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FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

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House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

The House of Representatives was called to order at 5:00 P.M., by the Honorable Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Egan	McMahan
Adams	Emerson	McMakin
Amedee	Farnum	Melerine
Bacala	Firment	Mena
Bagley	Fisher	Miller
Bamburg	Fontenot	Moore
Bayham	Freiberg	Muscarello
Berault	Gadberry	Newell
Billings	Galle	Orgeron
Bourriaque	Geymann	Owen
Boyd	Glorioso	Phelps
Boyer	Hebert	Riser
Brass	Henry	Romero
Braud	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Brown	Horton	Schlegel
Bryant	Hughes	Spell
Butler	Illg	St. Blanc
Carlson	Jackson	Stagni
Carrier	Johnson, M.	Tarver
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Taylor
Carter, W.	Jordan	Thomas
Carver	Kerner	Thompson
Chassion	Knox	Turner
Chenevert	LaCombe	Ventrella
Coates	LaFleur	Villio
Cox	Landry, J.	Walters
Crews	Landry, M.	Wilder
Davis	Larvadain	Wiley
Deshotel	Lyons	Willard
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Domangue	Marcelle	Young
Echols	McCormick	Zeringue
Edmonston	McFarland	
Total - 98		

The Speaker announced that there were 98 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Dr. Mark Louis Johnson, Sr., President of Louisiana Christian University in Pineville.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. McCormick led the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the Journal of April 16, 2025, was adopted.

**Introduction of Resolutions,
House and House Concurrent**

The following members introduced the following entitled House and House Concurrent Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN
A RESOLUTION

To approve the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2026, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Black Farmers and Growers Day at the state capitol and commends black farmers and growers of Louisiana for their outstanding efforts in fostering a more inclusive and sustainable agricultural sector in the state.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. C. Travis Johnson, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
A RESOLUTION

To commend Wake Up Cajun Kountry with TJ and host Tony "TJ" Maggio on being awarded "Best Morning Show, Small Market" by the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Muscarello, Jr., and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG
A RESOLUTION

To commend Volkert, Inc., on the one hundredth anniversary of its charter.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Illg, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study and take measures on the benefits of connecting West 10th Street in Reserve, Louisiana, to Interstate 10 to relieve traffic congestion.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

A RESOLUTION

To designate March 2025 as National Social Work Month in Louisiana.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Domangue, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 42—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSON

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Chaisson, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as City Year Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. LaFleur, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Roena Isabelle Wilford.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. LaFleur, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as McNeese State University Day at the Capitol and to commend McNeese State University for its recent successes and contributions to the State of Louisiana.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Geymann, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 46—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, May 8, 2025, as 4-H Day at the state capitol and to commend the state 4-H officers.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Romero, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, May 1, 2025, as FFA Day at the state capitol and to commend the state officers of the Louisiana FFA Association.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Romero, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University at Eunice Assistant Professor of General Business and Department Chair of Business and Technology Nikki May on receiving the 2025 Louisiana State University Innovative Contributions to Online Learning Award.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Michael Johnson, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University at Eunice Assistant Professor of Nursing Branesha Moore on being named the recipient of the 2024 Elsevier Educator of the Year Award by the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Foundation.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Michael Johnson, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University at Eunice Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach Jeff Willis on receiving the inaugural 2025 Walter Hauck NJCAA Coaches Association President of the Year Award.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Michael Johnson, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 51—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

A RESOLUTION

To commend John A. "Yank" Reis on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Turner, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 52—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University at Alexandria on its contributions to central Louisiana and the state.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Michael Johnson, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University in Shreveport on its contributions to northwestern Louisiana and the entire state.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Melerine, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana State University in Shreveport baseball team on its record start to the 2025 season.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Melerine, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 55—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Steve Harrison upon his induction into the 2025 Louisiana Agriculture Hall of Distinction.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Romero, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 56—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR
A RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend Coca-Cola UNITED for its legacy, economic impact, and commitment to the people and communities of Louisiana.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. LaFleur, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 57—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
A RESOLUTION

To commend Mark Shirley on the occasion of his retirement from Louisiana Sea Grant and the LSU AgCenter.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Zeringue, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 58—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
A RESOLUTION

To commend Luther A. Burney on the occasion of his retirement.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Emerson, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 59—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Congress to delay the implementation of REAL ID until 2026.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60—
BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL
A RESOLUTION

To commend Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Newell, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG
A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as LSU Day at the legislature and to commend Louisiana State University for its enduring contributions to the state of Louisiana.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Illg, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 62—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG
A RESOLUTION

To commend John Kay for his sack race victory over Representative Dixon McMakin at the March 25, 2025, Louisiana State University (LSU) vs. University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) baseball game at Alex Box Stadium.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Illg, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER
A RESOLUTION

To commend St. Edmund High School basketball coach Erica Zaunbrecher on being named 2025 District 5-1A Coach of the Year.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Michael Johnson, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 64—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Sean Thomas Landry.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. LaCombe, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 65—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Counseling Association and to recognize Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Louisiana Counseling Association Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Spell, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study and evaluate stable and sufficient funding mechanisms for the office of the state public defender.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAMBURG, BAGLEY, CREWS, HORTON, AND MCMAHEN AND SENATOR BASS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of former state representative Billy Wayne "Coach" Montgomery.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Bamburg, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY AND SENATOR BOUIE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as LMA Municipal Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gadberry, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Processing Revival and Intrastate Meat Exemption Act (PRIME Act) during the 119th Congress, emphasizing the critical importance of local control over meat processing and the growth of Louisiana's meat production industry to enhance economic resilience, support small farmers, and meet the needs of Louisiana citizens.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Speaker Pro Tempore Mike Johnson in the Chair

Introduction of House Bills and Joint Resolutions

The following named members introduced the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

Speaker DeVillier in the Chair

HOUSE BILL NO. 2—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To provide with respect to the capital outlay budget and the capital outlay program for state government, state institutions, and other public entities; to provide for the designation of projects and improvements; to provide for the financing thereof making appropriations from certain sources; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To enact the Omnibus Bond Authorization Act of 2025, relative to the implementation of a five-year capital improvement program; to provide for the repeal of certain prior bond authorizations; to provide for new bond authorizations; to provide for authorization and sale of such bonds by the State Bond Commission; to provide relative to the submission of capital outlay applications; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:1751.2, relative to public retirement systems; to provide relative to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System; to provide for membership in a state or statewide retirement system in lieu of membership in another state or statewide retirement system; to provide for service credit; to provide for eligibility; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 98—

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part III-F of Title 19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 19:135(2), 135.1(A), 135.2(1) and (3), 135.4, and 135.7(1), relative to expropriation by Lincoln Parish; to authorize Lincoln Parish to expropriate by a declaration of taking; to define terms; to provide for purposes of the expropriation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 162—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4720.151(H)(3), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the authority; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Introduction of House Bills and Joint Resolutions

The following named members introduced the following entitled House Bills and Joint Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading and, under a suspension of the rules, were referred to committee as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 200—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:444(G)(2)(e), relative to membership of the parish executive committee of a recognized political party in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for ex officio members of the

committee; to provide for designees; to provide for qualifications; to provide for voting and quorum; to provide for removal; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

Introduction of House Bills and Joint Resolutions

The following named members introduced the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

HOUSE BILL NO. 242—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9103(A)(6), relative to the East Baton Rouge Parish Communications District; to provide relative to the membership of the board of commissioners; to increase the membership of the board; to provide for appointment of board members; to provide relative to the terms of office of the board members; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 609—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4094.2, relative to the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the sewerage and water board; to require the board to assess a stormwater fee on parcels located within the city; to provide for the calculation of the fee; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 611—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4071, 4073, 4077, 4077.1, 4078, 4091(D), and 4136 and to repeal R.S. 33:4087, 4088, and 4146, relative to the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans; to provide relative to the membership of the board; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the board; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 641—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:1104(G) and 1104.3, relative to Class VI injection well permitting; to authorize the governing authority of Jefferson Davis Parish to determine whether Class VI wells may be permitted within the parish; to provide for notice to the Department of Energy and Natural Resources; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 642—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:297.8, relative to individual income tax; to repeal the earned income tax credit; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 643—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON
AN ACT

Relative to the appropriation of monies out of the state general fund to be used to pay the consent judgment captioned "Rachelle Elizabeth Deroche versus State of Louisiana through its Department of Transportation & Development and Jordan Gaten" between the state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development and its employee Jordan Gaten, and Rachelle Elizabeth Deroche; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 644—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:86, relative to court costs; to provide relative to court costs collected for civil filings and criminal convictions; to provide for the allocation of such costs; to provide for the use of proceeds of such costs; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 645—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:32(A) and 294, relative to income tax; to provide for the rate of the tax levied on the net income of individuals; to provide for the standard deduction; to provide for the amount of the standard deduction under certain circumstances; to provide for the annual adjustment of the amount of the standard deduction; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 646—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 12 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:1071 through 1074, relative to excise taxes; to establish an excise tax on geologic storage of carbon dioxide; to provide for administration of the tax; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 647—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To appropriate funds to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary, including the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, District Courts, Criminal District Court of Orleans Parish, and

other courts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 648—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1254(A) and 1280.22(A) and to enact R.S. 18:454 and 464(B)(5), relative to candidate qualifying fees for an election; to provide for the imposition of a candidate qualifying fee; to provide for the dedication of certain revenues from the collection of a candidate qualifying fee; to establish the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund; to provide for the powers and duties of the state treasurer; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to provide for a prior Act of the Legislature of Louisiana; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 649—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570, 4570.2, and 4570.4(B) and to enact R.S. 33:4570.7, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to park and recreation facilities within the parish; to provide relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the boundaries and powers and duties of the commission; to exclude certain territory and property from the jurisdiction of the commission; to provide for the creation of a recreation district in the city of Central; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to include certain territory and property within the jurisdiction of the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 650—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:625(B) and (G)(8) and to enact R.S. 27:625(G)(9) and R.S. 15:572.10, relative to mobile sports wagering tax; to provide for a tax increase on mobile sports wagering; to provide for a dedication of the tax revenue; to provide for the creation of the Overdetention Compensation Fund; to provide for the availability of civil remedies; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 651—
BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG
AN ACT

To enact Subpart D of Part IV of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 2:350.1 through 350.6, relative to the creation of the Claiborne Parish Airport District No. 31; to create the Claiborne Parish Airport District No. 31; to provide for powers and duties of the district; to provide for the governance of the board of

commissioners; to provide specific authority to the board upon an approval date by the Federal Aviation Administration; to provide for local government compliance; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on
Appropriations
April 22, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

House Resolution No. 5, by Horton
Reported favorably. (15-0)

House Bill No. 226, by Freiberg
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 283, by Tarver, Phillip
Reported with amendments. (16-0)

House Bill No. 295, by Tarver, Phillip (Joint Resolution)
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 347, by Gadberry
Reported favorably. (14-0)

JACK G. MCFARLAND
Chair

Report of the Committee on
Civil Law and Procedure
April 22, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 336, by Wilder
Reported favorably. (10-2-1)

House Bill No. 427, by Bamburg
Reported favorably. (10-2-1)

House Bill No. 432, by Chenevert
Reported favorably. (9-0-1)

House Bill No. 435, by Egan
Reported with amendments. (10-2-1)

House Bill No. 436, by Firmont
Reported favorably. (11-0-1)

House Bill No. 439, by Hebert
Reported with amendments. (10-2-1)

House Bill No. 449, by Carlson
Reported with amendments. (8-2-1)

NICHOLAS MUSCARELLO, JR.
Chair

Report of the Committee on
Commerce

April 22, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, by Billings
Reported with amendments. (10-5)

House Bill No. 254, by Crews
Reported with amendments. (17-0)

House Bill No. 288, by Boyd
Reported favorably. (16-0)

House Bill No. 318, by Gadberry
Reported with amendments. (17-0)

House Bill No. 326, by Butler
Reported with amendments. (15-0)

House Bill No. 370, by Bayham
Reported with amendments. (12-6)

House Bill No. 509, by Moore
Reported favorably. (10-5)

DARYL ANDREW DESHOTEL
Chair

Report of the Committee on
Transportation, Highways and Public Works

April 22, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

House Bill No. 167, by Taylor
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 209, by Brass
Reported with amendments. (10-1)

House Bill No. 312, by Gadberry
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 508, by Larvadain
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 524, by Spell, Annie
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 620, by Phelps
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

RYAN BOURRIAQUE
Chair

Report of the Committee on
Ways and Means

April 22, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Ways and Means to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 294, by Bagley (Joint Resolution)
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 374, by McFarland
Reported favorably. (15-0)

House Bill No. 381, by Brass
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 517, by Brass
Reported with amendments. (9-6)

House Bill No. 523, by Romero
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 567, by Bacala
Reported with amendments. (15-0)

House Bill No. 578, by Emerson
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

JULIE EMERSON
Chair

**House and House Concurrent Resolutions
Lying Over**

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions lying over were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Joint Rule No. 17(B)(2) and (6) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives and to adopt Joint Rule No. 17(B)(12) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide for the information requirements for the nongovernmental entity request form.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Housing Corporation to conduct a study on how the corporation is allocating its resources to finance development projects in rural areas and to report its findings to the legislature not later than March 15, 2026.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

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

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading to be referred to committees were taken up, read, and referred to committees, as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 247—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

AN ACT

To enact Part III-K of Title 19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 19:140 through 140.12, relative to expropriation of blighted property by declaration of taking;

to provide for legislative intent; to authorize East Baton Rouge Parish and the city of Baton Rouge to expropriate blighted property by declaration of taking; to define terms; to provide for the purposes of the expropriation; to provide for procedures and delays; to provide for a determination of value; to provide for vesting of title; to provide for notice; to provide for opposition and waiver of defenses; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

HOUSE BILL NO. 296—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.70.5, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the distribution of sales and use tax revenue collected by the parish governing authority on the sale of admission tickets to and concessions and parking at certain events; to provide relative to the approval of such distributions; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 637—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:1128, relative to conversion fees for large-scale solar development; to authorize the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to impose fees for the conversion of important habitat and species; to authorize rule making; to provide for the deposit and use of fees collected; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 638—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:1129, relative to conversion fees for large-scale solar development; to authorize the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to impose fees for the conversion of agricultural resources; to require rule making; to provide for the deposit and use of fees collected; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 639—
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:625(B) and (G)(8) and to enact R.S. 17:1792 and R.S. 27:625(G)(9) and (10), relative to online sports wagering tax revenue and student athletes; to provide for the tax rate on online sports wagering; to allocate online sports wagering tax revenue; to create a fund for the benefit of university athletic departments; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on
Second Reading Reported by Committee**

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading reported by committee were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 70—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:5024(D), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to revise academic initial eligibility criteria for a TOPS-Tech award; to provide for qualification based on the attainment of certain early college credits; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 70 by Representative Brass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 17 and insert "Section or R.S. 17:5029(B)(3), as applicable."

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the amendments were adopted.

Under the rules, the above bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 71—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2922.1(B)(1)(j) and (k), relative to the Dual Enrollment Task Force; to provide for the membership of the task force; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 71 by Representative Brass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 15, after "The" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 16, delete "Education Trust in Louisiana" and insert "chief executive officer of the Pelican Institute for Public Policy"

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 77—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TURNER AND SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5002, 5025(introductory paragraph), 5027(C)(introductory paragraph) and (D)(2), 5029(B)(3)(b)(iii) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 5041(introductory paragraph), (1)(c), and (4), and 5043(1) and to enact R.S. 17:5024(A)(1)(e) and (B)(1)(e), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to revise program award amounts; to create a new program award level; to provide a definition of tuition for program purposes; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 77 by Representative Turner

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 13, delete "twelve thousand" and insert "eleven thousand three hundred"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, at the beginning of line 1, change "C.(1)" to "C.(1)(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, at the beginning of line 4, delete "(2)" and insert "(b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, at the beginning of line 7, delete "(3)" and insert "(c)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, at the beginning of line 8, delete "Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection" and insert "Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

"(2) A student who is enrolled at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge or Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and is eligible for the Opportunity, Performance, Honors, or Excellence Award shall receive the sum of three hundred fifty dollars per semester or seven hundred dollars per academic year in addition to the amount provided for in Subsection B of this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 10, line 4, after "or" and before "students" delete "returning" and insert "continuing"

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the amendments were adopted.

Under the rules, the above bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 79—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893.2 and 893.3(A) through (D) and (E)(1)(a), relative to sentencing; to provide for the applicability of firearm enhancement

sentencing provisions to plea agreements; to provide for stipulations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 89—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:41(C)(6), relative to death certificates; to permit a notary to obtain a death certificate in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 159—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2418(F)(1) and (2), relative to the practice of physical therapist assistants; to provide for the supervision of physical therapist assistants and unlicensed supportive personnel; to repeal the requirement for documented conferences between a physical therapist and a physical therapist assistant; to provide for the treatment and reassessment of patients; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 159 by Representative Stagni

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 2 through 6 and insert the following:

"of physical therapist assistants therapy supportive personnel he can supervise safely; however, in no case shall the number of individuals supervised by a physical therapist exceed five six individuals, nor exceed the following limitations as to supervised personnel:"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete line 25 in its entirety and insert the following:

"every sixth twelfth treatment day or every thirty days, whichever occurs first and for his final"

On motion of Rep. Miller, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 161—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5002(D)(1) and 5081(B)(1) and (D)(4) and to enact R.S. 17:3047.1(H), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to provide relative to TOPS Tech and TOPS Tech Early Start; to provide for eligibility requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 161 by Representative Hughes

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "5081(B)(1)" delete the comma "," and insert "and (D)(4) and to enact R.S. 17:3047.1(H),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "5081(B)(1)" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and (D)(4) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3047.1(H) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"§3047.1. Advisory council; membership; responsibilities

* * *

H. The advisory council shall identify programs in which an eligible student may enroll to receive a TOPS-Tech or TOPS-Tech Early Start award. The council shall consider the qualifications for qualified programs for the M.J. Foster Promise Program when identifying such programs.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

"D. To be eligible for an initial TOPS-Tech Early Start Award, a student shall meet each of the following conditions and comply with other applicable provisions of this Section and administering agency rules:

* * *

(4) Meet one of the following:

(a) Score at least fifteen on the English subsection and fifteen on the mathematics subsection of the ACT PLAN assessment or a successor assessment administered as part of Louisiana's Educational Planning and Assessment System or the ACT or an equivalent concordant value of the SAT.

(b) ~~or have~~ Have attained a silver level score on the assessments of the ACT WorkKeys system.

(c) Meet the eligibility requirements for technical dual enrollment courses as determined by the Board of Regents.

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On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 173—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:1688(C) and to enact R.S. 56:1688.1, relative to the authority of state park wardens; to authorize state park wardens to enforce litter laws statewide; to provide for an administrative hearing process for litter citations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to Original House Bill No. 173 by Representative Illg

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 56:1688(C)" and before the comma "," insert "and to enact R.S. 56:1688.1"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "statewide;" and before "and" insert "to provide for an administrative hearing process for litter citations;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "reenacted" and before "to" insert "and R.S. 56:1688.1 is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, after line 14, insert the following:

"§1688.1. Civil penalties; assessment; administrative hearing

A. The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism is authorized to bring a civil action to recover the penalties established for violation of R.S. 30:2531(A) or (B) in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

B. The department may elect to enforce the provisions of R.S. 30:2531 by adjudicatory hearing held in the parish where the defendant is domiciled or where the violation occurred. The defendant may waive the adjudicatory hearing upon payment of the fine.

C.(1) In any case in which the department elects to proceed by adjudicatory hearing, the defendant shall be notified in writing at the time and place set for hearing. Written notice for the hearing may be included on any citation or summons issued in connection with the violation or may be provided by certified letter mailed to the defendant at his last known address. The summons or written notice shall constitute notice to the defendant that failure to appear at the specified time and location shall result in the assessment of civil penalties and costs associated with the hearing. Notice given by certified mail in accordance with this Subsection shall be deemed effective fifteen days after the notice is postmarked and mailed.

(2) Either party may appeal a ruling of the administrative hearing officer to the district court in the judicial district in which the offense occurred.

(3) Once all appeals deadlines have expired, a ruling of the administrative law judge shall be considered final for the purposes of debt recovery or collection.

D. Any person who is assessed a civil penalty shall also be liable for attorney fees and costs of the adjudicatory hearing.

E. Any recovery of civil penalties shall be deposited into the litter abatement account within the Conservation Fund.

F. The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall promulgate and enforce the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Section."

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 204—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:153, relative to annual duck stamps; to remove fees for resident and nonresident duck stamps; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 208—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:529.2(B)(3), 571.3.1(F), 574.4(A)(4)(b), (B)(2)(a)(iii), (b)(iii), (c)(iii), and (d)(iii), (D)(1)(b), (E)(1)(b), (F)(1)(b), (G)(1)(b), and (J)(1)(b), 574.6(introductory paragraph), 574.9(section heading) and (H)(1)(a)(i)(introductory paragraph), and 1199.24(A)(5), to enact R.S. 15:571.3(C), 571.3.1(I), and 574.9(H)(1)(a)(i)(dd), and to repeal R.S. 15:574.9(F), relative to the release eligibility of incarcerated persons; to provide relative to parole eligibility requirements; to provide relative to the automatic earning of good time credits by offenders for good behavior; to provide for a definition; to provide for the elimination of earned compliance credits while on parole; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 210—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1006(G) and to enact R.S. 40:1006(H), relative to record retention of certain information in the state prescription monitoring program; to provide to the retention, archiving, and destruction of audit trail information;

to require the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to establish rulemaking standards for audit trail information; to require the retention of all records; to require approval before the destruction of any records; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 210 by Representative Chassion

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 40:1006(G)" insert "and to enact R.S. 40:1006(H)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "information;" insert "to require the retention of all records; to require approval before the destruction of any records;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "reenacted" insert "and R.S. 40:1006(H) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the end of line 13, insert the following:

"Nothing in this Section shall be construed to modify or abrogate the provisions of R.S. 44:411.

H. All agencies, as defined in R.S. 44:402, shall keep all records for the time specified in records retention schedules approved by the state archivist and director of the division archives, records management, and history of the Department of State and shall obtain the state archivist's approval before destroying any records in the agency's custody, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 44:411."

On motion of Rep. Miller, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 214—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 900(A)(5) and (6)(e)(i)(bb) and 901(A) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 901(D), relative to probation; to provide relative to revocation of probation; to provide relative to a technical violation of probation; to provide for an exception; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 219—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:125(B), relative to sex identification of deer; to eliminate the requirement for hunters to maintain sex identification of deer after tag validation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 223—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOMANGUE, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BILLINGS, WILFORD CARTER, GADBERRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCMAKIN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, THOMAS, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:426.1 and 1314(E), relative to compensation of certain election officials; to provide for compensation of election commissioners on election day, during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots, and during a recount; to increase compensation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

Under the rules, the above bill was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 248—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1464(D), relative to rate filing; to provide for public inspection with respect to rates and supporting information; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the commissioner of insurance; to require the commissioner of insurance to determine if information is confidential, trade secret, or proprietary relative to public inspection; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Original House Bill No. 248 by Representative Wilder

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "information;" insert "to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the commissioner of insurance;"

On motion of Rep. Firment, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Firment, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 253—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 9 of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 26:941 through 944, relative to kratom products; to provide for definitions; to prohibit sale or

distribution of kratom to persons under twenty-one years of age and under other circumstances; to provide labeling requirements for kratom products; to provide for approval and registration of kratom products; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 253 by Representative Boyer

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 15, change "that" to "who"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 16, change "that" to "who" and change "itself" to "himself"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, line 26, delete "label, which must conform to this Chapter." and insert "comply with the requirements of this Chapter."

On motion of Rep. Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Under the rules, the above bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 275—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT AND TURNER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:5002.1, relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to allow certain students who qualify for a program award to apply unused award amounts to medical and dental school under certain circumstances; to require repayment of award amounts under certain circumstances; to require the Board of Regents to provide by rule for collection and exceptions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

Under the rules, the above bill was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 281—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1462(A)(4), relative to acts prohibited during early voting or on election day; to prohibit the wearing of campaign apparel; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 316—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:219.1, 219.2(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a)(introductory paragraph) and (xi) and (c)(i), (iii), and (viii) and (2), 219.3(A), and 219.4 and to enact R.S. 49:219.2(B)(1)(a)(xiv) and (xv), relative to the Drug Policy Board; to provide for the policy and purpose of the board; to provide for the membership of the board; to update and modernize language; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 316 by Representative Butler

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "219.2(B)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph)" and insert "219.2(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a)(introductory paragraph)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, delete "219.2(B)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph)" and insert "219.2(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a)(introductory paragraph)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, line 2, change "education" to "reduction"

On motion of Rep. Miller, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 323—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:52(A) and R.S. 33:383(A)(1) and (2)(a) and (c) and to enact R.S. 33:383(A)(3), relative to election dates for municipal and school board elections; to authorize the election of school board members to occur at the same time as the gubernatorial elections; to authorize municipal elections to occur at the same time as gubernatorial elections; to provide for terms of office; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 327—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5024(A)(1), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to require schools to use a ten-point grading scale to assign grades used to calculate the minimum grade point average for initial qualification for a program award; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 340—

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:753(I), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry; to change the domicile of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry; to allow the board to select a location for its office; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 351—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1401(G), relative to objections to candidacy; to provide for penalties for attesting to false information in a notice of candidacy; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 351 by Representative Mike Johnson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, after "G." delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 11 and 12 and insert the following:

"Upon a determination that a candidate knowingly attested to false information in a notice of candidacy, the court shall assess court costs and attorney fees, and the court may impose any other sanctions the court deems appropriate against the candidate."

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 372—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5025.7(introductory paragraph) and 5026(F)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal Section 6(A) and (D) of Act No. 211 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to curricula; to provide relative to Computer Science as a required high school course; to provide for alignment with the core curriculum requirements for qualifications for TOPS awards; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 373—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3914(N)(1)(a), to enact R.S. 17:3138.13, and to repeal R.S. 17:3914(C)(1)(j) and (N)(1)(c), relative to career and technical education; to require the Louisiana Workforce Commission to perform an annual return on investment analysis with respect to industry-based credentials earned in high school; to provide for the purpose and content of the analysis; to require an annual report on the analysis to certain legislative committees and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide with respect to the collection and sharing of certain student data for the purpose of the analysis; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 373 by Representative Hughes

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, delete "Investment Council" and insert "Commission"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 14, delete "Investment Council" and insert "Commission"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 1, delete "council" and insert "commission"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 5, delete "council" and insert "commission"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 17, delete "Investment Council" and insert "Commission"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 22, after "numbers" and before "with" insert a comma "," and insert "matched to the corresponding student names and unique student identification numbers."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 23, delete "council." and insert "commission."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 24, delete "council" and insert "commission"

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 379—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:868(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and to enact R.S. 22:868.1, relative to property insurance; to provide for mandatory binding arbitration under certain

circumstances; to provide for endorsements; to provide for requirements of arbitration and selected arbitrators; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance.

On motion of Rep. Firment, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 420—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:441(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 18:107(G) and 441(B)(4) and (E), relative to political parties; to provide for recognition of a political party; to provide for party affiliation for voter registration; to prohibit recognition of certain political parties; to prohibit designation of party affiliation with certain parties for voter registration; to require a change in party affiliation under certain circumstances; to provide for a procedure allowing a political party to request that it be dissolved; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 420 by Representative Billings

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 7, after "that" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 8, delete "rescinded;" and insert "it be dissolved;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 19, insert "The notice shall contain an explanation for the change in registration."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the end of line 4, insert "The notice shall contain an explanation for the change in registration."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 22 through 27 and insert the following:

"E.(1) A political party may through its bylaws provide for the process of dissolution. A political party that has been recognized pursuant to Subsection B of this Section may request to have the party dissolved by the secretary of state. A political party that requests the party's dissolution shall file a notarized dissolution statement with the secretary of state made in accordance with the party's bylaws."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 29, after "that" and before "shall" delete "has its recognition rescinded" and insert "is dissolved pursuant to this Subsection"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, at the end of line 2, insert "The notice shall contain an explanation for the change in registration."

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 440—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, CARVER, DEWITT, DOMANGUE,
EGAN, FIRMENT, GALLE, MELERINE, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1891, relative to automobile liability insurance policies; to provide for the filing of medical claims; to provide for proceedings involving a claimant's failure to mitigate damages with use of personal health insurance; to provide for prospective application; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Original House Bill No. 440 by Representative Henry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "claims;" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 4 and 5 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof "to provide for proceedings involving a claimant's failure to mitigate damages with use of personal health insurance; to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 10, after "payments;" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 11, delete "subrogation;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 16, delete "three" and insert "two"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 17 through 19 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 4 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, at the beginning of line 5, change "C.(1)" to "B.(1)"

On motion of Rep. Firment, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Firment, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 445—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:576(2) and to enact Children's Code Article 412(P), relative to juvenile records; to provide for

applicability; to provide relative to what constitutes information or record of criminal history; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 479—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:1847 and 1848, relative to the creation of a comprehensive victim's services system; to provide for a Crime Victim's Bill of Rights; to provide for legislative findings; to provide certain rights to crime victims, witnesses, and family members; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

Under the rules, the above bill was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 496—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1284.1(A) and (D) and to repeal R.S. 22:1284.1(B), relative to lapses in required liability insurance coverage; to repeal references to certain exemptions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Original House Bill No. 496 by Representative Hebert

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "coverage;" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 4 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof "to repeal references to certain exemptions; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"§1284.1. Motor vehicle insurance; consideration of lapse in coverage ~~prohibited~~"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 9 and 10 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"surcharge on any policy of motor vehicle insurance ~~when such action is based solely on consideration of a~~ based on an insured's first lapse in coverage, as defined in this Section. Any subsequent lapse in coverage may result in an increased premium rate or surcharge on

a policy. For the purposes of this Section, "lapse in coverage" means any period during which the owner of a motor vehicle ceases to maintain liability coverage on a vehicle as required by the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete line 13 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"lapses in coverage, as defined in this Section, shall not be the sole basis for an"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 14, after "insurance" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, delete line 15 in its entirety at the beginning of line 16, delete "a policy."

On motion of Rep. Firment, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Firment, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 526—
BY REPRESENTATIVES JACOB LANDRY, GADBERRY, AND SCHAMERHORN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 43:81 and R.S. 49:1301 through 1308 and to repeal R.S. 42:19(A)(2)(c) and R.S. 43:81.1 through 90, relative to the official journal of the state; to provide that the official journal of the state shall be a website established and maintained by the commissioner of administration; to remove requirements designating a newspaper as the official journal of the state, including provisions relative to printing, contracts, and bidding; to apply requirements pertaining to a website containing information about certain boards and commissions to the website serving as the official journal of the state; to broaden the application of such requirements; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to redesignate certain provisions of law; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 532—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1283(B), to enact R.S. 18:402.1, and to repeal R.S. 18:402.1, relative to sales and use tax elections in certain municipalities; to provide for an election for a tax that is set to expire; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 532 by Representative Miller

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2 and insert "To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1283(B), to enact R.S. 18:402.1, and to repeal R.S. 18:402.1, relative to sales and use"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 6 through 10 and insert the following:

"Section 2. R.S. 18:1283(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1283. Elections

* * *

B. The governing authority of the political subdivision may call a special election for any of these purposes to be held on any of the dates set forth in R.S. 18:402(F) ~~or 402.1~~, and it shall call an election for any of these purposes when requested to do so by the petition in writing of one-fourth of the electors qualified to vote at an election.

Section 3. R.S. 18:402.1 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 4.(A) This Section and Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Section and Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

(B) Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective December 31, 2025."

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 543—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(24) and to enact R.S. 37:799, relative to the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact; to enact the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact into law and to cause this state to enter into the compact; to provide for definitions; to create the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact and Commission; to provide for the duties of the compact member states; to provide for the powers and duties of the commission; to provide for compact license privilege to member states; to provide for fees and military waivers; to provide for joint investigations and disciplinary actions; to provide for rulemaking functions of the commission; to provide for enforcement, default procedures, and dispute resolution; to provide for withdrawal from and dissolution of the compact; to provide for severability; to provide for exceptions to public records; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 543 by Representative McMahan

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 11, after "administrators" insert a comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 11, change "that" to "who"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, line 13, change "Act." to "compact."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, line 17, change "Act;" to "compact."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, line 28, after "have" insert "a"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 7, line 4, after "laws" insert "of"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 7, line 21, after "training" delete the comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 9, line 28, after "complaints" delete the comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 10, line 20, after "compact" delete the comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 10, line 21, after "personnel" insert a comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 11, line 3, after "of" insert "the"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 11, at the beginning of line 7, delete "and" and after "compensation" insert a comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 11, line 28, after "duties" insert a comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 12, line 1, after "injury" insert a comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 12, line 5, after "duties" insert a comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 13, line 6, change "Section (2)(r)" to "Section (2)(18)"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 13, line 7, change "Section (2)(p)" to "Section (2)(16)"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 13, line 16, change "Section (6)(B)(1)" to "Paragraph (1) of this Subsection"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 13, line 29, after "practice" delete the comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 14, line 11, after "determination" delete the comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 15, line 3, after "practices" delete the comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 15, line 26, after "privilege" delete the comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 18, at the end of line 20, delete "or the"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 18, line 21, after "bylaws" insert a comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 19, delete lines 20 through 23 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 19, at the beginning of line 24, change "J." to "I."

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 20, line 7, after "DATE" insert a comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 21, line 2, change "Section 16(c)" to "Subsection C of this Section"

On motion of Rep. Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Under the rules, the above bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 549—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1482.2, relative to motor vehicle insurance rate reductions; to require premium reductions for the liability portions of policies covering commercial motor vehicles equipped with dashboard cameras and telematics systems; to provide for definitions; to establish eligibility criteria; to require compliance reporting; to require the commissioner of insurance's submission of certain annual reports; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance.

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On motion of Rep. Firment, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 550—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:31.35.2 and R.S. 56:306.5(B)(3), relative to commercial seafood; to provide for reporting by processors and distributors to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to require dealers to submit a detailed accounting of imported seafood to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported by substitute by the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

The substitute was read by title as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 652 (Substitute for House Bill No. 550 by Representative Kerner)—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:5.5.2(B)(2), 5.5.3(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (H), 5.10.1(B) and 31.35(C), and to enact Part IV of Chapter 30 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 3:4749 through 4749.3, and R.S. 36:624(C) and 629(L)(5) and R.S. 56:306.5(B)(3), and to repeal R.S. 36:204(A)(10) and 209(D)(4), R.S. 40:31.35.1, and Section 2 of Act No. 667 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to commercial seafood; to transfer authority for imported seafood sampling, testing, and enforcement from the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to transfer the Seafood Safety Task Force to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide for the powers of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; to provide for penalties; to provide for reporting by processors and distributors to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to require dealers to submit a detailed accounting of imported seafood to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; to remove the authority of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to promulgate rules; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the substitute was adopted and became House Bill No. 652 by Rep. Kerner, on behalf of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, as a substitute for House Bill No. 550 by Rep. Kerner.

Under the rules, lies over in the same order of business.

HOUSE BILL NO. 564—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:10(B)(20) and Part VII of Chapter 8 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 56:1938.1 and 1938.2, relative to wildlife resources and habitat; to establish a conservation incentive program fund; to provide for assisting private landowners with enhancing wildlife habitats and wetlands on private property; to address impacts of invasive species; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

Under the rules, the above bill was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 566—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3369.3(A)(8) and R.S. 38:2225.6, relative to job order contracting; to create an alternative project delivery method for improvements for deferred maintenance of public facilities by a postsecondary education institution; to provide for definitions; to provide for selection methods for job order contracts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 566 by Representative Turner

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "a" and before "institution" change "post-secondary educational" to "postsecondary education"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 18, after "contracting;" and before "institution" change "post-secondary educational" to "postsecondary education"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the end of line 1, delete "hereinafter" and at the beginning of line 2, delete "referred to as "job order contracting" or "JOC"" and insert "for job order contracts"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 3, after "a" delete the remainder of the line and insert "postsecondary education"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, at the beginning of line 11, change "post-secondary educational" to "postsecondary education"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 23, after "A" and before "institution" change "post-secondary educational" to "postsecondary education"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 27, after "The" and before "institution" change "post-secondary educational" to "postsecondary education"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, line 5, after "bidders" and before "propose" insert "to"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 26, after "The" and before "institution" change "post-secondary educational" to "postsecondary education"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, at the beginning of line 4, change "must" to "shall"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, line 9, after "The" and before "institution" change "post-secondary educational" to "postsecondary education"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 4, line 19, after "A" and before "institution" change "post-secondary educational" to "postsecondary education"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 4, at the beginning of line 22, change "post-secondary educational" to "postsecondary education"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 5, at the end of line 3, delete "post-" and at the beginning of line 4, delete "secondary educational" and insert "postsecondary education"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 5, line 7, after "into" and before "interlocal" change "a" to "an"

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 576—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBBY CARTER AND BROWN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1452(C)(introductory paragraph) and (6), 1454(A), and 1465(A)(1) and to repeal R.S. 22:1451(D), 1452(C)(4) and (15), 1453, and 1455, relative to the powers and duties of the commissioner of insurance; to provide for rating standards and methods; to modify relative to excessive rates; to provide with respect to disapproval of rates by the commissioner of insurance; to repeal relative to competitive and noncompetitive markets; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Original House Bill No. 576 by Representative Robby Carter

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 16, after "produce" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 17 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof "a profit that is unreasonably high for the insurance provided or the expense provision included therein is unreasonably high in relation to the services rendered."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the beginning of line 8, delete "A.(1)" and insert "A.(1)(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 10, delete "only"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 11, after "discriminatory" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 12 and 13 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(b) As a result of the commissioner's disapproval of rates or other act, the commissioner, on request of the insurer, shall specify interim rates for the insurer that are sufficient to protect the interests of all parties. The commissioner may order that a specified portion of the premiums be placed in an escrow account approved by the commissioner. If new rates become legally effective, the commissioner shall order the escrowed funds or any overcharge in the interim rates to be distributed appropriately, except that refunds to policyholders that are de minimis shall not be required."

On motion of Rep. Firment, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Firment, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 581—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG, BRAUD, CARRIER, COATES, DEWITT, DOMANGUE, KERNER, AND VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:2543, relative to the release of balloons outdoors; to prohibit the intentional release of inflated balloons outdoors; to provide for a fine for releasing inflated balloons; to provide for the fines to be directed into the litter abatement account within the Conservation Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 592—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:2(4), 18(D), 25(B), 104(C)(1)(introductory paragraph), 108(A) and (C), 111, 154(C)(2)(e), 192(A)(1) and (2), 401.2(A) and (B)(1), (2), and (3), 402(A)(1), (D), (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), and (G)(1), 410.1 through 410.3, 410.4(B), 410.5(A), 410.6(B)(1) and (2), 410.7(A), (B)(1) and (2), and (C), 410.8, 410.9(A), 425.1, 426(A) and (B), 434(A)(1), 435(A)(4)(b) and (c) and (B)(1), 501(A)(1), (B)(1), and (C), 531(B), 533(A)(2) and (B)(1), 534(A) and (B)(1) and (2)(a), 551(B), (C)(1)(c)(i) and (2), and (D), 553(E)(2), 571(A)(8), 573(E)(1) and (4), 1259(B)(6) and (C), 1279, 1280.21(B), 1285(B)(1)(a), 1286.1, 1299.1, 1300(C)(1), 1300.7(A), 1300.11, 1306(E)(1)(f), 1307(E), 1309(D)(1)(c) and (d) and (2), (E)(1), and (N)(2), (5), and (7), 1309.1(A), 1313(F), (H)(3), and (K)(1), 1313.1(F), (I)(2), and (L)(1), 1315(D)(1), 1333(D)(2) and (E), 1363(A)(3) and (4), 1405(C), and 1501.3(C)(introductory paragraph), to enact R.S. 18:2(20), 401.1(H), Part IV of Chapter 6 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:1280.31, 1286(C), 1307(L), 1310(E) and (F), 1333(D)(3), and 1409(K), and to repeal R.S. 18:1280.21(C) and (D), 1280.21.1, 1371(A)(2)(c), and Section 2 of Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the revision of the system of laws providing for elections; to make revisions to the Louisiana Election Code; to provide for agreements for sharing voter registration information; to provide for the annual

report of the State Board of Election Supervisors; to provide for affidavits and attestations; to provide for the reinstatement of voter registration; to provide for name changes; to provide for address data for annual canvases; to provide for polling places during a state of emergency; to provide for consolidation of polling places; to provide for election dates and the calculation of days related thereto; to provide for commissioner qualifications and selection; to provide for alternate political party super watchers; to provide for ballot arrangement; to provide for voting in the presidential preference primary election; to provide for testing of voting machines; to provide for replacement absentee by mail ballots; to provide for tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots; to provide for the validity of ballots deemed challenged; to provide for address confirmation for nursing home early voting program participants; to provide for the allocation of voting machines; to provide for the requirements of the secretary of state related to an objection to candidacy; to provide for actions contesting an election on a proposed constitutional amendment; to provide for the preparation of a question or proposition to be submitted to voters; to provide for the filling of vacancies in closed party primary offices; to provide for emergency elections; to provide for closed party primary ballot selection by an unaffiliated voter; to provide for procedural requirements as they relate to closed party primary elections; to provide for the effectiveness of Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature and Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature and specific provisions thereof; to provide for definitions; to correct terminology; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 592 by Representative Beaulieu

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 9, after "1286.1," and before "1300(C)(1)," insert "1299.1,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 12, after "1363(A)(3) and (4)," and before "and" insert "1405(C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 15, change "1310(E)," to "1310(E) and (F),"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 13, after "candidacy;" and before "to provide" insert "to provide for actions contesting an election on a proposed constitutional amendment; to provide for the preparation of a question or proposition to be submitted to voters;"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 24, after "534(A) and (B)(1) and (2)(a)," delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 26, after "1286.1," and before "1300(C)(1)," insert "1299.1,"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 28, after "1363(A)(3) and (4)," and before "and" insert "1405(C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, line 1, after "1286(C)," and before "1333(D)(3)," insert "1310(E),"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, at the beginning of line 20, delete "other entities" and insert "state and federal governmental agencies and private vendors that provide voter registration and address data"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 6, delete line 16 and insert "federal governmental agency or private vendor to provide voter registration and address data pursuant to a written"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 6, line 27, delete "from another" and on line 28, delete "state or other entity pursuant to a written agreement" and insert "pursuant to a written agreement from another state or federal governmental agency or private vendor that provides voter registration and address data"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 18, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following:

"§1299.1. Question or proposition to be voted on; length

A. The preparation of a question or proposition to be submitted to the voters at an election shall be the responsibility of the governing authority or other entity calling the election or submitting the question or proposition. The proposition shall be comprised of simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language and be in the form of a question. The proposition shall not exceed two hundred words in length and shall not include words that are struck through, underscored, or in boldface type. The governing authority shall be responsible for ensuring that the proposition is comprised of simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language.

B. The secretary of state shall be responsible for ensuring that the proposition ~~complies with the requirements of this Section~~ does not exceed two hundred words in length, does not include words that are struck through, underscored, or in boldface type, and is in the form of a question.

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 22, line 20, after "that" and before "be cured," change "must" to "shall"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 26, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

"§1405. Time for commencement of action

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C. An action contesting an election on a proposed constitutional amendment shall be instituted no earlier than the day after the election and not later than 4:30 p.m. of the tenth day after promulgation of the results of the election by the secretary of state.

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AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 27, line 6, after "501(A)(1), (B)(1), and (C)," and before "551(B),(C)(1)(c)(i) and" delete "501(A)(1), (B)(1), and (C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 27, line 8, change "1310(E)" to "1310(F)"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 27, line 15, delete "from another" and on line 16, delete "state or other entity pursuant to a written agreement" and insert "pursuant to a written agreement from another state or federal governmental agency or private vendor that provides voter registration and address data"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 28, at the beginning of line 27, change "a" to "as"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 32, delete lines 5 through 9 and insert the following:

"B. In the event that no candidate receives the majority of votes in the first party primary, the two candidates from each political party who received the greatest number of votes in the first party primary shall be voted on in the second party primary."

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 41, at the beginning of line 3, change "E." to "F."

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 41, line 4, after "certain" and before "political" change "recognized" to "major"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 41, line 6, after "different" and before "political" change "recognized" to "major"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 41, at the beginning of line 24, change "Section 5.(A)" to "Section 5.(A)(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 41, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

"(2) R.S. 18:410.6 as amended and reenacted by Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature shall supersede R.S. 18:410.6 as enacted by Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature.

(3) R.S. 18:410.10 as amended and reenacted by Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature shall supersede R.S. 18:410.10 as enacted by Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature."

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 42, line 3, after "of the Legislature" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 4 in its entirety and insert a period "." and insert the following:

"(C) R.S. 18:192(A)(1), 402(E)(1), and 1285(B)(1)(a) as amended and reenacted in Section 2 of this Act shall, on the effective date of Section 2 of this Act, supersede those provisions as amended and reenacted in Section 1 of this Act."

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 42, line 5, change "Section 6.(A)" to "Section 6."

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 42, line 7, change "(B)" to "Section 7."

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 42, line 9, change "Section 7.(A)" to "Section 8.(A)"

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 42, line 16 change "Section 8. (A) Sections 1 and 6" to "Section 9.(A) Sections 1, 6, and 8"

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 42, line 18, change "Sections 2 and 7" to "Section 2"

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 42, line 20, change "Sections 2 and 7" to "Section 2"

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 42, line 22, change "Sections 3, 4, and 5" to "Sections 3, 4, 5, and 7"

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 42, line 26, change "Sections 3, 4, and 5 and this Section" to "this Section and Sections 3, 4, 5, and 7"

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 640 (Substitute for House Bill No. 621 by Representative Bourriaque)—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE, DICKERSON, AND DOMANGUE

AN ACT

To enact Part IX of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.51 through 220.53, relative to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to create the office of Louisiana Highway Construction, within the office of the governor, division of administration; to define the term "office"; to designate certain powers, duties, and responsibilities of the office; to provide for an executive director of the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to establish the duties and responsibilities of the executive director; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Bourriaque, the bill was ordered passed to its third reading.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Michael Johnson, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Petitions, Memorials, and Communications at this time.

Petitions, Memorials, and Communications

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:

Message from the Senate

SENATE BILLS

April 22, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed the following Senate Bills:

Senate Bill Nos. 5, 9, 21, 38, 118, 144 and 146

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on first reading were taken up, read, and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

SENATE BILL NO. 5—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 4843(E) and (G), relative to jurisdictional limits of city courts; to provide relative to the amount in dispute when the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court; to provide with respect to the jurisdictional amount in dispute in the City Court of Hammond; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 9—

BY SENATORS BASS, ABRAHAM, BARROW, CLOUD, HENSGENS, HODGES, KLEINPETER AND MIGUEZ AND REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 14:337(A)(1) and (B)(4) and to enact R.S. 14:337(A)(1)(c), (B)(5), and (E)(5), relative to unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system; to prohibit use of an unmanned aircraft system over federal and state military installations and facilities; to provide definitions and penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 21—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:34.8(B)(3) and 40.9(B)(3), relative to assault and battery; to add veterinarians and veterinary clinics to the definitions of "healthcare professional" and "healthcare facility" for purposes of battery of emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional and unlawful disruption of the operation of a healthcare facility; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 38—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:67.23, relative to theft; to create the crime of theft of gift cards or gift card redemption information; to provide relative to fraudulent acquisition of gift cards or gift card redemption information; to provide relative to forgery, alteration, or duplication of gift cards, gift card packaging, or gift card redemption information; to provide definitions and penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 118—

BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3088 and to enact R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii), relative to the Achieving a Better Life Experience Account Program (ABLE); to provide relative to taxable income; to exclude certain deposits into ABLE accounts for financing of certain qualified expenses of persons with disabilities; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 144—

BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1862(C), relative to the Vidalia Port Commission; to provide relative to the issuance of bonds by the commission; to provide relative to limitations; to provide relative to obligations of the commission; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 146—

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1503(C) and 1504(C), relative to the Lake Providence Port Commission; to provide relative to the powers of the commission; to provide relative to the issuance of bonds by the commission; to provide relative to limitations; to provide relative to obligations of the commission; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

April 22, 2025

To the honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

The following House Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mother May E. DuPree for her contributions to gospel ministry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jack and Jill of America, Inc., on its dedication to stimulating the growth, development, and quality of life of children.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the America250–Louisiana celebrations on April 18-19, 2025, and to commemorate the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the start of the American Revolution.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34—
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Funeral Director Day at the state capitol.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Southern University on the occasion of its one hundred forty-fifth anniversary and to designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Southern University Day at the state capitol.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHANIE HILFERTY
Chairwoman

The above House Resolutions contained in the report were 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.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

April 22, 2025

To the honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

The following House Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the town of Ball, Louisiana, as the Moon Pie Capital of Louisiana.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT AND SENATOR MORRIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Casey Durand of Central Timber Services on being named the 2024 Outstanding Louisiana Logger by the Louisiana Forestry Association.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and honor the victims of Hurricane Katrina on the twentieth anniversary of its landfall and to designate August 29th as "Katrina Day" in remembrance of those affected by the storm.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Bryan Beam on the occasion of his retirement from service on the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate April 11-17, 2025, as Black Maternal Health Week in Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHANIE HILFERTY
Chairwoman

The above House Concurrent Resolutions contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken to the Senate by the Clerk of the House and were signed by the President of the Senate and taken by the Clerk of the House to the in accordance with the rules of the House.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Villio, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to meet on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

House Bill Nos. 101, 492 and 572

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Education to submit their weekly schedule on a day other than required by House Rule 14.23.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Miller, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Health and Welfare to meet on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., a time not permitted by the previously adopted schedule.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Lyons, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to submit their weekly schedule on a day other than permitted by HR 14.23, and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

House Bill No. 200

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Gadberry, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to submit their weekly schedule on a day other than required by House Rule 14.23.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to meet on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

House Bill Nos. 205, 637 and 638

Leave of Absence

Rep. Carpenter - 1 day

Rep. Dewitt - 1 day

Rep. Freeman - 3 days

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 6:06 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House

ANGELA S. SMITH
Assistant Clerk of the House / Journal Clerk