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**THIRTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Thirty-Sixth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

The Senate was called to order at 9:00 o'clock A.M., by Hon. Joel T. Chaisson II, President of the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENT**

Mr. President	Erdey	Morrish
Adley	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gautreaux N	Murray
Amedee	Gray	Nevers
Broome	Hebert	Quinn
Cassidy	Heitmeier	Riser
Cheek	Jackson	Scalise
Cravins	Kostelka	Shaw
Crowe	LaFleur	Shepherd
Donahue	Long	Smith
Dorsey	Marionneaux	Thompson
Duplessis	Martiny	Walsworth
Dupre	Michot	
Total - 38		

**ABSENT**

McPherson  
Total - 1

The President of the Senate announced there were 38 Senators present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

The prayer was offered by Reverend James Smith, following which the Senate joined in pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Reading of the Journal**

On motion of Senator Smith, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of February 25, 2008, was adopted.

**Morning Hour**

**Messages from the House**

The following Messages from the House were received and read as follows:

**Message from the House**

**CONCURRING IN  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

February 25, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—**  
BY SENATORS SCALISE AND WALSWORTH  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to adopt and implement the recommendations of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission.

Reported without amendments.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—**  
BY SENATORS SHEPHERD, ALARIO AND HEITMEIER AND  
REPRESENTATIVES BILLIOT, CONNICK, GIROD JACKSON AND  
TEMPLET

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
To commend and congratulate Raymond John Brandt on the opening of Ray Brandt Nissan on Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Message from the House**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

February 25, 2008

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:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHMOND, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON,  
BARROW, BURRELL, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, ELBERT  
GUILLORY, HARDY, HONEY, GIROD JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES,  
MARCHAND, MORRELL, NORTON, PETERSON, PATRICIA SMITH, AND  
WILLIAMS AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME,  
CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE,  
DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, ERDEY, N. GAUTREAUX, GRAY, HEBERT,  
HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG,  
MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY,  
NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH,  
THOMPSON, AND WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Officer Nicola Diane Cotton of the New Orleans Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFONTA, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON,  
BARROW, BURRELL, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, ELBERT  
GUILLORY, HARDY, HONEY, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON,  
ROSALIND JONES, MARCHAND, MORRELL, NORTON, PETERSON,  
RICHMOND, PATRICIA SMITH, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS  
BROOME, CRAVINS, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, GRAY, JACKSON,  
MURRAY, AND SHEPHERD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
To commend Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu and the staff of the office of the lieutenant governor for the creation of the Louisiana African American Heritage Trail.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Senator Broome in the Chair

House Concurrent Resolutions

Senator Broome asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following House Concurrent Resolutions just received from the House which were taken up, read a first and second time by their titles and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—

BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHMOND, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BARROW, BURRELL, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, ELBERT GUILLORY, HARDY, HONEY, GIROD JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, MARCHAND, MORRELL, NORTON, PETERSON, PATRICIA SMITH, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, ERDEY, N. GAUTREAUX, GRAY, HEBERT, HETTMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON, AND WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Officer Nicola Diane Cotton of the New Orleans Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty.

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

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Erdey, Murray; Adley, Gautreaux N, Nevers; Alario, Hebert, Quinn; Amedee, Heitmeier, Risier; Broome, Jackson, Scalise; Cassidy, Kostelka, Shaw; Cheek, Long, Shepherd; Cravins, Marionneaux, Smith; Crowe, Martiny, Thompson; Donahue, Michot, Walsworth; Dorsey, Morrish; Duplessis, Mount; Total - 34

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Dupre, Gray, McPherson; Gautreaux B, LaFleur; Total - 5

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFONTA, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BARROW, BURRELL, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, ELBERT GUILLORY, HARDY, HONEY, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, MARCHAND, MORRELL, NORTON, PETERSON, RICHMOND, PATRICIA SMITH, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS BROOME, CRAVINS, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, GRAY, JACKSON, MURRAY, AND SHEPHERD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu and the staff of the office of the lieutenant governor for the creation of the Louisiana African American Heritage Trail.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Erdey, Mount; Adley, Gray, Murray; Alario, Hebert, Nevers; Amedee, Heitmeier, Quinn; Broome, Jackson, Risier; Cassidy, Kostelka, Scalise; Cheek, LaFleur, Shaw; Cravins, Long, Shepherd; Crowe, Marionneaux, Smith; Donahue, Martiny, Thompson; Dorsey, Michot, Walsworth; Duplessis, Morrish; Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns: Dupre, Gautreaux N; Gautreaux B, McPherson; Total - 4

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT Senate Bill No. 3 by Senator Chaisson

February 25, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 3 by Senator Chaisson recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Smiley and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008, be rejected.
2. That the House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Ellington and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008, be rejected.
3. That the House Floor Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 proposed by Representative Connick and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008, be rejected.
4. That the House Floor Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 proposed by Representative Hutter and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008, be rejected.
5. That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 3 through 5 and insert "R.S. 24:51(2), R.S. 42:1123(13), and R.S. 49:72(5), relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to eliminate certain exceptions relative to the acceptance by an elected

official of certain things of economic value for certain cultural or sporting events; to provide an exception to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to allow acceptance by certain elected officials of certain complimentary admissions; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, between lines 1 and 2 insert:

"Section 2. R.S. 42:1123(13) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: §1123. Exceptions

This Part shall not preclude:

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(13)(a) The acceptance by an elected official of anything of economic value as a gift or gratuity from any person when the value of such gift does not exceed one hundred dollars per event, up to an aggregate amount of five hundred dollars in a calendar year from any person, and when the nature of the gift is limited to a cultural or sporting event within the boundaries of this state including the territorial waters thereof, including entertainment reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Paragraph shall also be applicable to an elected official who is on official business of his governmental entity outside of the boundaries of this state as long as said elected official is entitled to compensation or reimbursement from his agency for such official business. The acceptance by an elected official to complimentary admission to a civic, non-profit, educational, or political event when the elected official is a program honoree, is a speech presenter, or is a panel member.

(b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to an admission to any professional, semi-professional, or collegiate sporting event; or any fishing trip, hunting trip, or golf outing unless such trip or outing is associated with a candidate's, elected official's, or organization's fundraising event open to the general public.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete line 15

Respectfully submitted,

Senators
Joel T. Chaisson II
Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka
Sharon Weston Broome

Representatives
Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.
Jim Tucker
Patrick Connick

Rules Suspended

Senator Chaisson asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of considering the Conference Committee Report. On motion of Senator Chaisson, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Erdey Morrish
Adley Gautreaux B Mount
Alario Gautreaux N Murray
Amedee Gray Nevers
Broome Hebert Quinn
Cassidy Heitmeier Riser
Cheek Jackson Scalise
Cravins Kostelka Shaw
Crowe LaFleur Shepherd
Donahue Long Smith
Dorsey Marionneaux Thompson
Duplessis Martiny Walsworth
Dupre Michot
Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

McPherson

Total - 1

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted. Senator Chaisson moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and laid the motion on the table.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Chaisson

February 25, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Chaisson recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That House Committee Amendments No. 1 through 7 be adopted.
2. That House Floor Amendments No.1 through 3 proposed by Representative Tucker be rejected.
3. That House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Ellington be adopted.
4. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 3 proposed by Representative Gallot be adopted.
5. That House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Danahay be adopted.
6. That House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Smiley be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators
Joel T. Chaisson II
Sharon Weston Broome
Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka

Representatives
Jim Tucker
Mike Danahay
Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.

Rules Suspended

Senator Chaisson asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of considering the Conference Committee Report. On motion of Senator Chaisson, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Gautreaux B Mount
Adley Gautreaux N Murray
Alario Gray Nevers
Amedee Hebert Quinn
Broome Heitmeier Riser
Cassidy Jackson Scalise
Cheek Kostelka Shaw
Cravins LaFleur Shepherd
Crowe Long Smith
Donahue Marionneaux Thompson
Dorsey Martiny Walsworth

February 26, 2008

Dupre
Erdey
Total - 37

Michot
Morrish

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Duplessis
Total - 2

McPherson

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted. Senator Chaisson moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and laid the motion on the table.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Marionneaux

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Marionneaux recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

That House Committee Amendment Nos. 2, 5 through 14 and 16 proposed by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008 be accepted.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

That House Committee Amendment Nos. 1, 3, 4, 15, 17 and 18 proposed by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008 be rejected.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

That all House Floor Amendments proposed by Representative Morrell and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008 be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators
Robert "Rob" Marionneaux, Jr.
Joel T. Chaisson II
"Jody" Amedee

Representatives
Noble E. Ellington
Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.
Eddie J. Lambert

Rules Suspended

Senator Marionneaux asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of considering the Conference Committee Report. On motion of Senator Marionneaux, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President
Adley
Alario
Amedee
Broome
Cassidy
Cheek
Cravins
Erdey
Gautreaux B
Gautreaux N
Gray
Hebert
Heitmeier
Jackson
Kostelka
Morrish
Mount
Murray
Nevers
Quinn
Riser
Scalise
Shaw

Crowe
Donahue
Dorsey
Duplessis
Dupre
Total - 38

LaFleur
Long
Marionneaux
Martiny
Michot

Shepherd
Smith
Thompson
Walsworth

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

McPherson
Total - 1

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted. Senator Marionneaux moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and laid the motion on the table.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Senate Bill No. 11 by Senator Chaisson

February 25, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 11 by Senator Chaisson recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the House Committee Amendments No. 1 through 15 proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 19, 2008 be rejected.
2. That the House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 3 proposed by Representative Gallot and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008 be rejected.
3. That the House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 4 proposed by Representative Tucker and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008 be rejected.
4. That the House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 4 by Representative Morrell and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008 be rejected.
5. That the House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 3 proposed by Representative Peterson and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008 be rejected.
6. That the House Floor Amendments No. 1 and 2 proposed by Representative Gallot and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008 be rejected.
7. That the House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Richmond and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008 be rejected.

That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 17 and insert the following:
"To amend and reenact R.S. 24:51(2), 53(A), (G), and (H), 54(A)(2), and 55, and R.S. 49:72(5), 74(A), (E) and (F), 75(A)(2), and 76 and to enact R.S. 24:51(7), 57(3), and 58(D)(3), (4), and (5), R.S. 42:1123(38) and R.S. 49:77(4), and 78(D)(3), (4), and (5), relative to lobbying; to provide relative to the regulation of

lobbyists; to provide definitions; to provide relative to the registration of lobbyists; to provide relative to the reporting requirements of lobbyist; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 2 through 29 and delete pages 3 through 16 and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 24:51(2), 53(A), (G), and (H), 54(A)(2), and 55 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 24:51(7), 57(3), and 58(D)(3), (4), and (5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§51. Definitions

When used in this Part:

\* \* \*

(2) "Expenditure" means the gift or payment of money or ~~anything any thing~~ of value for the purchase of food, drink, or refreshment for a legislator, for the spouse or minor child of a legislator, or for a public servant, other than a legislator, in the legislative branch of state government and any gift or payment as permitted by R.S. 42:1123(13) and (16) for the purpose of lobbying when the lobbyist or principal accounts or would be expected to account for the expenditure as an ordinary and necessary expense directly related to the active conduct of the lobbyist's, his employer's, or the principal's trade or business.

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(7) "Public servant" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 42:1102.

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§53. Registration of lobbyists with the board; compilation of information

A. Each lobbyist shall register with the board ~~within as soon as possible after employment as a lobbyist or after the first action requiring his registration as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first, and in any event not later than five days of after~~ employment as a lobbyist or ~~within not later than~~ five days after the first action requiring his registration as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first. He shall ~~give to~~ electronically file with the board ~~in writing, on using~~ forms provided by it, the following information:

- (1) His name and business address.
- (2) The name and address of each person by whom he is employed and, if different, whose interests he represents, including the business in which that person is engaged.
- (3)(a) The name of each person by whom he is paid or is to be paid, the amount he is paid or is to be paid for the purpose of lobbying, and a characterization of such payment as paid, earned but not received, or prospective.

(b) Amounts required to be disclosed pursuant to this Paragraph shall be reported by category of value. The categories shall be:

- (i) Category I, \$24,999 or less.
- (ii) Category II, \$25,000-\$49,999.
- (iii) Category III, \$50,000-\$99,999.
- (iv) Category IV, \$100,000-\$249,999.
- (v) Category V, \$250,000 or more.

(4)(a) An indication of potential subject matters about which he anticipates lobbying.

(b) Indication of potential subject matters shall be made by choosing from the following potential subject matter categories:

- (i) Aerospace and space technology.
- (ii) Agriculture: horticulture; livestock; poultry.
- (iii) Agriculture: forestry; timber.
- (iv) Alcohol and other beverages.
- (v) Arts and entertainment.
- (vi) Aquaculture and fisheries.
- (vii) Business and private and commercial enterprises.
- (viii) Banking, financial, and accounting.
- (ix) Charities and social services, faith-based organizations, and community outreach.
- (x) Computers, hardware, software, and intellectual property.
- (xi) Construction, contracting, and real estate.
- (xii) Educational services: colleges; technical schools; trade schools.

(xiii) Environmental quality, conservation, and wildlife preservation.

(xiv) Gaming.

(xv) Government: local; municipal; parish; state; federal.

(xvi) Health care: hospitals; nursing homes; elderly care; hospice.

(xvii) Health care: physicians; nurse practitioners; nurses.

(xviii) Health care: pharmaceutical and medical devices; research; development; sales.

(xix) Homeland security.

(xx) Hotels, restaurants, and tourism.

(xxi) Insurance.

(xxii) International trade.

(xxiii) Law and lawyers.

(xxiv) Manufacturing: oil and gas; mining; refining; production; chemical industry.

(xxv) Manufacturing: wholesale.

(xxvi) Military and veterans affairs.

(xxvii) Public safety, police, and fire.

(xxviii) Telecommunications.

(xxix) Tobacco industry.

(xxx) Transportation.

(xxxi) Unions, labor issues, and special advocacy groups.

(xxxii) Utilities: electric; gas; water; nuclear.

(c) The unintentional omission of a potential subject matter as provided in this Paragraph shall not be a violation of this Part.

(5) The identity of each legislator or spouse of a legislator with whom he or his employer or principal has, or has had in the preceding twelve months, a business relationship. For purposes of this Paragraph, "business relationship" means any transaction, contract, or activity that is conducted or undertaken for profit and which arises from a joint ownership interest, partnership, or common legal entity between a lobbyist his employer or principal and a legislator or spouse of a legislator when the legislator or spouse owns ten percent or more of such interest, partnership, or legal entity.

(4)(6) One copy of a two inch by two inch recent photograph of the registrant made within the prior six months shall be filed with the initial registration form for a legislative term.

(7) If a lobbyist is compensated for lobbying and non-lobbying services, he shall reasonably allocate his compensation and report only the amount received for lobbying in the manner provided in this Part.

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G. The forms shall be published electronically by the board. Registrations which have been filed shall be maintained ~~in the office of the board by the board and made available to the public via the Internet.~~ The filing by a lobbyist of any information required under this Section shall constitute a certification that the information is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief and that no information required by this Part has been deliberately omitted.

H. Whenever any information contained in his registration changes, or the lobbyist begins representing an additional person, a supplemental electronic registration shall be filed with the board ~~within as soon as possible after such change occurs and in any event not later than five days of after~~ such change, ~~on using~~ forms provided by the board.

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§54. Reports and statements under oath

A.

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(2) ~~All~~ Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Part, reports, registrations, notices, and statements required under this Part shall be filed by mailing said documents through the United States Postal Service, delivering by hand or through a commercial delivery service, or by transmitting by facsimile or electronic transfer.

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§55. Lobbyist expenditure reports

A. Each lobbyist registered under the provisions of this Part shall file with the board, in the manner provided in this Section, a report of all expenditures incurred for the purpose of lobbying.

B. A report shall be filed ~~semi-annually, and shall be filed, or if mailed shall be postmarked,~~ as follows:

(1) By August fifteenth for the period from January first through June thirtieth.

(2) By February fifteenth for the period from July first through December thirty-first: monthly. The report for each month shall be filed by the twenty-fifth of the following month.

C. (1) The report shall be electronically filed on forms provided by with the board, shall be signed by the person filing, and shall include a certification of accuracy by the person responsible for filing the report, as provided by R.S. 24:54(A) in a format suitable for use on the database required by R.S. 24:57(3). The filing of any report under this Section by a lobbyist shall constitute a certification that the information contained in the report is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief; that no reportable expenditures have been made that are not included therein as required by law; and that no information required by this Part has been deliberately omitted.

(2) A lobbyist shall retain records that document all reports made pursuant to this Part for no less than three years.

D.(1) Each report shall include the following:

(a) A listing of each subject matter lobbied during each reporting period pursuant to R.S. 24:53(A)(4).

(b) The total of all expenditures made during each reporting period.

(c) The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to an individual legislator as provided in Subsection E of this Section or public servant, other than a legislator, in the legislative branch of state government during each reporting period, including the name of the legislator or other public servant.

(d) The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to the spouse or minor child of a legislator during each reporting period. The name of the spouse or minor child shall not be included. The aggregate total of such expenditures shall be reported as follows:

"The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to the spouse of (insert name of legislator) was (insert aggregate total of expenditures).

The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to the minor child or children of (insert name of legislator) was (insert aggregate total of expenditures)."

(e) The aggregate total of expenditures for all reporting periods during the same calendar year.

(f) The aggregate total of all expenditures attributable to an individual legislator as provided in Subsection E of this Section or public servant, other than a legislator, in the legislative branch of state government for all reporting periods during the same calendar year, including the name of the legislator or other public servant.

(g) The aggregate total of all expenditures attributable to the spouse or minor child of a legislator for all reporting periods during the same calendar year. The name of the spouse or minor child shall not be included. The aggregate total of such expenditures shall be reported as follows:

"The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to the spouse of (insert name of legislator) for all reporting periods during the year was (insert aggregate total of expenditures).

The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to the minor child or children of (insert name of legislator) for all reporting periods during the year was (insert aggregate total of expenditures)."

(2) For the purposes of this Section, the aggregate amount or any per occasion amount attributable to a legislator or spouse or minor child of a legislator or public servant, other than a legislator, in the legislative branch of state government shall not include any expenditure which is required to be reported in Paragraph F(+) E(1) of this Section or which is exempt under Paragraph F(2) E(2) or (3) of this Section.

E. When the aggregate expenditure for any one legislator exceeds the sum of fifty dollars on any one occasion, or when the aggregate expenditure for any one legislator exceeds the sum of two hundred fifty dollars in a reporting period, then the total amount of expenditures for the legislator during the reporting period shall be attributable to an individual legislator.

F(+) E.(1) Each report shall include a statement of the expenditure for each reception, social gathering, or other function to which the entire legislature, either house, any standing committee,

select committee, statutory committee, committee created by resolution of either house, subcommittee of any committee, recognized caucus, or any delegation thereof, is invited which amount is attributable to such invitation. Any report of such amount shall include the name of the group or groups invited and the date and location of the reception, social gathering, or other function.

(2) Any expenditure, as defined herein, for any reception or social gathering sponsored in whole or in part by a lobbyist, individually or on behalf of a principal he represents, held in conjunction with a meeting of a national or regional organization of legislators or legislative staff to which any legislator is invited shall be exempt from the provisions of this Part.

(3) Any expenditure for any meal or refreshment consumed by or offered to a legislator in connection with the legislator giving a speech, being a member of a panel, or otherwise being involved in an informational presentation to a group shall not be reportable. However, any expenditure for any meal or refreshment consumed by a legislator in connection with any out-of-state event permitted by R.S. 42:1123(16) shall be reported in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

G(+) F.(1) Any expenditures by a lobbyist's principal or employer made in the presence of the lobbyist shall be reported by the lobbyist as provided in this Part.

(2) Any lobbyist's principal or employer who makes direct expenditures required to be reported pursuant to this Part shall timely furnish its lobbyist information about such expenditures as necessary for compliance with this Part. Such information shall be furnished to the lobbyist no later than two business days after the close of each reporting period.

(3) Any lobbyist's principal or employer who makes direct expenditures required to be reported pursuant to this Part who fails to provide its lobbyist the information regarding such expenditures as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection shall be required to register as a lobbyist pursuant to this Part and shall be subject to penalties for violations of this Part.

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§57. Administration

The board, in performance of its duties under this Part, shall:

\* \* \*

(3) Establish and maintain access to a searchable electronic database available to the public via the Internet.

§58. Enforcement

\* \* \*

D. In addition to any other applicable penalties:

\* \* \*

(3) If the board determines that a person has filed a registration or report required by this Part that is inaccurate or incomplete, the board shall mail by certified mail a notice of delinquency informing the person that the inaccuracy must be corrected or the missing information must be provided no later than fourteen business days after receipt of the notice of delinquency. The notice of delinquency shall include the deadline for correcting the inaccuracy or providing the missing information. If the person corrects the inaccuracy or provides the missing information prior to the deadline contained in the notice of delinquency, no penalties shall be assessed against the person.

(4) Whoever fails to correct the inaccuracy or provide the missing information by the deadline included in the notice of delinquency shall be subject to penalties as provided by law.

(5)(a) Any person who with knowledge of its falsity files a registration or report as required in this Part that contains a false statement or false representation of a material fact shall be subject to the assessment of the civil penalties provided in Part III of Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and the findings of the board relative to such filing shall be referred by the board to the appropriate district attorney for prosecution pursuant to R.S. 14:133.

(b) The board shall notify the chief clerical officer of each house of the legislature of any violation of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, including the name of any person determined to be in violation.

Section 2. R.S. 49:72(5), 74(A), (E), and (F), 75(A)(2), and 76 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 49:77(4), and 78(D)(3),

(4), and (5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:  
§72. Definitions

When used in this Part:

\* \* \*

(5) "Expenditure" means the gift or payment of money or anything ~~any thing~~ of value for the purchase of food, drink, or refreshment for an executive branch official ~~or for the spouse or minor child of an executive branch official~~ and any gift or payment permitted by R.S. 42:1123(13) for the purpose of lobbying when the lobbyist or principal accounts, or would be expected to account, for the expenditure as an ordinary and necessary expense directly related to the active conduct of the lobbyist's, his employer's, or the principal's trade or business.

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§74. Registration of lobbyists with the ethics board; compilation of information

A. Each lobbyist shall register with the ethics board ~~within as soon as possible after employment as a lobbyist or after the first action requiring his registration as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first, and in any event not later than~~ five days ~~of after~~ employment as a lobbyist or ~~within not later than~~ five days after the first action requiring his registration as a lobbyist, ~~whichever occurs first~~. He shall give to ~~electronically file with~~ the ethics board ~~in writing, or using~~ forms provided by it, the following information:

(1) His name and business address.

(2) The name and address of each person by whom he is employed and, if different, whose interests he represents, including the business in which that person is engaged.

(3)(a) The name of each person by whom he is paid or is to be paid, ~~the amount he is paid or is to be paid for the purpose of lobbying, and a characterization of such payment as paid, earned but not received, or prospective.~~

(b) Amounts required to be disclosed pursuant to this Paragraph shall be reported by category of value. The categories shall be:

(i) Category I, \$24,999 or less.

(ii) Category II, \$25,000-\$49,999.

(iii) Category III, \$50,000-\$99,999.

(iv) Category IV, \$100,000-\$249,999.

(v) Category V, \$250,000 or more.

(4)(a) An indication of potential subject matter about which he anticipates lobbying.

(b) Indication of potential subject matters shall be made by choosing from the following potential subject matter categories:

(i) Aerospace and space technology.

(ii) Agriculture: horticulture; livestock; poultry.

(iii) Agriculture: forestry; timber.

(iv) Alcohol and other beverages.

(v) Arts and entertainment.

(vi) Aquaculture and fisheries.

(vii) Business and private and commercial enterprises.

(viii) Banking, financial, and accounting.

(ix) Charities and social services, faith-based organizations, and community outreach.

(x) Computers, hardware, software, and intellectual property.

(xi) Construction, contracting, and real estate.

(xii) Educational services: colleges; technical schools; trade schools.

(xiii) Environmental quality, conservation, and wildlife preservation.

(xiv) Gaming.

(xv) Government: local; municipal; parish; state; federal.

(xvi) Health care: hospitals; nursing homes; elderly care; hospice.

(xvii) Health care: physicians; nurse practitioners; nurses.

(xviii) Health care: pharmaceutical and medical devices; research; development; sales.

(xix) Homeland security.

(xx) Hotels, restaurants, and tourism.

(xxi) Insurance.

(xxii) International trade.

(xxiii) Law and lawyers.

(xxiv) Manufacturing: oil and gas; mining; refining; production; chemical industry.

(xxv) Manufacturing: wholesale.

(xxvi) Military and veterans affairs.

(xxvii) Public safety, police, and fire.

(xxviii) Telecommunications.

(xxix) Tobacco industry.

(xxx) Transportation.

(xxxi) Unions, labor issues, and special advocacy groups.

(xxxii) Utilities: electric; gas; water; nuclear.

(c) The unintentional omission of a potential subject matter as provided in this Paragraph shall not be a violation of this Part.

(5)(a) The identity of each statewide elected official or executive branch department head or spouse of a statewide elected official or executive branch department head with whom he or his employer or principal has or has had in the preceding twelve months a business relationship.

(b) For the purposes of this Paragraph, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "Executive branch department head" means:

(aa) The secretary of each of the following departments of state government:

(I) The Department of Economic Development.

(II) The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

(III) The Department of Environmental Quality.

(IV) The Department of Health and Hospitals.

(V) The Department of Labor.

(VI) The Department of Natural Resources.

(VII) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

(VIII) The Department of Revenue.

(IX) The Department of Social Services.

(X) The Department of Transportation and Development.

(XI) The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

(XII) The Department of Veterans Affairs.

(bb) The executive secretary of the Public Service Commission.

(cc) The director of state civil service.

(dd) Each member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(ee) The state superintendent of education, the commissioner of higher education, and the president of each public postsecondary education system.

(ff) The commissioner of the division of administration.

(gg) Each member of the Board of Ethics and the ethics administrator.

(hh) The chief of staff of the office of the governor.

(ii) The executive counsel to the governor.

(jj) The legislative director for the governor.

(kk) The policy director for the governor.

(ll) The deputy chief of staff of the office of the governor.

(ii) "Business relationship" means any transaction or activity that is conducted or undertaken for profit and which arises from a joint ownership interest, partnership, or common legal entity between a lobbyist or his employer or principal and an executive branch department head or spouse of an executive branch department head or a statewide elected official or spouse of a statewide elected official when the executive branch department head or spouse or the statewide elected official or spouse owns ten percent or more of such interest, partnership, or legal entity.

(+) (6) One copy of a two-inch-by-two-inch recent photograph of the registrant made within the prior six months shall be filed with the initial registration form.

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E. The forms shall be published electronically by the ethics board. Registrations which have been filed shall be maintained ~~in the office of~~ by the ethics board and made available to the public via the Internet. The electronic filing by a lobbyist of any information required under this Section shall constitute a certification that the information is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief and that no information required by this Part has been deliberately omitted.

F. Whenever any information contained in his registration changes, or the lobbyist begins representing an additional person, a supplemental electronic registration shall be filed with the ethics

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board ~~within as soon as possible after such change occurs and in any event not later than~~ five days ~~of~~ after such change ~~on~~ using forms provided by the ethics board.

§75. Reports and statements under oath

A.

(2) ~~All~~ Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Part, reports, registrations, and statements required under this Part shall be filed by mailing said documents through the United States Postal Service, delivering by hand or through a commercial delivery service, or by transmitting by facsimile or electronic transfer.

§76. Lobbyist expenditure reports

A. Each lobbyist registered under the provisions of this Part shall file with the ethics board, in the manner prescribed by the ethics board by rule in accordance with the provisions of this Part, a report of all expenditures incurred for the purpose of lobbying.

B. A report shall be filed ~~semiannually, and shall be filed, or if mailed shall be postmarked, as follows:~~ monthly. The report for each month shall be filed by the twenty-fifth of the following month.

(1) ~~By August fifteenth for the period from January first through June thirtieth.~~

(2) ~~By February fifteenth for the period from July first through December thirty-first.~~

C. (1) The report shall be electronically filed on using forms provided by the ethics board, ~~shall be signed by the person filing, and shall include a certification of accuracy by the person responsible for filing the report in a format suitable for use on the database required by R.S. 49:77(4). The electronic filing by a lobbyist of any report required under this Section shall constitute a certification that the information contained in the report is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief; that no reportable expenditures have been made that are not included therein as required by law; and that no information required by this Part has been deliberately omitted.~~

(2) A lobbyist shall retain records that document all reports made pursuant to this Part for no less than three years.

D. (1) Each report shall include the following:

(a) A listing of each subject matter lobbied during each reporting period pursuant to R.S. 49:74(A)(4).

(b) The total of all expenditures made during each reporting period aggregated in the manner prescribed by the ethics board by rule.

(c) ~~The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to an individual executive branch official as provided in Subsection E of this Section during each reporting period, including the name of the executive branch official and his executive branch agency.~~

(d) The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to the spouse or minor child of an executive branch official during each reporting period. The name of the spouse or minor child shall not be included. The aggregate total of such expenditures shall be reported as follows:

"The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to the spouse of (insert name of executive branch official) was (insert aggregate total of expenditures).

The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to the minor child or children of (insert name of executive branch official) was (insert aggregate total of expenditures)."

(e) ~~The aggregate total of expenditures for all reporting periods during the same calendar year, aggregated in the manner prescribed by the ethics board by rule.~~

(f) ~~The aggregate total of all expenditures attributable to an individual executive branch official as provided in Subsection E of this Section for all reporting periods during the same calendar year, including the name of the executive branch official and his executive branch agency.~~

(g) The aggregate total of all expenditures attributable to the spouse or minor child of an executive branch official for all reporting periods during the same calendar year. The name of the spouse or minor child shall not be included. The aggregate total of such expenditures shall be reported as follows:

"The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to the spouse of (insert name of executive branch official) for all reporting periods during the year was (insert aggregate total of expenditures).

The aggregate total of expenditures attributable to the minor child or children of (insert name of executive branch official) for all reporting periods during the year was (insert aggregate total of expenditures)."

(2) For the purposes of this Section, the aggregate amount or any per occasion amount attributable to an executive branch official or spouse or minor child of an executive branch official shall not include any expenditure which is otherwise required to be reported in Paragraph ~~(F)(1)~~ (E)(1) of this Section or which is exempt as provided in Paragraph ~~(F)(2)~~ (E)(2) or (3) of this Section.

~~E. When the aggregate expenditure for any one executive branch official exceeds the sum of fifty dollars on any one occasion, or when the aggregate expenditure for any one executive branch official exceeds the sum of two hundred fifty dollars in a reporting period, then the total amount of expenditures for the executive branch official during the reporting period shall be attributable to an individual executive branch official.~~

~~F. (1) Each report shall include a statement of the expenditure for each reception, social gathering, or other function to which more than twenty-five executive branch officials are invited. Any report of such amount shall include the name of the group or groups invited and the date and location of the reception, social gathering, or other function.~~

(2) Any expenditure, as defined herein, for any reception or social gathering sponsored in whole or in part by a lobbyist, individually or on behalf of a principal he represents, held in conjunction with a meeting of a national or regional organization of executive branch officials shall be exempt from the provisions of this Part.

(3) Any expenditure for any meal or refreshment consumed by or offered to an executive branch official which is incidental to the executive branch official giving a speech, being a member of a panel, or otherwise being involved in an informational presentation to a group shall be exempt from the provisions of this Part.

~~G. (1)(a) F. (1)(a)~~ Any expenditures by a lobbyist's principal or employer made in the presence of the lobbyist shall be reported by the lobbyist as provided in this Part.

(b) Any lobbyist's principal or employer who makes direct expenditures required to be reported pursuant to this Part shall timely furnish its lobbyist information about such expenditures as necessary for compliance with this Part. Such information shall be furnished to the lobbyist no later than two business days after the close of each reporting period.

(c) Any lobbyist's principal or employer who makes direct expenditures required to be reported pursuant to this Part who fails to provide its lobbyist the information regarding such expenditures as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall be required to register as a lobbyist pursuant to this Part and shall be subject to penalties for violations of this Part.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Part to the contrary, a lobbyist's principal or employer may opt to file reports required by this Section in the manner prescribed by the ethics board by rule on behalf of all of the lobbyists who represent such principal's or employer's interests. If a lobbyist's principal or employer opts to file such reports, the principal or employer shall notify the ethics board no later than January thirty-first of each year, and such option shall be effective for the reporting of all expenditures made during that calendar year. The notification shall include a listing of all persons on whose behalf the lobbyist's principal or employer is filing the reports required by this Section.

(b) Any lobbyist whose principal or employer opts pursuant to this Paragraph to file the reports required by this Section shall timely furnish its principal or employer all information about expenditures as necessary for compliance with this Part. Such information shall be furnished to the principal or employer no later than two business days after the close of each reporting period.

(c) Any lobbyist's principal or employer who opts pursuant to this Paragraph to file the reports required by this Section who fails to file or timely file such reports shall be liable for and subject to any applicable late fees or penalties, or both for violations of this Part.



§77. Administration  
The board, in performance of its duties under this Part, shall:

**(4) Establish and maintain access to a searchable electronic database available to the public via the Internet.**

§78. Enforcement  
D. In addition to any other applicable penalties:

**(3) If the board determines that a person has filed a registration or report required by this Part that is inaccurate or incomplete, the board shall mail by certified mail a notice of delinquency informing the person that the inaccuracy must be corrected or the missing information must be provided no later than fourteen business days after receipt of the notice of delinquency. The notice of delinquency shall include the deadline for correcting the inaccuracy or providing the missing information. If the person corrects the inaccuracy or provides the missing information prior to the deadline contained in the notice of delinquency, no penalties shall be assessed against the person.**

**(4) Whoever fails to correct the inaccuracy or provide the missing information by the deadline included in the notice of delinquency shall be subject to penalties as provided by law.**

**(5) Any person who with knowledge of its falsity files a registration or report as required in this Part that contains a false statement or false representation of a material fact shall be subject to the assessment of the civil penalties provided in Part III of Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and the findings of the board relative to such filing shall be referred by the board to the appropriate district attorney for prosecution pursuant to R.S. 14:133.**

Section 3. R.S. 42:1123(38) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1123. Exceptions  
This Part shall not preclude:

**(38) An immediate family member of a legislator from being a registered lobbyist or from lobbying as provided in R.S. 24:50, et seq. provided each of the following:**

**(a) The immediate family member was a registered lobbyist as provided in R.S. 24:50, et seq. for at least one year prior to becoming an immediate family member of the legislator or at least one year prior to the legislator's initial election to the legislature.**

**(b) The immediate family member shall not lobby the legislator as provided in R.S. 24:51, or communicate with any public employee assigned to the district office of the legislator, with any public employee whose primary duty is to assist the individual legislator, or if the legislator is a committee chairman, with any public employee assigned to the committee of which the legislator is chairman concerning any matter which may be the subject of action by the legislature.**

Section 4. The first monthly expenditure report as required by R.S. 24:55 and R.S. 49:76 as amended and reenacted in this Act shall be filed not later than February 15, 2009, and shall include information for the month of January, 2009. In addition, not later than February 15, 2009, each lobbyist shall file an expenditure report for the period from July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, as required by R.S. 24:55 and R.S. 49:76 prior to the effective date of this Act.

Section 5. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2009."

Respectfully submitted,

Senators  
Joel T. Chaisson II  
Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka  
Sharon Weston Broome

Representatives  
Jim Tucker  
Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.  
Karen Carter Peterson

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Chaisson asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of considering the Conference Committee Report. On motion of Senator Chaisson, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. President	Erdey	Morrish
Adley	Gautreaux B	Mount
Amedee	Gautreaux N	Murray
Broome	Gray	Nevers
Cassidy	Hebert	Quinn
Cheek	Heitmeier	Riser
Cravins	Kostelka	Scalise
Crowe	LaFleur	Shaw
Donahue	Long	Shepherd
Dorsey	Marionneaux	Smith
Duplessis	Martiny	Thompson
Dupre	Michot	Walsworth
Total - 36		

**NAYS**

Total - 0

**ABSENT**

Alario	Jackson	McPherson
Total - 3		

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted. Senator Chaisson moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and laid the motion on the table.

**Notice Regarding Vote**

Senator Alario stated he appeared as absent on the vote on the Conference Committee report on Senate Bill No. 11. He had intended to vote yea on the Conference Committee Report and asked that the Official Journal so state.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
Senate Bill No. 35 by Senator Chaisson**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 35 by Senator Chaisson recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That House Committee Amendment Nos. 1, 2, and 3, proposed by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 20, 2008 be accepted.
2. That House Floor Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, proposed by Representative Abramson and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008 be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators  
Joel T. Chaisson II  
Sharon Weston Broome  
Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka

Representatives  
Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.  
Neil C. Abramson  
Cameron Henry

February 26, 2008

Rules Suspended

Senator Chaisson asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of considering the Conference Committee Report. On motion of Senator Chaisson, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Erdey Morrish
Adley Gautreaux B Mount
Alario Gautreaux N Murray
Amedee Gray Nevers
Broome Hebert Quinn
Cassidy Heitmeier Riser
Cheek Jackson Scalise
Cravins Kostelka Shaw
Crowe LaFleur Shepherd
Donahue Long Smith
Dorsey Marionneaux Thompson
Duplessis Martiny Walsworth
Dupre Michot
Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

McPherson
Total - 1

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted. Senator Chaisson moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and laid the motion on the table.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Senate Bill No. 58 by Senator Martiny

February 25, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 58 by Senator Martiny, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of six House Committee Amendments proposed by the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008, be adopted.
2. That the set of one House Floor Amendment proposed by Representative Mickey Guillory and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators
Joel T. Chaisson II
Daniel "Danny" Martiny
"Jody" Amedee

Representatives
Jim Tucker
Richard "Rick" Gallot
Ernest Wooton

Rules Suspended

Senator Martiny asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of considering the Conference Committee Report. On motion of Senator Martiny, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Erdey Morrish
Adley Gautreaux B Mount
Alario Gautreaux N Murray
Amedee Gray Nevers
Broome Hebert Quinn
Cassidy Heitmeier Riser
Cheek Jackson Scalise
Cravins Kostelka Shaw
Crowe LaFleur Shepherd
Donahue Long Smith
Dorsey Marionneaux Thompson
Duplessis Martiny Walsworth
Dupre Michot
Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

McPherson
Total - 1

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted. Senator Martiny moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and laid the motion on the table.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Chaisson

February 25, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Chaisson recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the House Committee Amendments No. 1 through 50 proposed by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 20, 2008, be rejected.
2. That the Legislative Bureau Amendments No. 1 through 3 proposed by the Legislative Bureau and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 20, 2008, be rejected.
3. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 3 proposed by Representative Peterson and identified as HFASB1 474 716 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
4. That House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Lambert and identified as HFASB1 427 751 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
5. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 4 proposed by Representative Abramson identified as HFASB1 453 691 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
6. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 4 proposed by Representative Gallot identified as HFASB1 474 627 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008, be rejected.

7. That House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Pontti identified as HFASB1 1872 642 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
8. That House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Edwards identified as HFASB1 474 752 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
9. That House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Richmond identified as HFASB1 1697 750 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
10. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 3 proposed by Representative Peterson identified as HFASB1 268 669 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
11. That House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Hutter identified as HFASB1 474 749 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
12. That House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Ellington identified as HFASB1 474 748 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
13. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 3 proposed by Representative Lopinto identified as HFASB1 277 745 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
14. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 and 2 proposed by Representative Lopinto identified as HFASB1 427 742 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
15. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 4 proposed by Representative Robideaux identified as HFASB1 427 739 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
16. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 and 2 proposed by Representative Fannin identified as HFASB1 268 731 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
17. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 through 5 proposed by Representative Gallot identified as HFASB1 474 715 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
18. That House Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Representative Peterson identified as HFASB1 142 700 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
19. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 and 2 proposed by Representative Richmond identified as HFASB1 453 686 and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 22, 2008, be rejected.
20. That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 7 and insert the following:  
 "To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1113(A) and (D) and 1114.3 and to enact R.S. 42:1113(E), relative to conflicts of interest; to provide relative to certain contracts involving certain public servants and certain affiliated persons and entities; to provide

restrictions on certain contracts; to provide for disclosure relative to certain contracts; to require certain disclosures by certain elected officials; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for enforcement and penalties; to provide exceptions and waivers; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters."

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, delete lines 9 through 17 and delete pages 2 through 15 and on page 16, delete lines 1 through 16 and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 42:1113(A) and (D) and 1114.3 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 42:1113(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1113. Prohibited contractual arrangements

A. **(1)** No public servant, excluding any legislator and any appointed member of any board or commission and any member of a governing authority of a parish with a population of ten thousand or less, or member of such a public servant's immediate family, or legal entity in which he has a controlling interest shall bid on or enter into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of such public servant.

**(2) No head of a department listed in R.S. 36:4(A) who is appointed by the governor or lieutenant governor shall bid on or enter into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of any agency to which funds have been transferred from the agency of such department head, but such prohibition shall apply only to any contract, subcontract, or transaction related to such funds.**

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D.(1)(a)(i) No legislator or person who has been certified by the secretary of state as elected to the legislature, or spouse of a legislator or person who has been certified as elected to the legislature; **person identified in Item (ii) of this Subparagraph or the spouse of such person** nor any **legal entity of a person corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, in which the legislator or person who has been certified by the secretary of state as elected to the legislature or the spouse of a legislator or spouse of a person who has been certified by the secretary of state as elected to the legislature owns any interest in, except publicly traded corporations;** shall enter into any contract or subcontract with **state government, any branch, agency, department, or institution of state government or with the Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association, the Louisiana Health Insurance Guaranty Association, or any other quasi public entity created in law unless the contract or subcontract is awarded by competitive bidding after being advertised and awarded in accordance with Part II of Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 or is competitively negotiated through a request for proposal process or any similar competitive selection process in accordance with Chapters 16 or 17 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950:**

**(ii) The provisions of this Subparagraph and other provisions which reference this Item shall apply to the following persons:**

**(aa) A legislator and any person who has been certified by the secretary of state as elected to the legislature.**

**(bb) The governor and each person holding statewide elected office.**

**(cc) The secretary of the Department of Economic Development.**

**(dd) The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.**

**(ee) The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.**

**(ff) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.**

**(gg) The secretary of the Department of Labor.**

**(hh) The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources.**

**(ii) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and any warden or assistant warden of a state penal institution.**

**(jj) The secretary of the Department of Revenue.**

**(kk) The secretary of the Department of Social Services.**

**(ll) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.**

(mm) The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

(nn) The secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(oo) The executive secretary of the Public Service Commission.

(pp) The director of state civil service.

(qq) Each member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(rr) The superintendent of education, the commissioner of higher education, and the president of each public postsecondary education system.

(ss) Each member of the Board of Ethics and the ethics administrator.

(tt) The chief of staff to the governor.

(uu) The commissioner of the division of administration.

(vv) The executive counsel to the governor.

(ww) The legislative director for the governor.

(xx) The deputy chief of staff to the governor.

(yy) The director of policy for the governor.

(iii) For purposes of this Subsection, "legal entity of a person" means any corporation, partnership, or other such entity, except a publicly traded corporation or a passive ownership interest that is the result of participation in a federally approved program of employee ownership, in which a person identified in Item (ii) of this Subparagraph or the spouse of such person owns an interest of greater than five percent.

(iv) For purposes of this Subsection, "legal entity of a family member" means any corporation, partnership, or other such entity, except a publicly traded corporation or a passive ownership interest that is the result of participation in a federally approved program of employee ownership, in which an immediate family member of a person identified in Item (ii) of this Subparagraph, except the spouse of such a person, owns an interest of greater than five percent.

(v) For purposes of this Subsection, "state government" means any branch, agency, department, or institution of state government or with the Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association, the Louisiana Health Insurance Guaranty Association, or any other state quasi public entity created in law.

(b)(i) No immediate family member, except the spouse, of a person identified in Item (a)(ii) of this Paragraph, nor any legal entity of a family member shall enter into any contract with state government unless the contract is awarded by competitive bidding after being advertised and awarded in accordance with Part II of Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 or is competitively negotiated through a request for proposal process or any similar competitive selection process in accordance with Chapter 16 or 17 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950; however, this exception for competitively negotiated contracts shall not include contracts for consulting services.

(ii) The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not prohibit a contract for professional services entered into with the attorney general which is based on criteria set forth by the office of risk management.

(c)(i) For the purposes of this Section, a provider agreement entered into with the Department of Health and Hospitals under the state medical assistance program shall not be considered a contract or subcontract.

(ii) For the purposes of this Section, a foster parent provider agreement or a child care provider agreement entered into with the Department of Social Services shall not be considered a contract or subcontract and shall not be subject to R.S. 42:1111(E)(2)(a).

(iii) For purposes of this Section, any action taken to comply with a state law, rule, or regulation shall not be considered a contract.

(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not prohibit the following:

(a) Completion of any contract or subcontract otherwise prohibited by this Subsection which was entered into prior to initial election to the legislature; however, no such contract or subcontract shall be renewed.

(b) Completion of any contract or subcontract otherwise prohibited by this Subsection which was entered into prior to July 1, 1995; however, no such contract or subcontract shall be renewed.

(c) Contracts for employment in a professional educational capacity in or for professional services for an elementary or secondary school or other educational institution.

(d) Contracts of sale pursuant to the expropriation of immovable property by any branch, agency, department, or institution of state government.

(e) Contracts of employment of a physician or other licensed health care professional with the state or the charity hospitals of the state or the Department of Health and Hospitals.

(f) Donation of professional veterinary services or the donation of any goods and services related to the provision of such veterinary services.

(g) Completion of any contract which, at the time it was entered into, was not prohibited by the provisions of this Subsection; however, no such contract shall be renewed.

(h)(i) Completion of any contract between a person identified by Item (a)(ii) of this Paragraph or his spouse or a legal entity of a person and state government, which contract was awarded by competitive bidding after being advertised and awarded in accordance with Part II of Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, or competitively negotiated through a request for proposal process or any similar competitive selection process in accordance with Chapter 16 or 17 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 or which contract, other than a contract for consulting services, was not competitively negotiated through a request for proposal process or any similar competitive selection process in accordance with Chapter 16 or 17 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and which contract was entered into prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph; however, no such contract shall be renewed for a period extending beyond January 9, 2012.

(ii) Completion of any contract between the immediate family member, except for a spouse, of a person identified in Item (1)(a)(ii) of this Subsection or a legal entity of a family member and state government, which contract was not awarded by competitive bidding after being advertised and awarded in accordance with Part II of Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 or which contract, other than a contract for consulting services, was not competitively negotiated through a request for proposal process or any similar competitive selection process in accordance with Chapter 16 or 17 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and which contract was entered into prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph; however, no such contract shall be renewed for a period extending beyond January 9, 2012.

(i)(i) A sale by a retail establishment valued at two thousand five hundred dollars or less. However, no person shall enter into separate sales valued at two thousand five hundred dollars or less as a subterfuge to avoid the prohibition of this Subsection.

(ii) For purposes of this Subparagraph, "retail establishment" shall have the same meaning provided in R.S. 14:67.25.

(j) An agreement with a state entity or state quasi public entity providing for housing, retirement or insurance benefits, provided that those benefits are available to similarly situated persons.

(k) An agreement providing for public assistance benefits, including but not limited to, subsidies for agriculture, aquaculture, forestry, soil and water conservation, educational scholarships, grants and subsidies or guaranteed student loans, provided that such benefits are available to similarly situated persons.

(l) The payment of admission fees for events open to the public.

(m) Contracts for employment or for services by any licensed health care professional providing services in the classroom or working with administration in an elementary or secondary school or other educational institution.

(n) Contracts for services by health care professionals which are required by federal or state law to provide an educational

program for students in an elementary or secondary school or other educational institution.

(o) Contracts for which the compensation is solely reimbursement of costs.

(p) Applying for, payment of fees for, or obtaining a license, credential, or permit provided that such license, credential, or permit is available to similarly situated persons.

(q) A contract in existence on the effective date of this Subparagraph for professional services entered into by a person selected pursuant to Part VII of Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 with any agency or entity of state government with which such person had a contract for professional services pursuant to Part VII of Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 at any time prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph. Such a contract may be renewed, but may not continue in effect after January 8, 2012.

(r) An agreement for the provision of goods or services by state government provided on the same terms and conditions available to similarly situated persons.

(3) No person formerly serving in a position identified in Item (1)(a)(ii) of this Subsection nor his spouse nor any legal entity of a person shall, for a period of one year following the termination of the public service of such person enter into a contract that would have been prohibited by this Subsection prior to the termination of the public service of such person. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not prohibit the renewal of a contract that was not prohibited prior to the effective date of this Paragraph.

(4)(a) Each person identified in Item (1)(a)(ii) of this Subsection shall file a report with the Board of Ethics, by July first of each year of his term of office or of his service in his position, identifying the parties to and the value and term of each contract between him or his spouse or legal entity of a person and state government.

(b) Each immediate family member, except a spouse, of a person identified in Item (1)(a)(ii) of this Subsection shall file a report with the Board of Ethics by July first of each year of the person's term of office or of the person's service in his position identifying the parties to and the value and term of each contract between the immediate family member or any legal entity of a family member and state government.

E. If any provision of this Section conflicts with any other provision of this Part, the more restrictive provision shall govern.

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§1114.3. Disaster or emergency contracts; prohibition; disclosure

A.(1) No statewide elected official, legislator, commissioner of administration, or chief of staff or executive counsel to the governor, nor the spouse of any such person, nor any corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, except a publicly traded corporation or a passive ownership interest that is the result of participation in a federally approved program of employee ownership, in which such a person owns an interest of greater than five percent shall enter into any contract to which all of the following apply:

(a) The contract is directed to addressing needs directly emanating from a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency.

(b) The person knows or reasonably should know that the contract or subcontract is funded or reimbursed in whole or in part with federal funds distributed, paid, or allocated to or by the state or a state department, agency, or official.

(2) Hereafter in this Subsection, "person covered by this Subsection" shall mean a statewide elected official, legislator, commissioner of administration, or chief of staff or executive counsel to the governor, or the spouse of any such person. "Company covered by this Subsection" shall mean a corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, except a publicly traded corporation or a passive ownership interest that is the result of participation in a federally approved program of employee ownership, in which a person covered by this Section owns an interest of greater than five percent.

(3) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to construction-related contracts entered into with entities more than two years following the initial declaration of

disaster or emergency, provided that the entity is not the governmental entity of a person covered by this Section.

(4)(a)(i) The provisions of this Subsection shall not prohibit a sale by a retail establishment which is valued at two thousand five hundred dollars or less. However, no person shall enter into separate sales valued at two thousand five hundred dollars or less as a subterfuge to avoid the prohibition of this Subsection.

(ii) For purposes of this Subparagraph, "retail establishment" shall have the same meaning provided in R.S. 14:67.25.

(b) For the purposes of this Subsection, the following shall not constitute a contract:

(i) A provider agreement entered into with the Department of Health and Hospitals under the state medical assistance program.

(ii) A foster parent provider agreement or a child care provider agreement entered into with the Department of Social Services.

(iii) An agreement with a state entity or state quasi public entity providing for retirement or insurance benefits, provided that those benefits are available to similarly situated persons.

(iv) An agreement providing for public assistance benefits, including but not limited to, subsidies for agriculture, aquaculture, forestry, soil and water conservation, educational scholarships, grants and subsidies or guaranteed student loans, provided that such benefits are available to similarly situated persons.

(c) The provisions of this Subsection shall not prohibit the following:

(i) Contracts for employment or for services in a professional educational capacity in an elementary or secondary school or other educational institution.

(ii) Contracts for employment or for services by any licensed health care professional providing services in the classroom or working with administration in an elementary or secondary school or other educational institution.

(iii) Contracts for services by health care professionals which are required by federal or state law to provide an educational program for students in an elementary or secondary school or other educational institution.

(iv) Contracts of sale pursuant to the expropriation of immovable property by any branch, agency, department, or institution of state government.

(v) Contracts of employment of a physician or other licensed health care professional with the state or the charity hospitals of the state or the Department of Health and Hospitals.

(vi) Donation of professional veterinary services or the donation of any goods and services related to the provision of such veterinary services.

(vii) Applying for, payment of fees for, or obtaining a license, credential, or permit provided that such license, credential, or permit is available to similarly situated persons.

(5) Each person covered by this Section who derives, either directly or through a company covered by this Section, any thing of economic value through any contract which is directed to addressing needs directly emanating from a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency and which the person covered by this Section knows or reasonably should know is or may be funded or reimbursed in whole or in part with federal funds shall disclose the information required by Subsection C of this Section as provided in that Subsection.

B.(1) Except as provided in Subsection B Paragraph 2 of this Section Subsection, each elected official; other than a statewide elected official or legislator, each appointed state official, other than the commissioner of administration or the chief of staff or executive counsel to the governor, and each immediate family member of an elected official or appointed state official subject to this Subsection or Subsection A of this Section who derives, either directly or through a legal entity in which such official or immediate family member owns ten percent or more, any thing of economic value through any contract or subcontract which is related to a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency and which the official or immediate family member knows or reasonably should know is or may be funded or reimbursed in whole or in part with federal funds

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shall make the disclosure shall disclose the following as provided in this Section: ~~disclose the information required by Subsection C of this Section as provided in that Subsection.~~

~~(2) No person required to disclose information by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be required to disclose the receipt of any thing of economic value pursuant to this Section when the value of the contract is two thousand five hundred dollars or less. However, no person shall enter into separate contracts valued at two thousand five hundred dollars or less with the same person or governmental entity or agency thereof as a subterfuge to avoid the disclosure requirements of this Section.~~

~~(1)C.(1) The following information shall be disclosed:~~

~~(a)(i) If an elected or appointed official, the name and address of the elected or appointed official and the office held by such person.~~

~~(b)(ii) If an immediate family member of an elected or appointed official, the name and address of such person; the name, address, and office of the elected or appointed official to whom the person is related; and the nature of the relationship.~~

~~(2)(b) If through a legal entity, the name and business address of the legal entity, the percentage of the official's or immediate family member's ownership interest in the legal entity, and the position, if any, held by the official or immediate family member in the legal entity.~~

~~(3)(c) The nature of the contract or subcontract, including the amount of the contract or subcontract and a description of the goods or services provided or to be provided pursuant to the contract or subcontract.~~

~~(4)(d) The amount of income or value of any thing of economic value derived through the contract or subcontract by the official or immediate family member for the previous calendar year, except as provided in Subsection C of this Section Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.~~

~~B. No person shall be required to disclose the receipt of any thing of economic value pursuant to this Section when the value of the contract or subcontract is two thousand five hundred dollars or less. However, no person shall enter into separate contracts or subcontracts valued at two thousand five hundred dollars or less with the same person or governmental entity or agency thereof as a subterfuge to avoid the disclosure requirements of this Section.~~

~~E.(2) Each elected or appointed official and immediate family member subject to the provisions of this Section shall file an initial disclosure statement with the Board of Ethics no later than thirty days after the official, immediate family member, or legal entity enters into the contract, whichever occurs later. The initial disclosure statement shall contain all of the information required by Subsection A of this Section Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, except that instead of the actual amount of income or value of any thing of economic value derived from the contract by the official or immediate family member for the previous calendar year, the official or immediate family member shall include the amount of income or value of any thing of economic value to be derived or, if the actual amount is unknown at the time the statement is due, reasonably expected to be derived from the contract or subcontract for the first calendar year of the contract or subcontract.~~

~~D.(1)(3)(a) After filing the initial disclosure statement, the elected or appointed official or immediate family member shall file the disclosure statements required by this Section Subsection with the Board of Ethics no later than February fifteenth each year and shall include such information for the previous calendar year.~~

~~(2)(b) An elected or appointed official or immediate family member subject to the provisions of this Section shall be required to file the annual disclosure statements required by this Section Subsection until a disclosure statement is filed after the completion of the contract or subcontract subject to disclosure, or the person filing such statements, or to whom the immediate family member is related is no longer an elected or appointed official, whichever occurs first.~~

~~(3)(c) Annual disclosure statements shall not be required for the receipt of things of economic value pursuant to contracts or subcontracts entered into prior to an elected or appointed official taking office; however, if an elected or appointed official or immediate family member thereof receives or reasonably expects to receive a thing of economic value otherwise required to be disclosed by this Section pursuant to the renewal of such a contract or~~

subcontract occurring after the official takes office, such official or immediate family member shall file a disclosure statement no later than thirty days after such renewal in accordance with ~~Subsection C of this Section Paragraph 2 of this Subsection~~ and annually thereafter in accordance with this Subsection.

~~(4)(d) All disclosure statements filed pursuant to this Section shall be a matter of public record.~~

~~E.(1)(4)(a) Failure to file a statement, failure to timely file a statement, failure to disclose required information, filing a false statement, or engaging in a subterfuge to avoid the disclosure requirements of this Section shall subject a person required to file to penalties as provided by this Chapter.~~

~~(2)(b) In addition to other applicable penalties, whoever fails to file a statement required by this Section, or knowingly and willfully fails to timely file any such statement, or knowingly and willfully fails to disclose or to accurately disclose any information required by this Section shall be assessed a civil penalty in accordance with R.S. 42:1157 for each day until such statement or the required accurate information is filed. The amount of the penalty shall be one hundred dollars per day.~~

~~(3)(c) In addition to other applicable penalties, whoever enters into separate contracts or subcontracts valued at two thousand five hundred dollars or less as a subterfuge to avoid the disclosure requirements of this Section shall be subject to the penalties of R.S. 42:1153.~~

~~F.D. For the purposes of this Section, the term "appointed state official" or "appointed official" shall mean a person holding an office in any branch of state government or other position on a state agency, board, or commission or any executive office of any state agency, board, commission, or department which is specifically established or specifically authorized by the constitution or laws of this state or by executive order of the governor and which is filled by appointment or election by an elected or appointed public official or by a governmental body composed of such officials of this state.~~

~~G.E. Nothing in this Section shall require the disclosure of any thing of economic value received from an individual assistance claim."~~

Respectfully submitted,

Senators  
Joel T. Chaisson II  
Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka  
Sharon Weston Broome

Representatives  
Jim Tucker  
Karen Carter Peterson  
Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.

Rules Suspended

Senator Chaisson asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of considering the Conference Committee Report. On motion of Senator Chaisson, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Erdey	Morrish
Adley	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gautreaux N	Murray
Amedee	Gray	Nevers
Broome	Hebert	Quinn
Cassidy	Heitmeier	Riser
Cheek	Jackson	Scalise
Cravins	Kostelka	Shaw
Crowe	LaFleur	Shepherd
Donahue	Long	Smith
Dorsey	Marionneaux	Thompson
Duplessis	Martiny	Walsworth
Dupre	Michot	

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

McPherson  
Total - 1

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted. Senator Chaisson moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and laid the motion on the table.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
House Bill No. 41 By Representative Tucker**

February 25, 2008

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 41 by Representative Tucker, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the Senate Committee Amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the Senate on February 20, 2008, be adopted.
2. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 numbered SFAHB41 GuillotJ 725 proposed by Senator Marionneaux and adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2008, be adopted.
3. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 numbered SFAHB41 WADDELLG 772 proposed by Senator Marionneaux and adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2008, be adopted.
4. That the Senate Floor Amendments numbered SFAHB41 DOIROND 626 proposed by Senator Marionneaux and adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2008, be adopted.
5. That the Senate Floor Amendments numbered SFAHB41 BURKHARD 762 proposed by Senator Marionneaux and adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2008, be adopted.
6. That the Senate Floor Amendments numbered SFAHB41 MARTINEZ 763 proposed by Senator N. Gautreaux and adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2008, be adopted.
7. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 numbered SFAHB41 WADDELLG 783 proposed by Senator Nevers and adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2008, be rejected.
8. That the Senate Floor Amendments numbered SFAHB41 BROUSSAP 794 proposed by Senator Kostelka and adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2008, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Representatives  
Jim Tucker  
Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.  
Karen Carter Peterson

Senators  
Joel T. Chaisson II  
Ben Nevers  
Robert "Rob" Marionneaux, Jr.

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Marionneaux asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of considering the Conference Committee Report. On motion of Senator Marionneaux, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Erdey	Morrish
Adley	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gray	Nevers
Amedee	Hebert	Quinn
Broome	Heitmeier	Riser
Cheek	Jackson	Scalise
Cravins	Kostelka	Shaw
Crowe	LaFleur	Shepherd
Donahue	Long	Smith
Dorsey	Marionneaux	Thompson
Duplessis	Martiny	Walsworth
Dupre	Michot	
Total - 35		

NAYS

Cassidy	Gautreaux N	Murray
Total - 3		

ABSENT

McPherson  
Total - 1

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted. Senator Marionneaux moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and laid the motion on the table.

**Messages from the House**

The following Messages from the House were received and read as follows:

**Message from the House**

**ADOPTION OF  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to Senate Bill No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Message from the House**

**ADOPTION OF  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to Senate Bill No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Message from the House**

**ADOPTION OF  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to Senate Bill No. 8.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Message from the House**

**ADOPTION OF  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to Senate Bill No. 11.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Message from the House**

**ADOPTION OF  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to Senate Bill No. 14.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Message from the House**

**ADOPTION OF  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to Senate Bill No. 35.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Message from the House**

**ADOPTION OF  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to Senate Bill No. 58.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Message from the House**

**ADOPTION OF  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Message from the House**

**ADOPTION OF  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 41.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Message from the House**

**ADOPTION OF  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 56.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Reports of Committees, Resumed**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Senator Murray**

February 25, 2008



To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Senator Murray recommend the following concerning the Original concurrent resolution:

1. That the House Committee Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, proposed by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008 be accepted.
2. That House Committee Amendment No. 6, proposed by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 21, 2008 be rejected.
3. That the following amendment to the Original concurrent resolution be adopted:

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, line 24, after "that the" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 25 through 30 in their entirety and delete pages 3 and 4 in their entirety and insert the following: "joint committee shall specifically solicit input, recommendations, and advice from the following:

- (1) The Louisiana State Bar Association.
- (2) The New Orleans Notarial Archives.
- (3) The Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.
- (4) The Louisiana Land Title Association.
- (5) The Louisiana Bankers Association.
- (6) The Louisiana Mortgage Lenders Association.
- (7) The Louisiana State Law Institute.
- (8) The Louisiana Housing Finance Agency.
- (9) The office of the secretary of state.
- (10) The New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation.
- (11) The Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans.
- (12) The Louisiana District Judges Association.
- (13) The Louisiana State University AgCenter.
- (14) The New Orleans Bar Association.
- (15) Louisiana Appleseed, a branch of the national non-profit network of public interest justice centers.
- (16) The Louisiana Municipal Association.
- (17) The Lewis A. Martinet Legal Society.
- (18) The Louisiana Realtors Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall report the results of its study findings to the legislature prior to March 1, 2009."

Respectfully submitted,

Senators	Representatives
Edwin R. Murray	Karen Carter Peterson
Lydia P. Jackson	Taylor F. Barras
Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka	Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Murray asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of considering the Conference Committee Report. On motion of Senator Murray, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Erdey	Mount
Adley	Gautreaux B	Murray
Alario	Gray	Nevers

Amedee	Hebert	Quinn
Broome	Heitmeier	Riser
Cassidy	Jackson	Scalise
Cheek	Kostelka	Shaw
Cravins	LaFleur	Shepherd
Crowe	Long	Smith
Donahue	Marionneau	Thompson
Dorsey	Martiny	Walsworth
Duplessis	Michot	
Dupre	Morrish	

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Gautreaux N McPherson

Total - 2

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted. Senator Murray moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and laid the motion on the table.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
House Bill No. 56 By Representative Tucker**

February 25, 2008

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 56 by Representative Tucker, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Senator Scalise and adopted by the Senate on February 20, 2008, be adopted.
2. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 of the set of Senate Floor Amendments consisting of one amendment proposed by Senator Kostelka and adopted by the Senate on February 20, 2008, be rejected.
3. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1, 2, and 4 of the set of Senate Floor Amendments consisting of nine amendments proposed by Senator Kostelka and adopted by the Senate on February 20, 2008, be rejected.
4. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 3 and 5 through 9 of the set of Senate Floor Amendments consisting of nine amendments proposed by Senator Kostelka and adopted by the Senate on February 20, 2008, be adopted.
5. That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 3, at the end of line 24, after "session," insert "The salary of the inspector general may not be reduced by the governor or the legislature during his term of office."

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 3, delete lines 25 through 27 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"D. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection B of this Section, the inspector general may be removed by the governor provided such removal is approved by a majority vote of each house of the legislature.

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(2) In order to obtain the consent of a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature, the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate shall prepare and transmit a ballot to each member of the legislature by certified mail with return receipt requested, unless it is determined that the legislature will be in session in time for the ballots to be distributed to them and returned by them during the session. The ballot shall be uniform and include pertinent information as the clerk and secretary shall determine."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, line 14, between "government," and "reports" delete "Such" and insert "Upon completion, all final reports of the inspector general immediately shall be filed with the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and shall include the response of the agency, if any. All such"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, line 15, after "Committee" and before "the" change "of" to "on"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, line 17, delete "concerning the agency. This shall" and insert "unless"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 6, at the end of line 14, after "subpoena" change the period "." to a comma "," and insert "and the person may be adjudged in contempt of court."

Respectfully submitted,

Representatives
Jim Tucker
Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.
Hollis Downs

Senators
Joel T. Chaisson II
Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka
Sharon Weston Broome

Rules Suspended

Senator Kostelka asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of considering the Conference Committee Report. On motion of Senator Kostelka, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President
Adley
Alario
Amedee
Broome
Cassidy
Cheek
Cravins
Crowe
Donahue
Dorsey
Duplessis
Dupre
Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

McPherson
Total - 1

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted. Senator Kostelka moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and laid the motion on the table.

Rules Suspended

Senator Murray asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of taking up at this time.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

Senator Broome asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Senate Resolutions a first and second time and acting upon them as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY SENATORS MURRAY, ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, GRAY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Warren McDaniels.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21—

BY SENATOR CROWE

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Select Committee on Consumer Affairs and Technology to meet and study the technological feasibility of building a deep water port and its impact on Louisiana consumers and creates a task force to assist the committee.

The resolution was read by title; lies over under the rules.

Reports of Committees, Resumed

The following reports of committees were received and read:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 1 By Representative Tucker

February 25, 2008

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 1 by Representative Tucker, recommend the following concerning the Re-reengrossed bill:

- 1. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 30 proposed by the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the Senate on February 20, 2008 be adopted.
2. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 27, 28, and 29 proposed by the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the Senate on February 20, 2008 be rejected.
3. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 6, 7, 9, and 12 in the set designated as 694 proposed by Senator Chaisson and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be adopted.

4. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, and 13 in the set designated as 694 proposed by Senator Chaisson and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
5. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 in the set designated as 716 proposed by Senator Adley and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be adopted.
6. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 5, 7, 11, 18, 19, and 20 in the set designated as 716 proposed by Senator Adley and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
7. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 in the set designated as 606 proposed by Senator Chaisson and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
8. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 in the set designated as 667 proposed by Senator Chaisson and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
9. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 in the set designated as 669 proposed by Senator Chaisson and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
10. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 in the set designated as 601 proposed by Senator Murray and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be adopted.
11. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 in the set designated as 601 proposed by Senator Murray and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
12. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 in the set designated as 636 proposed by Senator Nevers and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be adopted.
13. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 in the set designated as 721 proposed by Senator Heitmeier and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
14. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 in the set designated as 681 proposed by Senator Alario and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be adopted.
15. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 in the set designated as 697 proposed by Senator Mount and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
16. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 in the set designated as 712 proposed by Senator Nevers and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be adopted.
17. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 in the set designated as 738 proposed by Senator Murray and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
18. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 in the set designated as 710 proposed by Senator Donahue and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
19. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 in the set designated as 705 proposed by Senator Jackson and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
20. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 through 7 in the set designated as 715 proposed by Senator Adley and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be adopted.
21. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 8 and 9 in the set designated as 715 proposed by Senator Adley and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
22. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 in the set designated as 720 proposed by Senator Martiny and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
23. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 through 3 in the set designated as 684 proposed by Senator Mount and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
24. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 in the set designated as 724 proposed by Senator McPherson and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
25. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 in the set designated as 718 proposed by Senator Cassidy and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
26. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 in the set designated as 746 proposed by Senator Mount and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be adopted.
27. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 in the set designated as 746 proposed by Senator Mount and adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2008 be rejected.
28. That the following amendments to the Re-Reengrossed bill be adopted:
- AMENDMENT NO. 1  
On page 1, line 3, after "R.S. 42:1124.2" delete "and 1124.3," and insert a comma "," and insert "1124.3, 1124.4, and 1124.5,"
- AMENDMENT NO. 2  
On page 2, line 5, change "R.S. 42:1124." to "R.S. 42:1124.2."
- AMENDMENT NO. 3  
On page 2, delete lines 9 through 29 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 9 and insert the following:  
"B. Any person who fails to file or fails to timely file the financial statement required by Subsection A of this Section, or who fails to disclose or fails to accurately disclose information required to be included in the financial statement required by Subsection A of this Section, shall be subject to penalties as provided in R.S. 42:1124.4."
- AMENDMENT NO. 4  
On page 3, line 11, after "R.S. 42:1124.2" delete "and 1124.3" and insert a comma "," and "1124.3, 1124.4, and 1124.5"
- AMENDMENT NO. 5  
On page 4, delete line 12 and insert  
"(7) The policy director in the office of the governor."
- AMENDMENT NO. 6  
On page 4, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:  
"(10) The deputy chief of staff of the office of the governor.  
"(11) The legislative director in the office of the governor."
- AMENDMENT NO. 7  
On page 5, line 4, change "(5)" to "(5)(a)"
- AMENDMENT NO. 8  
On page 5, at the end of line 7, insert  
"any of the following:"
- AMENDMENT NO. 9  
On page 5, at the beginning of line 8, delete "the" and insert  
"(i) The"
- AMENDMENT NO. 10  
On page 5, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:  
"(ii) Services performed for or in connection with a gaming interest as defined in R.S. 18:1505.2(L)(3)(a)."

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, amounts reported pursuant to this Paragraph shall be reported by specific amount rather than by category of value."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

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

"(8) A brief description, amount, and date of any purchase or sale, exchange, donation, gift, or other acquisition or disposition, in excess of one thousand dollars, of any real immovable property, and of any personally owned tax credit certificates, stocks, bonds, or commodities futures, or other forms of securities, including but not limited to any option to acquire and/or or dispose of any immovable property or of any personally owned tax credit certificates, stocks, bonds, or commodities futures, other forms of securities, negotiable instruments, movable or immovable property, or any other interest. Nothing in this Paragraph shall require the reporting of information concerning variable annuities, variable life insurance, or variable universal life insurance.

(9) The name, brief description, and amount of each investment security having a value exceeding one thousand dollars held by the individual or spouse, excluding variable annuities, variable life insurance, variable universal life insurance, whole life insurance, any other life insurance product, mutual funds, education investment accounts, retirement investment accounts, government bonds, and cash or cash equivalent investments. This Paragraph shall not be deemed to require disclosure of information concerning any property held and administered for any person other than the individual or spouse under a trust, tutorship, curatorship, or other custodial instrument."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 9, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

"H. Nothing in this Section shall require the disclosure or reporting of income derived from child support and alimony payments contained in a court order or from disability payments from any source."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 9, delete lines 21 through 29 and on page 10, delete lines 1 through 21 and insert the following:

"(2) The amount of such penalty shall be:

(a) Five hundred dollars per day for statements required by R.S. 42:1124.

(b) ~~One one~~ hundred dollars per day for statements required by R.S. 42:1114, or 1114.1.

B. Whoever knowingly and willfully files a false report required by this Part, except for statements required by R.S. 42:1124, 1124.2, or 1124.3, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned in parish prison for not more than six months, or both. Any prosecution under this Subsection shall be tried before a jury of six persons, all of whom must concur to render a verdict.

C. "Knowingly and willfully" for purposes of this Section means conduct which could have been avoided through the exercise of due diligence."

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 10, line 26, after "persons," insert "each member of the Board of Ethics and the ethics administrator."

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 10, line 27, after "or invest" delete "more than ten thousand dollars" and insert "one million dollars or more"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 11, at the beginning of line 26, change "(5)(a)" to "(5)(a)(i)"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 12, at the beginning of line 1, change "(i)" to "(aa)"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 12, at the beginning of line 3, change "(ii)" to "(bb)"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 12, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

"(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, amounts reported pursuant to this Subparagraph shall be reported by specific amount rather than by category of value."

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 12, line 22, after "ad valorem taxes, and" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 12, line 23, after "county" delete the comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 12, line 27, after "dollars." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 28

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 13, line 3, after "variable universal life insurance," insert "whole life insurance, any other life insurance product."

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 13, line 13 after "futures." delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 14 and 15 and insert the following:

"This Paragraph shall not be deemed to require disclosure of information concerning variable annuities, variable life insurance, variable universal life insurance, whole life insurance, any other life insurance product, mutual funds, education investment accounts, retirement investment accounts, government bonds, cash or cash equivalent investments."

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 16, between lines 18 and 19 insert the following:

"I. Nothing in this Section shall require the disclosure or reporting of income derived from child support and alimony payments contained in a court order or from the reporting or disclosure of income derived from disability payments from any source."

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 16, line 22, after "thousand" delete the comma "," and insert "and each member of a state board or commission which has the authority to expend, disburse, or invest more than ten thousand but less than one million dollars."

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 17, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

"§1124.4. Penalties

A.(1) If a person fails to timely file a financial statement as required by R.S. 18:1495.7 or by R.S. 42:1124, 1124.2, or 1124.3, or a person omits any information required to be included in the statement, or the board has reason to believe information included in the statement is inaccurate, the board shall notify the person of such failure, omission, or inaccuracy by sending him by certified mail a notice of delinquency immediately upon discovery of the failure, omission, or inaccuracy.

(2) The notice of delinquency shall inform the person that the financial statement must be filed, or that the information must be disclosed or accurately disclosed, or that a written answer contesting the allegation of such a failure, omission, or inaccuracy must be filed no later than fourteen business days after receipt of the notice of delinquency. The notice shall include the deadline for filing the statement, filing the answer, or disclosing or accurately disclosing the information.

(3) The board shall inform the person in the notice of delinquency that failure to file the statement, to disclose or accurately disclose the information, or to file an answer contesting the allegation by the deadline shall result in the imposition of penalties as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

B.(1) If the person files the statement, provides the omitted information, or corrects the inaccurate information prior to the deadline contained in the notice of delinquency, no penalties shall be assessed against the person. If the person files a written answer contesting the allegations prior to the deadline contained in the notice

of delinquency, no penalties shall be assessed until a determination is made by the board that a violation occurred.

(2) If the person fails to file the statement, fails to provide the omitted information, fails to correct the inaccurate information, or fails to file a written answer prior to the deadline contained in the notice of delinquency, he shall be subject to assessment of the penalties provided in Subsection C of this Section for each day until the statement, omitted information, corrected information, or written answer is filed.

(3) Upon a finding by the board in connection with a written answer that no violation has occurred, no penalties shall be assessed against the person. If the board finds in connection with a written answer that the person has failed to file the statement or failed to disclose or accurately disclose the required information, he shall be subject to assessment of the penalties provided in Subsection C of this Section for each day until the statement is filed, until the omitted information is filed, or until the inaccurate information is corrected.

C. Penalties shall be assessed as follows:

(1) Five hundred dollars per day for financial statements required by R.S. 42:1124.

(2) One hundred dollars per day for statements required by R.S. 42:1124.2.

(3) Fifty dollars per day for statements required by R.S. 42:1124.3.

(4) The penalties to be assessed candidates shall be assessed according to which financial statement the candidate is required to file as provided in R.S. 18:1495.7.

D.(1)(a) A finding by the board after the notice provided for in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section that a person has willfully or knowingly failed to file a statement, willfully and knowingly failed to timely file a statement, willfully or knowingly omitted information from a statement, or willfully and knowingly provided inaccurate information in a statement shall subject the person to prosecution for a misdemeanor.

(b)(i) Upon first conviction thereof, the person shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars.

(ii) Upon a second or subsequent conviction for violation of the same reporting requirement, the person shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars.

(2) Any person prosecuted under this Subsection shall have a right to be tried before a jury of six persons, all of whom shall concur to render a verdict.

(3) Findings pursuant to this Section shall be made by the board at a public hearing conducted for that purpose.

(4) Upon finding at a public hearing a possible violation of Subsection D of this Section, the board shall forward its findings to the district attorney in the parish which is the domicile of the person who filed the report for appropriate action.

E.(1) The Board of Ethics shall post on its web site on the Internet a list of all persons who have failed to file, or failed to timely file, or who have failed to provide omitted information or failed to provide accurate information as required by this Section.

(2)(a) No person shall be included on the list unless he fails to file, to provide omitted information, or to provide accurate information by the deadline included in a notice of delinquency, nor shall he be included on the list if he has filed an answer contesting the allegations included in the notice of delinquency.

(b) A person shall be removed from the list within two business days after filing the statement or accurately disclosing the required information.

F. If a person who is required to disclose information required by R.S. 42:1124, 1124.2, or 1124.3 discovers an error or inaccuracy in the information he disclosed and files an amendment to such disclosure correcting such error or inaccuracy prior to the receipt of a notice of delinquency, no penalties shall be assessed against the person, and the board shall replace the initial disclosure with the amendment thereto in the official records of the board, §1124.5. Disclosure; Board of Ethics; ethics administrator

Each member of the Board of Ethics and the ethics administrator shall include on the statement required by R.S. 42:1124.2 the following information for the preceding calendar year unless the information is already included in the statement:

(1) The name, address, brief description of, and nature of association with and the amount of interest in each business in which the individual or spouse is a director, officer, owner, partner, member, or trustee, or in which the individual or spouse owns any interest, excluding a publicly traded corporation.

(2) The name, address, type, and amount of each source of income received by the individual or spouse, or by any business in which the individual or spouse owns an interest, excluding a publicly traded corporation, which is received from the state or any political subdivision as defined in Article VI of the Constitution of Louisiana.

(3) The name of each governmental entity from whom the individual or his spouse derives any thing of economic value through any contract or subcontract involving a governmental entity, including the Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association, the Louisiana Health Insurance Guaranty Association, Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana, and any other quasi public entity; the nature of the contract or subcontract; and the value of thing of economic value derived."

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 18, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

"Section 5. The first reports due pursuant to R.S. 42:1124 as amended and reenacted by this Act and due pursuant to R.S. 42:1124.2 as enacted by this Act shall be complete for the calendar year 2008. The first reports due pursuant to R.S. 42:1124.3 as enacted by this Act shall be complete for the calendar year 2009."

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 18, at the beginning of line 11, change "Section 5." to "Section 6."

Respectfully submitted,

Representatives

Jim Tucker  
Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.  
Karen Carter Peterson

Senators

Joel T. Chaisson II  
Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka  
Sharon Weston Broome

Rules Suspended

Senator Chaisson asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of considering the Conference Committee Report. On motion of Senator Chaisson, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Erdey	Morrish
Adley	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gautreaux N	Murray
Amedee	Gray	Nevers
Broome	Hebert	Quinn
Cassidy	Heitmeier	Riser
Cheek	Jackson	Scalise
Cravins	Kostelka	Shaw
Crowe	LaFleur	Shepherd
Donahue	Long	Smith
Dorsey	Marionneaux	Thompson
Duplessis	Martiny	Walsworth
Dupre	Michot	
Total - 38		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

McPherson

Total - 1

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The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted. Senator Chaisson moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and laid the motion on the table.

Rules Suspended

Senator Michot asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of recalling House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 from the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, GALLOT, BILLIOT, TIM BURNS, DOVE, HENRY, HINES, LABRUZZO, PEARSON, RICHARD, SCHRODER, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, WILLIAMS, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARNOLD, AUBERT, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOWNS, FANNIN, FRANKLIN, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKY GUILLORY, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, HUTTER, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONTUCET, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PERRY, PONTI, PUGH, RICHARDSON, ROBIDEAUX, SIMON, GARY SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLER, TRAHAN, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS MORRISH AND SCALISE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 17 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, to provide for the submission of certain information required for appropriations to certain entities and to provide for the duties of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate relative to such information.

Floor Amendments Sent Up

Senator Michot sent up floor amendments which were read.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Michot to Engrossed House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 by Representative Tucker

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "information" delete the remainder of the line and insert "by"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "certain" and before "entities" insert "nongovernmental"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "No. 17" delete the remainder of the line and insert "Nongovernmental Entity Funding Request Form"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 9 and 10 and insert the following:

"A.(1)(a) No later than the first day of November each year any nongovernmental entity which is neither a budget unit nor a political subdivision of the state that is requesting funding from the state through the General Appropriation Bill, capital outlay bill, or any supplemental appropriation bill shall transmit certain information relative to such proposed funding to the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs in a form and manner as shall be prescribed jointly by the committees.

(b) The provisions of this Rule shall not apply to appropriations for the payment of money judgments against the state, including consent judgments, stipulated judgments, judgments rendered by the Board of Tax Appeals, and other judgments against the state."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 11, change "(2)" to "(2) At the direction of the joint committees."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, delete lines 18 and 19, and insert the following:

"B. Such information shall, at a minimum, include the following:

(1) The entity's full legal name, mailing address, and physical address.

(2) The type of entity (for instance, a nonprofit corporation) and, if the entity is a corporation, the names of the incorporators of the recipient. If the recipient is a private entity required to register with the Secretary of State, the entity shall show evidence of good standing with that office.

(3) The last four numbers of the taxpayer identification number of the entity.

(4) The full names and addresses of the governing board and all officers of the recipient entity. Additionally, the entity shall provide the full names and addresses of its executive director, chief executive officer, or other person responsible for the operation of the entity, and the key personnel responsible for the program or functions to be funded through the proposed funding.

(5) The dollar amount of the proposed funding.

(6) The entity's proposed comprehensive budget showing all anticipated uses of the proposed monies, including additional sources of revenue for the program or project proposed, and amounts budgeted by categories of expenditures, including but not limited to salaries, operating services, professional services, contracts, acquisitions, major repairs, and other charges.

(7) A certification that the entity has no outstanding audit issues or findings or that the entity is working with appropriate governmental agencies to resolve those issues or findings.

(8) The entity's public purpose sought to be achieved through the use of state monies and the goals and objectives to achieve such purpose.

(9) The proposed length of time the entity estimates is needed to accomplish the purpose.

(10) If any elected or appointed state official or an immediate family member of such an official is an officer, director, trustee, or employee of the entity who receives compensation or holds any ownership interest therein:

(a) If an elected or appointed state official, the name and address of the official and the office held by such person.

(b) If an immediate family member of an elected or appointed state official, the name and address of such person; the name, address, and office of the official to whom the person is related; and the nature of the relationship.

(c) The percentage of the official's or immediate family member's ownership interest in the entity, if any.

(d) The position, if any, held by the official or immediate family member in the entity.

(11) If the entity has a contract with any elected or appointed state official or an immediate family member of such an official or with the state or any political subdivision of the state:

(a) If the contract is with an elected or appointed state official, the name and address of the official and the office held by such person.

(b) If the contract is with an immediate family member of an elected or appointed state official, the name and address of such person; the name, address, and office of the official to whom the person is related; and the nature of the relationship.

(c) If the contract is with the state or a political subdivision of the state, the name and address of the state entity or political subdivision.

(d) The nature of the contract, including a description of the goods or services provided or to be provided pursuant to the contract.

C. Requests submitted after November first may be included within the appropriation bills if the late submission is approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget or the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay prior to the last day for introduction of a matter intended to have the effect of law by either house of the legislature. Requesting entities shall submit all applicable information.

D. After the last day for introduction of a matter intended to have the effect of law by either house of the legislature, authorization for late submission shall be as provided by each house of the legislature by rule."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

Delete page 2

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 16

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, delete line 17, and insert the following:

"E. A completed Nongovernmental Entity Funding Request Form shall be"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, at the beginning of line 22, change "D." to "F."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, after line 24, insert the following:

"G. The provisions of this Joint Rule shall become effective July 1, 2008."

On motion of Senator Michot, the amendments were adopted.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Dupre	Michot
Adley	Erdey	Morrish
Alario	Gautreaux B	Mount
Amedee	Gautreaux N	Murray
Broome	Gray	Nevers
Cassidy	Hebert	Quinn
Cheek	Heitmeier	Riser
Cravins	Kostelka	Scalise
Crowe	LaFleur	Shaw
Donahue	Long	Smith
Dorsey	Marionneaux	Thompson
Duplessis	Martiny	Walsworth
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Jackson	McPherson	Shepherd
Total - 3		

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

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Michot asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of taking up at this time.

**Senate Resolutions on Second Reading, Subject to Call**

The following Senate Resolutions were read and acted upon as follows:

**Called from the Calendar**

Senator Chaisson asked that Senate Resolution No. 12 be called from the Calendar at this time.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12— (Substitute of Senate Resolution No. 5 by Senator Chaisson)**

BY SENATOR CHAISSON

A RESOLUTION

To adopt Senate Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Order of the Senate, relative to proposals for funding by certain non-governmental entities; to require the submission of certain information.

**Floor Amendments Sent Up**

Senator Michot sent up floor amendments which were read.

**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senator Michot to Original Senate Resolution No. 12 by Senator Chaisson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "relative to" delete the remainder of the line, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert "late approval of Nongovernmental Entity Funding Requests."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "**Rule 8.4.**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**Late approval of Nongovernmental Entity Funding Requests**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 8 through 17, delete pages 2 through 4 and on page 5, delete lines 1 through 9 and insert the following:

**"Pursuant to Joint Rule No. 17 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, Non-governmental Entity Funding Requests submitted after November first and not approved at a meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget or the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay prior to the last day for introduction of a matter intended to have the effect of law by either house of the legislature, may be approved by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance for requests with respect to bills over which the committee has jurisdiction and by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs for requests with respect to which that committee has jurisdiction."**

On motion of Senator Michot, the amendments were adopted.

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

**Mr. President in the Chair**

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Crowe asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of taking up at this time.

**Senate Resolutions Just Advanced to a Second Reading**

The following Senate Resolutions were read and acted upon as follows:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21—**

BY SENATOR CROWE

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Select Committee on Consumer Affairs and Technology to meet and study the technological feasibility of building a deep water port and its impact on Louisiana consumers and creates a task force to assist the committee.

**Floor Amendments Sent Up**

Senator Alario sent up floor amendments which were read.

**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senator Alario to Original Senate Resolution No. 21 by Senator Crowe

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 3, line 10, after "Terminal District," insert the following: "two members appointed by the President of the Senate from each of the following committees: the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, the Senate Committee on Finance, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Internal Affairs, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development, and the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs."

On motion of Senator Alario, the amendments were adopted.

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

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Amedee asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of taking up at this time.

**Introduction of Senate Resolutions**

Senator Broome asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Senate Resolutions a first and second time and acting upon them as follows:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22—**

BY SENATORS AMEDEE, ADLEY, ALARIO, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, GRAY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAU, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend Joseph G. Guillory, Jr. for his outstanding and dedicated service to the Legislature of Louisiana and the state of Louisiana and to offer congratulations and best wishes upon the occasion of his retirement.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23—**

BY SENATOR CHAISSON

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend and congratulate Francine Kay Ognibene on the occasion of her retirement after over 30 years of service to the Louisiana Legislature.

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

**Messages from the House**

The following Messages from the House were received and read as follows:

**Message from the House**

**ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Message from the House**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

February 26, 2008

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:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAHAN

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the condolences and the heartfelt sorrow of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Robert Ernest Trahan and to remember his lifetime of community involvement and family devotion.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**House Concurrent Resolutions**

Senator Broome asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following House Concurrent Resolutions just received from the House which were taken up, read a first and second time by their titles and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAHAN

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the condolences and the heartfelt sorrow of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Robert Ernest Trahan and to remember his lifetime of community involvement and family devotion.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. President	Erdey	Morrish
Adley	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gautreaux N	Murray
Amedee	Gray	Nevers
Broome	Hebert	Quinn
Cassidy	Heitmeier	Riser
Cheek	Jackson	Scalise
Cravins	Kostelka	Shaw
Crowe	LaFleur	Shepherd
Donahue	Long	Smith



Dorsey	Marionneau	Thompson
Duplessis	Martiny	Walsworth
Dupre	Michot	
Total - 38		
	NAYS	
Total - 0		
	ABSENT	
McPherson		
Total - 1		

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

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Broome asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of taking up at this time.

**Introduction of Senate Resolutions**

Senator Broome asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Senate Resolutions a first and second time and acting upon them as follows:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24**

BY SENATOR BROOME

A RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Louisiana that a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Senate to serve with a like committee from the House of Representatives to notify the Governor that the Legislature of the State of Louisiana has completed its labors and is now ready to adjourn sine die.

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

In compliance with the resolution the President of the Senate appointed the following committee: Senators Kostelka, Smith, Donahue, Jackson and Walsworth.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25**

BY SENATOR BROOME

A RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Louisiana that a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Senate to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate has completed its labors and is now ready to adjourn sine die.

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

In compliance with the resolution the President of the Senate appointed the following committee: Senators Cravins, N. Gautreaux, Gray, Hebert and Murray.

**Reports of Committees**

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

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

**Committee from the House of Representatives**

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

**Message to the Governor**

**SIGNED SENATE BILLS**

February 26, 2008

To the Honorable Governor of the State of Louisiana:

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 5—**

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LONG, MARTINY, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1120, relative to recusal from voting for certain elected officials; to eliminate authorization for certain elected officials to vote upon certain matters which would otherwise present a conflict of interest; to allow for certain participation under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 29—**

BY SENATORS MARIONNEAU, N. GAUTREAU AND LAFLEUR AND REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1483(14)(b) and 1505.2(O) and to enact R.S. 18:1483(14)(c), 1501.2 and 1505.2(I)(4), relative to campaign finance; to define certain political organizations to be included as political committees for purposes of filing campaign finance reports; to provide for reporting by such political organizations of campaign contributions and expenditures; to provide relative to the use of campaign funds; to provide for the payment of campaign finance fines, fees, and penalties; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 37—**

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, AMEDEE, BROOME, CHEEK, DONAHUE, DUPLESSIS, N. GAUTREAU, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, MICHOT, SCALISE, SMITH AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:6(C), relative to the duties of the commissioner of administration; to require the commissioner of administration to establish and maintain a website to post reports of state spending; to provide for the contents of the website; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 47—**

BY SENATOR ADLEY AND REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1501.1(A), 1505.2(O), and 1511.6(A) and to enact R.S. 18:1483(9.1), 1505.2(I)(4), and 1505.6(D), relative to election campaign finance; to provide relative to reports by persons not candidates or committees; to provide relative to prohibited practices and limitations; to provide relative to criminal penalties for violations of election campaign finance law; to provide penalties for engaging in prohibited practices or for failure to submit certain information to candidates or committees; to provide relative to the use of campaign funds; to provide for the payment of campaign finance

finances, fees, and penalties; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

and they are hereby presented for executive approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
GLENN A. KOEPP  
Secretary of the Senate

**Leaves of Absence**

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

McPherson 1 Day

**Adjournment**

Senator Broome moved that the Senate adjourn sine die.

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

GLENN A. KOEPP  
Secretary of the Senate

LYNDA E. WHEELER  
Journal Clerk

**Post Session Legislative Actions**

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

**Privilege Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs**

**ENROLLMENTS**

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

February 27, 2008

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. 4—**  
BY SENATOR MICHOT

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Leonard Joseph "Lenny" Hensgens.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3—**  
BY SENATORS CHAISSON, DUPRE AND MICHOT

A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Senate Rule 13.4(13), and to adopt Senate Rule 13.1(H), relative to standing committees; to provide for jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee, and to provide for certain ex officio membership of the Natural Resources Committee and Transportation Highways and Public Works Committee.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8—**  
BY SENATOR BROOME

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Fernand and Emily Cavalier for seventy-seven years of marriage and for being recognized as Louisiana's longest married couple.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9—**  
BY SENATOR JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Faye Foppè Fisher for her many years of dedicated, unselfish and loyal service to the community in broadcasting and volunteerism.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6—**  
BY SENATOR CHAISSON

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Supreme Court to adopt the same financial disclosure standards for judges that are applicable to other elected officials in the Code of Governmental Ethics.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7—**  
BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Judge Eldon E. Fallon upon receiving the Thomas Jefferson Justice By The People Award.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10—**  
BY SENATOR B. GAUTREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program for the importance of its work in protecting the distinctive ecological character of our state.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11—**  
BY SENATOR B. GAUTREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Rodney Emmer for his significant and valued contribution to ensuring a prosperous and sustainable future for Louisiana's coast, its southern parishes, and coastal communities.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13—**  
BY SENATORS MICHOT, DONAHUE AND MOUNT

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to collect patient specific data from public and private hospitals and other health care facilities on the amount and type of uncompensated care provided.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14—**

BY SENATORS MICHOT, ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAUX, N. GAUTREAUX, GRAY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Ambassador Pierre Vimont, Ambassador of France to the United States of America and to welcome him to the state of Louisiana.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15—**  
BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

A RESOLUTION

To designate the third Saturday of each May as "Amie Comeaux Music Festival Day" and to honor the life and extraordinary musical accomplishments of the late Amie Comeaux.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16—**  
BY SENATORS THOMPSON, RISER AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to study ways to address the decline in numbers of minority and small farmers in Louisiana and throughout the Southeast region.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17—**  
 BY SENATORS CASSIDY AND THOMPSON  
 A RESOLUTION

To commend the Soil and Water Research Unit of the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for the importance of its work and its benefits to agriculture and the environment in Louisiana and the Mississippi River Basin.

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

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Odell "Butch" Lawson.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ROBERT W. "BOB" KOSTELKA  
 Chairman

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

**Message to the Secretary of State**

**SIGNED**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

February 27, 2008

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. 3—**  
 BY SENATORS ALARIO, CASSIDY, CRAVINS, CROWE, B. GAUTREAUX, NEVERS AND SCALISE  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to review and consider eliminating provisions of federal law which reduce Social Security benefits for those receiving pension benefits from federal, state, or local government retirement or pension systems, plans, or funds.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—**  
 BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the Smokin' Oldies Cook-Off in West Baton Rouge Parish as an official Louisiana State barbeque championship.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—**  
 BY SENATOR CROWE AND REPRESENTATIVE WOOTON  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the South Plaquemines High School Hurricanes football team for winning the Class 1A State Football Championship.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—**  
 BY SENATORS BROOME, CASSIDY AND DORSEY AND REPRESENTATIVES BARROW AND HONEY  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Janet S. Rami, dean of Southern University's School of Nursing, upon being recognized by Nurseweek as one of the 10 Nurse Heros of 2007.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—**  
 BY SENATOR BROOME AND REPRESENTATIVES BARROW, HONEY, MCVEA AND WHITE  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend United States Army Sergeant First Class Benjamin David Ratcliff IV for his brave and outstanding service to his country.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—**  
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Justin P. Lowery upon his success as a secondary bronze medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—**  
 BY SENATOR SCALISE AND REPRESENTATIVE HENRY  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the secretary of the Department of Revenue to take every possible action within the boundaries of the law to ensure that no additional individual income tax burden is placed on the Louisiana taxpayers as a result of the enactment of the 2008 federal economic stimulus income tax relief legislation and to urge and request the governor to include in any proclamation for a Second Extraordinary Session this year the power to enact legislation to accomplish such purpose, if necessary.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—**  
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Erica Barmes upon her success as a secondary bronze medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—**  
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Brandy Beaubouef upon her success as a postsecondary silver medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—**  
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Michelle Dopp-Porter upon her success as a postsecondary silver medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—**  
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Ronnie Young upon his success as a postsecondary bronze medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—**  
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Kim Troutman upon her success as a postsecondary bronze medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—**  
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Deanne Passman upon her success as a postsecondary gold medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—**  
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Michael Marcel upon his success as a postsecondary silver medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—**  
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY  
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Parker Stough upon his success as a secondary bronze medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—**  
BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Jeff Morris upon his success as a postsecondary gold medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—**  
BY SENATOR DUPRE AND REPRESENTATIVES DOVE AND BALDONE  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to extend the expiration deadline of the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—**  
BY SENATOR DUPRE  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express support for the Coastal Restoration and Enhancement Through Science and Technology program for its important work in ensuring sustainable and productive coastal habitats and communities.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—**  
BY SENATORS THOMPSON AND LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE NOWLIN  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Claude Hamilton "Grits" Gresham, Jr., and to recognize his distinguished career as a noted Louisiana outdoor legend, author, and TV personality.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—**  
BY SENATOR JACKSON  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the secretary of state to disseminate the contents of legislation enacted at the 2008 First Extraordinary Session to all elected officials, state board and commission members, and state agency heads in the most efficient and effective ways possible and to encourage such public servants to further disseminate such information to all other affected public servants.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—**  
BY SENATOR HEBERT AND REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 182 and Darby Lane and at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 31 and Darby Lane in New Iberia, Louisiana.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—**  
BY SENATOR CROWE  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to permit the United States Small Business Administration to convert Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Physical Disaster Loans to grants in order to provide an additional economic stimulus to small businesses in the Gulf Coast region.

Respectfully submitted,  
GLENN A. KOEPP  
Secretary of the Senate

**Privilege Report of the Committee on  
Senate and Governmental Affairs**

**ENROLLMENTS**

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

February 27, 2008

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 Bills have been properly enrolled:

**SENATE BILL NO. 1—**  
BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LONG, MARTINY, MICHOT, MOUNT, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN, BADON, BOBBY, BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY, BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT, GUILLORY, MICKEY, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONEY, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD, JACKSON, MICHAEL, JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND, JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MARCHAND, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAU, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT AND WOOTON

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1113(A) and (D) and 1114.3 and to enact R.S. 42:1113(E), relative to conflicts of interest; to provide relative to certain contracts involving certain public servants and certain affiliated persons and entities; to provide restrictions on certain contracts; to provide for disclosure relative to certain contracts; to require certain disclosures by certain elected officials; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for enforcement and penalties; to provide exceptions and waivers; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 3—**  
BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LONG, MARIONNEAU, MARTINY, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:51(2), R.S. 42:1123(13), and R.S. 49:72(5), relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to eliminate certain exceptions relative to the acceptance by an elected official of certain things of economic value for certain cultural or sporting events; to provide an exception to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to allow acceptance by certain elected officials of certain complimentary admissions; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 8—**  
BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LONG, MARIONNEAU, MARTINY, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARNOLD, BOBBY, BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY, BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CONNICK, CROMER, DANAHAY, DOVE, DOWNS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GISCLAIR, ELBERT, GUILLORY, MICKEY, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENRY, HOFFMANN, HONEY, HOWARD, HUTTER, JOHNSON, ROSALIND, JONES, KATZ, LABRUZZO, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MONICA, MORRELL, NORTON, PEARSON, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, SCHRODER, SIMON, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS AND WILLMOTT

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 42:1115.1, relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to restrict the provision of food, drink, or refreshment to a public servant by certain prohibited sources; to provide for the adjustment of the restricted limit; to provide for the duties of the Board of Ethics; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 11—**

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, KOSTELKA, LONG, MARIONNEAU, MARTINY, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:51(2), 53(A), (G), and (H), 54(A)(2), and 55, and R.S. 49:72(5), 74(A), (E) and (F), 75(A)(2), and 76 and to enact R.S. 24:51(7), 57(3), and 58(D)(3), (4), and (5), R.S. 42:1123(38) and R.S. 49:77(4), and 78(D)(3), (4), and (5), relative to lobbying; to provide relative to the regulation of lobbyists; to provide definitions; to provide relative to the registration of lobbyists; to provide relative to the reporting requirements of lobbyist; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 14—**

BY SENATORS MARIONNEAU, N. GAUTREAU AND LAFLEUR AND REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1463(C)(2) and (E) and 1505.3(D)(3) and to enact R.S. 18:1463(C)(4) and (F), relative to political advertisements; to require certain statements involving authorized and unauthorized communications paid by certain persons; to provide for certain requirements with respect to oral, visual, and written material constituting a paid political advertisement distributed on behalf of a candidate for political office; to provide relative to the use of campaign funds; to provide for the payment of campaign finance fines, fees, and penalties; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 35—**

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, AMEDEE, BROOME, DONAHUE, DUPLESSIS, N. GAUTREAU, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, SCALISE, SMITH AND WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1117.1, relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to prohibit the use of certain actions or methods to circumvent the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics; to provide exceptions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

**SENATE BILL NO. 58—**

BY SENATORS MARTINY, N. GAUTREAU AND MURRAY AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUSTIN, BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CROMER, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FRANKLIN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENRY, HINES, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, GIROD, JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOU CET, MORRELL, NORTON, PEARSON, PERRY, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT AND WOOTON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:134.3, relative to official misconduct and corrupt practices; to provide for the crime of abuse of office; to provide for the elements of such crime; to provide criminal penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT W. "BOB" KOSTELKA  
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Bills were signed by the President of the Senate.

**Privilege Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs**

**ENROLLMENTS**

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

February 27, 2008

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 Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—**

BY SENATOR MURRAY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the Senate Committee on Judiciary A and the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to meet and function as a joint committee to study heirship property and to develop recommendations for facilitating the ability of co-owners of heirship property to make their titles merchantable; to review the rights and obligations of co-owners of heirship property in order to prevent undue hardship resulting from partition sales; and to review the costs of probate and of intrafamily transfers of real estate to determine whether such costs might be reduced for co-owners and heirs of property with a small value.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—**

BY SENATORS SCALISE AND WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to adopt and implement the recommendations of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—**

BY SENATORS SHEPHERD, ALARIO AND HEITMEIER AND REPRESENTATIVES BILLIOT, CONNICK, GIROD JACKSON AND TEMPLET

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Raymond John Brandt on the opening of Ray Brandt Nissan on Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT W. "BOB" KOSTELKA  
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

**Message from the House**

**SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

February 27, 2008

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. 23—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLIOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Transportation and Development, and the Department of Economic Development to send representatives to public hearings conducted by the United States Army Corps of Engineers regarding the use of borrow material and report to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and Senate Committee on Environmental Quality.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLIOT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to consider contributing factors which clog the drainage systems on Louisiana Highway 18 on River Road from the St. Charles Parish line east to Louisiana Avenue.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, GALLOT, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARNOLD, AUBERT, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOVE, DOWNS, FANNIN, FRANKLIN, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HINES, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, HUTTER, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCE, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PONTI, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, ROBIDEAUX, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS MORRISH AND SCALISE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 17 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, to provide for the submission of certain information by certain nongovernmental entities and to provide for the duties of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate relative to such information.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHMOND, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONEY, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MARCHAND, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCE, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, ERDEY, N. GAUTREAU, GRAY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON, AND WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Officer Nicola Diane Cotton of the New Orleans Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFONTA, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BARROW, BURRELL, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, ELBERT GUILLORY, HARDY, HONEY, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, MARCHAND, MORRELL, NORTON, PETERSON, RICHMOND, PATRICIA SMITH, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS BROOME, CRAVINS, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, GRAY, JACKSON, MURRAY, AND SHEPHERD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu and the staff of the office of the lieutenant governor for the creation of the Louisiana African American Heritage Trail.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAHAN  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences and the heartfelt sorrow of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Robert Ernest Trahan and to remember his lifetime of community involvement and family devotion.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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

**Message from the House**

**SIGNED HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

February 27, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, GALLOT, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, TIM BURNS, CAZAYOUX, CONNICK, DANAHAY, DOERGE, DOVE, GISCLAIR, HENRY, HILL, HINES, LABRUZZO, LIGI, PEARSON, PONTI, PUGH, RICHARD, ROY, SCHRODER, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, WILLIAMS, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, BURRELL, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CORTEZ, CROMER, DIXON, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GEYMAN, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HOFFMANN, HONEY, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MARCHAND, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCE, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PERRY, POPE, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHE, ROBIDEAUX, SIMON, GARY SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, GRAY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON, AND WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1124, 1124.1, and 1157(A)(4)(a), to enact R.S. 18:1495.7 and R.S. 42:1124.2, 1124.3, 1124.4, and 1124.5, and to repeal R.S. 18:463(B) and R.S. 42:1114.1, relative to financial disclosure; to require certain disclosures by certain public servants; to require certain disclosures by candidates for certain offices; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for certain actions by the Board of Ethics relative to such disclosures; to remove certain specific financial disclosure provisions applicable to members of the legislature; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to the application of certain provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 41—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, GALLOT, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARNOLD, AUBERT, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, GISCLAIR, GUINN, HARDY, HAZEL, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONEY, HOWARD, GIROD JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, LABRUZZO, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MILLS, MONICA, MORRELL, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, WHITE, WILLIAMS, AND WILLMOTT AND SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1141(C), (D), (E), and (F) and to enact R.S. 49:992.1 and 994(E), relative to enforcement of laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics; to provide for proceedings related to such enforcement; to provide for the powers, functions, and duties of the board relative to such enforcement; to provide for the Ethics Adjudicatory Board; to provide for the powers, functions, and duties of the Ethics

Adjudicatory Board and the division of administrative law relative to such enforcement; to provide for the conduct of hearings and procedures related thereto; to provide relative to appeals; to provide relative to effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 56—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, BALDONE, BILLIOT, TIM BURNS, DOERGE, DOVE, GALLOT, HENRY, HINES, LABRUZZO, LIGI, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PETERSON, RICHARD, SCHRODER, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS GRAY, LAFLEUR, NEVERS, SCALISE, AND WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(31) and to enact R.S. 36:4(I) and Part VI of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.21 through 220.25, relative to the creation of the office of the state inspector general; to provide for the appointment, term of office, removal, powers, duties, and functions of the inspector general; to provide for the procedure for the appointment of the inspector general; to provide for staffing and funding of the office; to provide for the assistance and cooperation of entities in the executive branch of state government and other covered entities; to provide for the confidentiality of certain records; to provide for referral of the results of investigations of criminal matters to the appropriate authorities for prosecution; to provide for reports by the inspector general; and to provide for related matters.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 80—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MORRELL, ABRAMSON, BALDONE, LEGER, LORUSSO, AND PETERSON AND SENATOR SCALISE

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 44 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:9611 through 9614, relative to certain local entities; to provide relative to certain powers of a local ethics entity, ethics review board, or office of inspector general in certain municipalities; and to provide for related matters.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED W. SPEER

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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

**Privilege Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs**

**ENROLLMENTS**

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

February 28, 2008

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. 12— (Substitute of Senate Resolution No. 5 by Senator Chaisson)**

BY SENATOR CHAISSON

A RESOLUTION

To adopt Senate Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Order of the Senate, relative to late approval of Non-governmental Entity Funding Requests.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20—**

BY SENATORS MURRAY, ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, GRAY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Warren McDaniels.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21—**

BY SENATOR CROWE

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Select Committee on Consumer Affairs and Technology to meet and study the technological feasibility of building a deep water port and its impact on Louisiana consumers and creates a task force to assist the committee.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22—**

BY SENATORS AMEDEE, ADLEY, ALARIO, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, GRAY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Joseph G. Guillory, Jr., for his outstanding and dedicated service to the Legislature of Louisiana and the state of Louisiana and to offer congratulations and best wishes upon the occasion of his retirement.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23—**

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, GRAY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Francine Kay Ognibene on the occasion of her retirement after more than 30 years of exemplary service to the Louisiana Legislature.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19—**

BY SENATOR JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Sarah Anderson Merrick.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT W. "BOB" KOSTELKA  
Chairman

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

**Message to the Governor**

**SIGNED SENATE BILLS**

February 28, 2008

To the Honorable Governor of the State of Louisiana:

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 1—**

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LONG, MARTINY, MICHOT, MOUNT, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON,

BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONEY, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MARCHAND, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCKET, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT AND WOOTON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1113(A) and (D) and 1114.3 and to enact R.S. 42:1113(E), relative to conflicts of interest; to provide relative to certain contracts involving certain public servants and certain affiliated persons and entities; to provide restrictions on certain contracts; to provide for disclosure relative to certain contracts; to require certain disclosures by certain elected officials; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for enforcement and penalties; to provide exceptions and waivers; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 3—

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LONG, MARIONNEAU, MARTINY, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:51(2), R.S. 42:1123(13), and R.S. 49:72(5), relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to eliminate certain exceptions relative to the acceptance by an elected official of certain things of economic value for certain cultural or sporting events; to provide an exception to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to allow acceptance by certain elected officials of certain complimentary admissions; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 8—

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LONG, MARIONNEAU, MARTINY, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARNOLD, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CONNICK, CROMER, DANAHAY, DOVE, DOWNS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GISCLAIR, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENRY, HOFFMANN, HONEY, HOWARD, HUTTER, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, LABRUZZO, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MONICA, MORRELL, NORTON, PEARSON, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, SCHRODER, SIMON, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS AND WILLMOTT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1115.1, relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to restrict the provision of food, drink, or refreshment to a public servant by certain prohibited sources; to provide for the adjustment of the restricted limit; to provide for the duties of the Board of Ethics; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 11—

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAU, N. GAUTREAU, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, KOSTELKA, LONG, MARIONNEAU, MARTINY, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:51(2), 53(A), (G), and (H), 54(A)(2), and 55, and R.S. 49:72(5), 74(A), (E) and (F), 75(A)(2), and 76 and to enact R.S. 24:51(7), 57(3), and 58(D)(3), (4), and (5), R.S. 42:1123(38) and R.S. 49:77(4), and 78(D)(3), (4), and (5), relative to lobbying; to provide relative to the regulation of lobbyists; to provide definitions; to provide relative to the

registration of lobbyists; to provide relative to the reporting requirements of lobbyist; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 14—

BY SENATORS MARIONNEAU, N. GAUTREAU AND LAFLEUR AND REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1463(C)(2) and (E) and 1505.3(D)(3) and to enact R.S. 18:1463(C)(4) and (F), relative to political advertisements; to require certain statements involving authorized and unauthorized communications paid by certain persons; to provide for certain requirements with respect to oral, visual, and written material constituting a paid political advertisement distributed on behalf of a candidate for political office; to provide relative to the use of campaign funds; to provide for the payment of campaign finance fines, fees, and penalties; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 35—

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, AMEDEE, BROOME, DONAHUE, DUPLESSIS, N. GAUTREAU, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, SCALISE, SMITH AND WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1117.1, relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to prohibit the use of certain actions or methods to circumvent the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics; to provide exceptions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 58—

BY SENATORS MARTINY, N. GAUTREAU AND MURRAY AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUSTIN, BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CROMER, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FRANKLIN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENRY, HINES, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, GIROD JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCKET, MORRELL, NORTON, PEARSON, PERRY, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT AND WOOTON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:134.3, relative to official misconduct and corrupt practices; to provide for the crime of abuse of office; to provide for the elements of such crime; to provide criminal penalties; and to provide for related matters.

and they are hereby presented for executive approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
GLENN A. KOEPP  
Secretary of the Senate

Message to the Secretary of State

SIGNED

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

February 28, 2008

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. 2—

BY SENATOR MURRAY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the Senate Committee on Judiciary A and the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to meet and function as a joint committee to study heirship property and to develop recommendations for facilitating the ability of co-owners of



heirship property to make their titles merchantable; to review the rights and obligations of co-owners of heirship property in order to prevent undue hardship resulting from partition sales; and to review the costs of probate and of intrafamily transfers of real estate to determine whether such costs might be reduced for co-owners and heirs of property with a small value.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—**

BY SENATORS SCALISE AND WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to adopt and implement the recommendations of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—**

BY SENATORS SHEPHERD, ALARIO AND HEITMEIER AND REPRESENTATIVES BILLIOT, CONNICK, GIROD JACKSON AND TEMPLET

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Raymond John Brandt on the opening of Ray Brandt Nissan on Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana.

