

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BERTHELOT, STUART BISHOP, WESLEY BISHOP, BOUIE, BROWN, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COX, DANAHAY, EDWARDS, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GUILLORY, GUINN, HALL, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENSGENS, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HONORE, HOWARD, HUNTER, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, MIKE JOHNSON, ROBERT JOHNSON, JONES, LAMBERT, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MACK, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, OURSO, PIERRE, PONTI, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THIERRY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, PATRICK WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOODRUFF

A RESOLUTION

To express the intention and support of the House of Representatives to meet in a veto session if the governor vetoes any appropriation or funding the legislature has provided for healthcare and higher education.

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that no money shall be withdrawn from the state treasury except through specific appropriation, and no appropriation shall be made for longer than one year; and

WHEREAS, the current Fiscal Year ends on June 30, 2015, and the new Fiscal Year begins on July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, this year is the last year of the term of office of the current governor; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that except for the expenses of the legislature, a bill appropriating money in an extraordinary session convened after the final adjournment of the regular session in the last year of the term of office of a governor shall require the favorable vote of three-fourths of the elected members of each house; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the maintenance of vital services for Louisianians and maintenance of critical regulation functions and other functions and duties of state government to maintain the health, safety, welfare, education, and future of Louisianians that an operating budget for state government and appropriate funding for the operating budget be enacted in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the people of Louisiana have entrusted and empowered the Legislature of Louisiana to generally shape the policy of the state through control of the purse strings, specifically through the amendment and enactment of the operating and capital outlay budgets and the power to raise revenue, and the constitution vests the authority for appropriation of state monies and the power to raise certain revenues solely with the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the legislature to meet in veto session in the state capital at noon on the fortieth day following final adjournment of the most recent session, to consider all bills vetoed by the governor, unless a majority of the elected members of either house declare in writing that a veto session is unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that a bill vetoed and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the elected members of each house shall become law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its intention and support to meet in veto session if the governor vetoes any appropriation or funding the legislature has provided for healthcare and higher education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES