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HB3	Toomy	RECORDS/RECORDATION	Changes the effective date of Act 169 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana (Item #67) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received from the Senate without amendments.- Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
HB4	Toomy	CLERKS OF COURT	Authorizes any clerk of court to establish an ancillary office during a state of emergency (Item #68) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received from the Senate with amendments.
HB6	Pinac	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Extends time limit for certain investment deadlines under the CAPCO program due to the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (Item #75) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received from the Senate without amendments.
HB7	Salter	LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES	Provides relative to payment of certain expenses related to the legislative offices of certain temporarily displaced legislators (Item #62) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received from the Senate without amendments.
HB11	Smiley	MTR VEHICLE/REGISTRATION	Provides for disposal of water-damaged vehicles (Item #13) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received from the Senate with amendments.
HB15	Cazayoux	TRANSPORTATION DEPT	Provides relative to the contents of the petition to expropriate property for a design-build project undertaken by the Department of Transportation and Development (Item #47) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received from the Senate without amendments.- Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
HB19	Crane	EDUCATION/PRE-K	Provides for the applicability of provisions relative to the requirements for student/lead teacher and student/adult staff member ratios for LA 4 classes (Item #38) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received from the Senate without amendments.- Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
HB20	Crane	SCHOOLS/BOARDS	Provides for the applicability of provisions relative to the required dates for school boards to adopt budgets and submit such budgets to the state superintendent of education (Item #38) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received from the Senate without amendments.- Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
HB21	Crane	SCHOOLS	Provides for applicability of provisions relative to the requirement for a minimum school session of not less than 180 days for certain purposes (Item #38) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received from the Senate without amendments.- Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
HB22	Crane	STUDENTS	Provides for applicability of provisions relative to the requirement for testing the sight and hearing of pupils within 30 days after the admission of any pupils entering school late in the session (Item #38) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received from the Senate without amendments.

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- Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HB27 Salter ELECTIONS/SPECIAL
Provides for a special statewide election for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments to the electors of the state (Item #4)
 - Received from the Senate without amendments.
- HB28 Martiny LAW ENFORCEMENT
Limits liability of law enforcement agencies to prison detainees (Item #69)
 - Received from the Senate without amendments.
 - Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HB33 Crane SCHOOLS
Provides for applicability of provisions relative to minimum requirements for instructional time including certain work days per school year under specified circumstances (Item #38)
 - Received from the Senate without amendments.
 - Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HB34 Alario TAX/AD VALOREM-EXEMPTION
(Constitutional Amendment) Provides for continuation of homestead exemption and special assessment level for property damaged or destroyed by natural disaster (Item #41)
 - Received from the Senate with amendments.
- HB35 Arnold TAX/AD VALOREM TAX
Provides for a change of the time and date when the assessor of Orleans Parish has to complete the work on preparing and making up the assessment lists for the year 2006 (Item #42)
 - Received from the Senate without amendments.
 - Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HB44 Hammett TAX/AD VALOREM TAX
Provides with respect to the deferment of tax payments where property subject to ad valorem taxation has been damaged during a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency (Item #40)
 - Received from the Senate with amendments.
- HB45 Hammett TAX
Provides for the furnishing of tax information to the taxpayer or his duly authorized representative (Item #49)
 - Received from the Senate without amendments.
 - Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HB46 Hammett TAX EXEMPTIONS/HOMESTEAD
Provides for the continuation of the homestead exemption and special assessments when property is damaged due to a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency (Item #41)
 - Received from the Senate with amendments.
- HB56 Pinac GAMBLING
Provides with respect to slot machine purse supplements during force majeure
 - Received from the Senate without amendments.
 - Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HB65 Hammett TAX/AD VALOREM TAX
Changes procedure for review of assessment lists and payment of ad valorem taxes for 2005 tax year

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- and for 2006 tax year in Orleans Parish (Item #40)
- Received from the Senate with amendments.
- HB73 Martiny CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE
Provides criminal procedures for administration of criminal justice in times of emergency or disaster (Item #71)
- Received from the Senate with amendments.
- HB76 Pinac BUILDING CODES
Provides for changes to the State Uniform Construction Code
- Read by title, returned to the calendar.
- HB78 Martiny GAMBLING
Provides for definition of eligible facility during force majeure
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
- Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HB88 Gallot LEASES
Provides for removal and preservation of property by lessor during certain periods
- Received from the Senate with amendments.
- HB90 Ansardi PRESCRIPTION
Provides for the suspension of prescription
- Received from the Senate with amendments.
- HB92 Greene DIVORCE
Provides relative to the effect of suspension of legal deadlines on judgments of divorce
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
- HB104 Greene CHILDREN/SUPPORT
Provides emergency legislation relative to child support
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
- HB127 Martiny CORRECTIONS/MEDICAL CARE
Provides for costs of medical care for prisoners
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
- HB131 Salter FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS
Provides relative to the effective date of the Healthcare Affordability Act (Item #18)
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
- HB132 Quezaire TRANSPORTATION DEPT
Authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development to utilize the design-build method for certain transportation projects
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
- HB135 Pinac FINANCIAL INSTNS COMMR
Provides relative to the emergency powers of the commissioner of the Office of Financial Institutions relative to nondepository institutions
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
- HB142 Salter STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHP
Provides relative to TOPS continuing eligibility requirements for the 2005-06 academic year for

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postsecondary students displaced during such academic year as a consequence of Hurricane Katrina or Rita, or both (Item #37)

- Received from the Senate without amendments.

- HB143 Salter STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHP
Provides relative to initial eligibility requirements for TOPS awards for high school students displaced during the 2005-2006 school year as a consequence of Hurricane Katrina or Rita, or both (Item #37)
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
- HB148 Arnold ASSESSORS/PROPERTY ASSMT
Changes assessment procedures for property damaged or destroyed by disaster or emergency declared by the governor (Items #40 and 42)
- Received from the Senate with amendments.
- HB163 Crowe CONSUMERS/PROTECTION
Prohibits discrimination on terms for contracts for certain displaced persons as an unfair trade practice
- Read by title, returned to the calendar.
 - Called from the calendar.
 - Read third time by title, roll called on final passage, yeas 37, nays 54. Failed to pass, motion to reconsider tabled.
- HB167 Gray COMMERCE
Prohibits unfair residential rental increases
- Read by title, returned to the calendar.
- HB168 Salter RETIREMENT/STATE EMPS
Provides for early retirement as an alternative to involuntary workforce reduction and individual agency cuts
- Read by title, referred to the Committee on Retirement.
- HCR2 Lancaster VOTING/REGISTRATION
Suspends the provisions of law relative to the annual canvass of voters until 60 days after the 2006 Regular Session (Item #56)
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
- HCR26 Pinac RACING/HORSE
Suspends the provision of law requiring minimum number of live racing days
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
 - Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HCR39 Scalise WEAPONS/FIREARMS
Requests the governor to include in the call of this session legislation to protect inherent rights of citizens
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
 - Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HCR41 Odinet BUILDING CODES
Memorialize congress to enjoin FEMA from mandating that structures rebuilt in the New Orleans area be elevated
- Received from the Senate without amendments.
- HCR42 LaFonta CONGRESS
Memorializes congress to develop and provide innovative solutions for financing housing in parishes

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devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

- Received from the Senate without amendments.

- HCR43 Bowler INSURANCE/PROPERTY
Memorializes congress to enact comprehensive natural disaster insurance legislation that will encourage insurance company reserving for future catastrophes by making such reserves deductible for federal income tax purposes
 - Received from the Senate with amendments.
- HCR44 Carter, K. INSURANCE/HEALTH
Memorializes congress to enact a health insurance premium reimbursement program and a federal income tax credit for the health insurance premiums for affected victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
 - Received from the Senate without amendments.
 - Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HCR50 Baldone CONGRESS
Memorializes congress to forgive the debt of Louisiana's local governments resulting from \$750 million in loans available to them as disaster relief
 - Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HCR51 Hebert CAPITAL OUTLAY
Directs the commissioner of administration to put a freeze on the awarding of contracts and the expenditure of State General Fund (Direct) appropriations contained in Act 26 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature
 - Read by title, referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
- HCR52 Bowler COMMENDATIONS
Commends Dr. Diane M. Roussel, Superintendent of the Jefferson Parish Public School System, upon being named Superintendent of the Year by the Louisiana Association of School Executives
 - Received from the Senate without amendments.
 - Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
- HCR53 Scalise FEDERAL PROGRAMS
Memorialize the United States Congress to remove the requirement that the state pay a portion of the personal disaster assistance which is paid by the Federal Emergency Management Agency
 - Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.
- HCR54 Walsworth TAX/SALES-USE, LOCAL-EXEM
Urges and requests local governing authorities to provide that the local sales and use tax shall not apply to certain consumer purchases on the same dates as the tax holiday established by state law in the First Extraordinary Session of 2005
 - Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.
- HCR55 Powell, T. HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS-ST
Commends the direct care workers of the state's developmental centers and requests cooperative work between agencies to recruit and retain such workers in today's competitive labor market
 - Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.
- HCR56 Quezaire EMPLOYMENT
Urges and requests the state and its political subdivisions to utilize Louisiana companies in their rebuilding, restoring, and renewing efforts matching skills with needs through the Hudson Initiative
 - Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.
- HCR57 Johns COMMENDATIONS

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Commends Adam McBride, director of the Port of Lake Charles, upon becoming an American citizen
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.

HCR58 Richmond ATTORNEY GENERAL
Requests the attorney general to file suit seeking declaratory judgment that certain exclusions in policies are void
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.

HCR59 Richmond ATTORNEY GENERAL
Requests the attorney general to file suit seeking declaratory judgment that the flooding of the city of New Orleans was caused by design or construction defects, as opposed to an Act of God or Hurricane Katrina
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.

HCR60 Frith COMMENDATIONS
Commends the National Guard units from Louisiana and beyond for their assistance in the rescue, recovery, and relief efforts in Cameron and Vermilion parishes during and after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.

HCR61 Robideaux COASTAL RES/COASTAL ZONE
Requests the Department of Transportation and Development and the Department of Natural Resources to study the feasibility of the construction of a coastal protection highway stretching from the Texas border to New Orleans
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.

HCR62 Hunter LABOR
Authorizes and directs the Louisiana Department of Labor to provide the House and Senate labor committees with information regarding state and federal funds received in the wake of the hurricanes
- Read by title, rules suspended, referred to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

HCR63 Bruneau CONDOLENCES
Expresses condolences upon the death of former state representative Lloyd R. Himel
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.

HCR64 Richmond COMMENDATIONS
Commends Dr. Isaac Greggs upon his retirement as the director of the Southern University marching band
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.

HCR65 Richmond COMMERCE
Directs the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency to establish low or no interest loan program for homeowners affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- Read by title. Lies over under the rules.
- Read by title, rules suspended, passed to 3rd reading.

HCR66 Beard CAMPAIGN FINANCE
Urges and requests elected officials not to accept campaign finance contributions from persons who have entered into certain transactions related to hurricane rebuilding efforts that are under the jurisdiction or supervision of the agency of the elected official
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate.

HR12 Doerge CHILDREN/ABUSE
Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding parental

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substance abuse and child custody

- Enrolled, signed by the Speaker of the House and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Secretary of State in accordance with the Rules of the House.

- HR13 Kennard COMMENDATIONS
Commends David Dellucci of Baton Rouge, outfielder with the Texas Rangers, for his holiday efforts on behalf of Louisiana's displaced hurricane victims
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted.
- HR14 Tucker COLLEGES/COMMUNITY
Requests the Board of Regents to study the feasibility of merging Nunez Community College and Delgado Community College
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted.
- HR15 Hebert ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Urges and requests the House Committee on Commerce to study the awarding of FEMA contracts to out-of-state companies
- Read by title. Lies over under the rules.
- HR16 Tucker HIGHER EDUCATION
Requests the Board of Regents to study the feasibility of merging SUNO and UNO
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted.
- HR17 Morrell HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES
Urges and requests that the LSU Health Care Services Division and the LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans return patient care services and medical and clinical education programs to New Orleans
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted.
- HR18 Carter, K. LEVEES
Memorializes congress to enjoin the United States Army Corps of Engineers from engaging any contractor in the reconstruction of the levees in the New Orleans area if investigations of levee failures indicate that such contractor performed substandard design or construction work
- Read by title, rules suspended, adopted.
- SB1 Amedee SEX OFFENSES
Provides for registration of sex offenders in emergency housing, enhances penalties for failure to register, and requires re-registration under certain circumstances.
- Notice of Senate rejecting House amendments.
 - Notice of Senate conferees appointed.
 - House conferees appointed: Cravins, Martiny, Lambert.
- SB3 Schedler FISCAL CONTROLS
Provides for an extension of time to various entities relative to the preparation of certain financial documents in the event of a disaster or emergency as declared by the governor and provides for audit of certain not for profit organizations. (gov sig)
- Reported favorably (5-0) (Regular). Referred to the Legislative Bureau.
 - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments.
 - Rules suspended. Read by title, passed to 3rd reading - regular calendar.
- SB18 Mount TAX EXEMPTIONS
Constitutional amendment to authorize retention of the homestead exemption and the special assessment level at its pre-disaster level if the homestead is unoccupied because of damage or

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destruction by a disaster or emergency if the repaired or rebuilt homestead is reoccupied within five years.

- Read by title, returned to the calendar.

SB19 Mount TAX/AD VALOREM

Authorizes extensions or suspends various deadlines for 2005 taxes and makes technical changes to present law by changing specified dates to time limits expressed in number of days. (gov sig)

- Read by title, returned to the calendar.

SB20 Mount TAX/AD VALOREM

Provides for the extension of the homestead exemption and the "special assessment level" in the event of a public disaster, and a procedure for the postponement of payments of property taxes in the event of public disaster. (gov sig)

- Read by title, returned to the calendar.

SB27 Dupre FUNDS/FUNDING

Constitutional amendment to change name of Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund to Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund, and provide that certain federal revenues received by the state generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity shall be credited to the fund and used only for certain purposes.

- Read third time by title, amended, roll called on final passage, yeas 102, nays 0. The bill, having received two-thirds vote of the elected members, was finally passed, ordered to the Senate.

SB38 Mount TAX/TAXATION

Increases the "suspended" state sales tax exemption for natural gas and electricity so that the effective tax rate for the remainder of the suspension period (1/1/06 - 6/30/09) decreases from 3.8% to 3.3%. (1/1/06)

- Read by title, returned to the calendar.

SB39 Mount TAX EXEMPTIONS

Provides an immediate total state sales tax "exemption" until July 1, 2007 for manufacturing machinery and equipment, and their repair parts and services if they are for the repair or replacement of such machinery and equipment damaged or destroyed by the hurricanes. (gov sig)

- Read by title, returned to the calendar.

SB41 Mount TAX/FRANCHISE/CORPORATE

Provides an exemption for the increased borrowed capital incurred by corporations that had 50% of their property in the state located in, or received at least 50% of their in-state revenues from, the hurricane-impacted areas. (gov sig)

- Read by title, returned to the calendar.

SB42 Mount TAX/TAXATION

Prevents an increase in Louisiana income tax because of a reduction in federal income taxes as a result of (1) a federal credit if the secretary determines that the credit is a hurricane disaster relief credit granted, or (2) a casualty loss incurred as a result of the hurricanes. (gov sig)

- Read by title, returned to the calendar.

SB44 Hollis SAFETY REGULATIONS

Establishes a state uniform construction code. (gov sig)

- Read by title. House floor amendments adopted.

- Referred to the Legislative Bureau.

- Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments.

- Rules suspended. Read by title, passed to 3rd reading - regular calendar.

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SB54	Ellington	TAX/SALES	Limits the price of natural gas purchased by paper or wood products manufacturing facilities which is taxed to \$6.20 MMBtu. and exempts them from all state sales tax on their purchases of electricity from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2008.(1/1/06) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Read by title, under the rules, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
SB64	Hines	ELECTION DAYS	Provides for a special statewide election for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments to the electors of the state. (gov sig) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Read by title, returned to the calendar.
SB68	Chaisson	CRIME/PUNISHMENT	Provides for the crime of conducting business without a proper license or permit. (gov sig) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Read by title, returned to the calendar.- Notice given.
SB71	Dupre	COASTAL RESOURCES	Authorizes development and implementation of a comprehensive coastal protection plan. (gov sig) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Read third time by title, amended, roll called on final passage, yeas 93, nays 5. Finally passed, ordered to the Senate.
SB78	Mount	REVENUE DEPARTMENT	Authorizes the release of information to an individual concerning his income tax account even if provided by a third party. (gov sig) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Read by title, returned to the calendar.
SB81	Hines	ETHICS	Requires elected officials and appointed state officials to disclose information regarding certain contracts and subcontracts. (gov sig) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Read by title, returned to the calendar.
SB89	Jones	VOTERS/VOTING	Provides for holding elections impaired as a result of a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency pursuant to a plan for registration, early voting, absentee voting by mail, and election day voting. (gov sig) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reported with amendments (5-0) (Regular). Referred to the Legislative Bureau.- Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments.- Rules suspended. Read by title, amended, passed to 3rd reading - regular calendar.
SB96	Shepherd	TAX/SALES	Provides that the state sales or use tax shall not apply to consumer purchases of tangible personal property for non-business use of \$25,000 or less between 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 6, 2005, and midnight Sunday, December 11, 2005. (gov sig) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Read by title and designated duplicate of HB 42.- Returned to the calendar.
SB107	McPherson	HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT	Provides relative to licensure of health care providers, provider agreements, and the provisions of the facility need review process. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received in the House from the Senate, rules suspended, read by title, referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.
SB109	Gautreaux, N.	COASTAL RESOURCES	

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Memorializes Congress to adopt the Constitution Restoration Act of 2005.

- Read by title, rules suspended, passed to 3rd reading.

SCR31

Murray

COMMENDATIONS

Commends certain utilities for their efforts in restoring services to the New Orleans metropolitan area and requests them to expedite the restoration and resumption of services throughout the area.

- Signed by the Speaker of the House.

SCR32

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NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT

Urges and requests the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation and Development in conjunction with other public and private entities to conduct a feasibility study on the construction of a coastal barrier and intracoastal highway.

- Received in the House from the Senate.
- Read by title, rules suspended, concurred in.

SCR33

McPherson

CONGRESS

Memorializes Congress to mandate that federal contracts awarded for reconstruction of the Gulf Coast region give a preference to local contractors and workers.

- Received in the House from the Senate.
- Read by title, rules suspended, concurred in.

SCR34

Gautreaux, B.

COMMENDATIONS

Recognizes General Hunt Downer for his untiring courage and self-less devotion to duty during Hurricane Katrina and thereafter.

- Received in the House from the Senate.
- Read by title, rules suspended, concurred in.

SCR35

Murray

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Requests study of the procedure to set aside criminal bond forfeitures due to the effects of a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency.

- Received in the House from the Senate.

SCR36

Murray

COMMITTEE STUDIES

Requests joint committee to study issues related to government reorganization in the Metropolitan New Orleans area.

- Received in the House from the Senate.

SCR37

Hines

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Names the pavilion at the Bunkie Youth Center the Tom McWilliams Pavilion.

- Received in the House from the Senate.
- Read by title, rules suspended, concurred in.

SCR38

Jackson, L.

CONGRESS

Memorializes Congress to provide financial assistance to the state necessary to maintain essential public services following the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

- Received in the House from the Senate.
- Read by title, rules suspended, concurred in.