and after "criminal" change "matters" to "and traffic actions"

On motion of Senator Jackson-Andrews, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Jackson-Andrews moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	McMath	Selders
Total - 3		

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

SENATE BILL NO. 321—
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 328(C), relative to electronic bonds; to provide for certain conditions on the use of electronic bonds; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 393—
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1472.2(4), (9.1), and (18), 1472.3(E)(3)(b), and 1472.9(A) and to enact R.S. 40:1472.2(7.1), relative to the regulation of explosives; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensing; to provide for civil penalties; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Myers

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Barthelemy	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Carter	Jenkins	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cloud	Lambert	Stine
Connick	Luneau	Talbot
Duplessis	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	McMath	Selders
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Total - 3

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

SENATE BILL NO. 396—
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 906(B)(1) and (3), relative to the office of juvenile justice; to require review hearings via secure video conference; to reclassify detention centers; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cloud proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cloud to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 396 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "and (3)" insert "and to enact Children's Code Art. 906(B)(5)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "centers;" insert "to provide for confidential virtual conferencing with the child's counsel of record;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the end of line 6 after "reenacted" insert "and Children's Code Art. 906(B)(5) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete line 13 and insert "participate in an in-person review hearing not more than"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 1, after "disposition." insert "The court may order review hearings set more frequently than the in-person hearings every six months, but for such additional hearings the child shall participate via a video conferencing platform."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, after line 10, insert:
"(5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any child committed by a court to the custody of the office of juvenile justice shall have the right to participate in a private and confidential virtual consultation with his counsel of record prior to any review hearing or other proceeding. The consultation shall be conducted through a secure video conferencing platform that ensures end-to-end confidentiality."

On motion of Senator Cloud, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	McMath	Selders
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Total - 3

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

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Third Reading and Final Passage,
Subject to Call

Called from the Calendar

Senator Reese asked that Senate Bill No. 142 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 142—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3351(A)(2), relative to postsecondary education management boards; to provide the use of and conditions on all amounts received by public postsecondary education institutions from the Board of Regents Support Fund; to require public postsecondary education management boards to continue to comply with the initial conditions on the receipt of such amounts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Myers
Barthelemy	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Carter	Jenkins	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh

Cloud	Lambert	Stine
Connick	Luneau	Talbot
Duplessis	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	McMath	Selders
Total - 3		

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator Reese asked that Senate Bill No. 287 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 287—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:1393.1(E)(6), (F)(4), the introductory paragraph of 1393.1(H), and 1393.1(H)(1), (2), (3), and (6) and to enact R.S. 6:1389(B), (C), (D), and (E) and 1393.1(E)(7), relative to virtual currency; to provide for virtual currency kiosks; to provide for cancellation and refund of transactions; to provide for reporting and disclosures; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Reese proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Reese to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 287 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 6:1393.1(E)(6)," to "R.S. 6:1389(B), 1393.1(E)(6),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "R.S. 6:1389" delete "(B),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, change "R.S. 6:1393.1(E)(6)," to "R.S. 6:1389(B), 1393.1(E)(6),"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 10, after "R.S. 6:1389" delete "(B),"

On motion of Senator Reese, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Myers
Barthelemy	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Carter	Jenkins	Reese

Cathey	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cloud	Lambert	Stine
Connick	Luneau	Talbot
Duplessis	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	McMath	Selders
Total - 3		

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.

Called from the Calendar

Senator Pressly asked that Senate Bill No. 170 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 170—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:3158, relative to the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission; to provide for confirmation of commissioners by the Senate; to provide for requirements for commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	McMath	Selders
Total - 3		

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

Called from the Calendar

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

April 7, 2026

SENATE BILL NO. 234—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3384, relative to postsecondary education institutions; to require a letter-based grading scale for medical doctorate degrees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Pressly proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 12, after "Low-Pass" insert "(LP)"

On motion of Senator Pressly, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Pressly proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 14 through 16

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 17, change "C." to "B."

On motion of Senator Pressly, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Abraham	McMath
Barrow	Selders

Total - 4

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

Rules Suspended

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61—

BY SENATOR CLOUD

A RESOLUTION

To commend and celebrate Rosa Mae Briley Pitre on the momentous occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Joseph Cassimere.

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

April 7, 2026

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. 546	HB No. 166	HB No. 349
HB No. 429	HB No. 436	HB No. 747
HB No. 163		

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 163—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2795.8, relative to liability for owners of private airports; to limit liability of airport owners; to provide a definition; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 166—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1109(A) and 1109.1(A)(introductory paragraph), (9), and (10) and to repeal R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(11), relative to the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District; to remove Vermilion Parish as a member of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District; to remove a member of the board of commissioners for 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. 349—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:5.10.1(B), relative to the Imported Seafood Safety Fund; to provide for the purpose and use of appropriated funds; 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. 429—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:61(A)(1) and (4) and (B)(introductory paragraph) and 67.24(C) and to enact R.S. 14:61(A)(5) and (6) and (B)(1)(c) and 128.1(A)(6) and (B)(6), relative to the unauthorized entry and theft of critical infrastructure; to add oil fields as critical infrastructure; to make unauthorized entry and theft of oil fields predicate crimes for terrorism; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 436—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4558 and R.S. 56:1688(A), relative to state and municipal parks; to provide for the use of veterans honorably discharged as police officers in a municipal park; to provide for the use of veterans honorably discharged as state park wardens; to provide for the definition of veteran; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 546—
BY REPRESENTATIVES SPELL, CHASSION, FISHER, AND JACKSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(L)(1), relative to taking a person into protective custody; to specify the information necessary to authorize a peace officer to take a person into protective custody; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 747—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1360.53(2) and (4), 1360.55(C), 1360.57, 1360.58, 1360.59(A), 1360.60, 1360.62(A) and (B), and 1360.67(A)(introductory paragraph), (B), and (C) and to repeal R.S. 37:1360.61(G)(5), relative to medical psychologists; to provide for the licensure of medical psychologists; to eliminate the certificate of advanced practice; to provide for fees; to provide relative to psychological technicians psychometricians; and to provide for related matters.

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY A**

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

April 7, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

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.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22—
BY SENATOR FOIL
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and recommend legislation relative to the division of retirement benefits of a former spouse in the partition of community property.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—
BY SENATOR MILLER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the use of trusts with extended durations and to report its findings and any recommendations for revisions to the Louisiana Trust Code and applicable Louisiana laws to the Legislature of Louisiana.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 66—
BY SENATOR HODGES
AN ACT

To enact Subpart I of Part III of Chapter 1 of Code Title V of Code Book I of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:360 through 360.2, relative to child custody; to provide relative to testimony of medical experts in certain circumstances; to provide with respect to a motion for continuance in certain circumstances; to provide relative to trial procedure in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 421—
BY SENATOR MILLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:40(A), (B), (C), and (E) and 116 and to repeal R.S. 44:118, relative to clerks of court; to provide relative to additional copies of records; to provide relative to the purchase of certain equipment, software, and services; to provide with respect to equipment and services for the electronic conversion of records; to provide relative to defraying the cost of equipment, software, and services for converting records in certain circumstances; to provide relative to the destruction of documents and the preservation method of records; to provide relative to photostatic, photographic, microfilm or electronic copies of records; to authorize methods of reproduction or conversion of records in certain circumstances; to provide relative to the disposition, retention, and storage of records in certain circumstances; to provide relative to the preservation of certain records; to provide for terms and definitions; to provide relative to electronic copies of records in Lafayette Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 475—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 1201(D), 1672(C), and 3955(D) and to enact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 1201(E) and (F), and 3955(E) and (F), relative to service of process; to provide with respect to service of citation; to provide relative to payment of fees for service of citation in civil actions; to provide relative to a statement of the initial fees and of additional fees for request for service of citation; to provide relative to civil procedure; to provide relative to legal delays; to provide relative to payment of fees for service of citation in certain circumstances; to provide with respect to involuntary dismissal; to provide for prospective application; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
GREGORY A. MILLER
Chair

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 43 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 43—

BY SENATORS MCMATH, BOUDREAUX, CLOUD, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, LUNEAU AND OWEN
AN ACT

To enact Part IX of Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 28:211 and 212, relative to psychedelic-assisted therapy; to establish the Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Program within the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for clinical studies; to provide for drug development clinical trials; to provide for patient eligibility; to provide for funding; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

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

Privileged Report of the Committee on
Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

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

April 2, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 1, 2026, as Physical Therapy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend the physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and physical therapy

students across Louisiana for their dedication to improving the health and well-being of the citizens of this state.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Federation of Republican Women and designate March 31, 2026, as Louisiana Federation of Republican Women Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Intercrossors for America for their Spiritual Heritage Project and to acknowledge Almighty God as the Author of liberty on the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of these United States of America.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, March 30, 2026, as Ellevate Louisiana Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend its mission to empower women.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49—

BY SENATOR CONNICK

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Melissa Adams on the occasion of her retirement from Ochsner Medical Center - West Bank and to recognize her many accomplishments throughout her career.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46—

BY SENATOR CONNICK

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 1, 2026, as Professional Landscape Architecture Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend the members for the essential role landscape architects play in shaping a resilient and enduring American landscape.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

Message to the Secretary of State

SIGNED

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 2, 2026

To the Honorable Secretary of State:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—

BY SENATORS MORRIS, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, CATHEY, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, KLEINPETER, MCMATH, MILLER, MIZELL, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, REESE, SELDERS, TALBOT AND WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Jerry O. Arledge, a beloved coach and mentor, who dedicated more than five decades of his life to influencing high school athletics and athletes, and shaping young lives throughout West Monroe and beyond.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—
 BY SENATORS BARROW, BARTHELEMY, BASS, BOUDREAU,
 CARTER, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, HARRIS, HENSGENS, JACKSON-
 ANDREWS, JENKINS, LUNEAU, MIZELL, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY,
 PRICE, SELDERS AND WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Louis S. Reine on the occasion of his retirement as president of the Louisiana AFL-CIO.

Respectfully submitted,
 YOLANDA J. DIXON
 Secretary of the Senate

**Privileged Report of the Committee on
 Senate and Governmental Affairs**

ENROLLMENTS

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

April 7, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Concurrent Resolution has been properly enrolled:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—
 BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend the Geaux Far Louisiana Coalition and its collaborative of fatherhood-focused partners and to designate Tuesday, April 7, 2026, as Dad's Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Respectfully submitted,
 CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
 Chairman

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

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 7, 2026

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Grambling State University on the celebration of the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding and to recognize its enduring contributions to higher education, leadership, and public service in the state of Louisiana and beyond.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Grambling State University on the celebration of the centennial of Tiger Athletics and to recognize its enduring legacy of athletic excellence and its contributions to the state of Louisiana, the Southwestern Athletic Conference, and the nation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Grambling State University on the celebration of the centennial of the World Famed Tiger Marching Band and to recognize its outstanding contributions to music, education, culture, and the state of Louisiana.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend the women of the Legislature of Louisiana on the occasion of Women's History Month.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend the women of the Legislature of Louisiana on the occasion of Women's History Month.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL AND SENATOR CLOUD
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commemorate the two hundred nineteenth anniversary of Avoyelles Parish.

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

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

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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Barrow	McMath	Selders
Total - 3		

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Barrow	1 Day	McMath	1 Day
Selders	1 Day		

Announcements

The following committee meetings for April 8, 2026, were announced:

Commerce	9:30 A.M.	Room E
Education	2:00 P.M.	Hainkel Room
Health and Welfare	11:30 A.M.	Hainkel Room
Insurance	9:30 A.M.	Room A
Labor and Ind. Rel.	1:00 P.M.	Room C

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Local and Mun. Affairs	1:00 P.M.	Room F
Natural Resources	1:00 P.M.	Room A
Senate and Gov't Affairs	10:00 A.M.	Room F
Transportation	1:00 P.M.	Room E

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 6:16 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 3:30 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE
Journal Clerk