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**REPRESENTATIVES**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Fifty-first Regular Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

The House of Representatives was called to order at 5:02 P.M., by the Honorable Michael Johnson, Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.

**Morning Hour**

**ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Echols	McFarland
Adams	Edmonston	McMahen
Amedee	Egan	McMakin
Bacala	Emerson	Melerine
Bagley	Farnum	Mena
Bamburg	Firment	Miller
Bayham	Fisher	Moore
Beaullieu	Fontenot	Muscarelo
Berault	Freiberg	Newell
Billings	Gadberry	Orgeron
Bourriaque	Galle	Owen
Boyd	Geymann	Phelps
Boyer	Glorioso	Riser
Brass	Hebert	Romero
Braud	Henry	Schamerhorn
Brown	Horton	Schlegel
Bryant	Hughes	Spell
Butler	Illg	St. Blanc
Carlson	Jackson	Stagni
Carrier	Johnson, M.	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Thomas
Carter, W.	Jordan	Thompson
Carver	Kerner	Turner
Chasson	Knox	Ventrella
Chenevert	LaCombe	Villio
Coates	LaFleur	Wilder
Cox	Landry, J.	Wiley
Crews	Landry, M.	Willard
Davis	Lyons	Wyble
Deshotel	Mack	Young
Dickerson	Marcelle	Zeringue
Domangue	McCormick	
Total - 95		

The Speaker Pro Tempore announced that there were 95 members present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rep. Turner.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rep. Spell 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 22, 2025, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials, and  
Communications**

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

**Message from the Senate**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 23, 2025

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

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has adopted and asks your concurrence in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 8 and 10

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions  
Lying Over**

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions contained in the message were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—**

BY SENATORS CATHEY AND LUNEAU  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Sport Fish Restoration Program, a part of the American System of Conservation Funding, on its seventy-fifth anniversary.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Thompson, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was concurred in.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—**

BY SENATORS STINE, ABRAHAM AND REESE AND  
REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER,  
FARNUM, GEYMAN, ROMERO AND TARVER  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Daniel Michael "Mike" Danahay Jr., and to recognize his lifetime of service, faith, and dedication to his family, community, and country.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Kerner, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was concurred in.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Thompson, 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 23, 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. 72, 75, 78, 98, 116 and 147

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. 72—**  
BY SENATORS REESE, BASS, BOUIE, CONNICK, FOIL, JENKINS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MIZELL AND WHEAT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:3394.3(B) and the introductory paragraph of (C) and to enact R.S. 17:3394.3(A)(6) and (D), relative to the issuance of bonds; to provide relative to financing for certain capital improvement projects within the Louisiana Community and Technical College System; to provide for debt service payment obligation limits; to provide for a list of projects authorized to be financed from the issuance of bonds; to require match funds for such projects; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 75—**  
BY SENATOR MILLER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Act No. 19 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature as that Act was enacted by the legislature, which Act amended and reenacted R.S. 13:4163, relative to legislative continuances and extensions for legislators and legislative employees; to provide with respect to continuance and extension of deadlines; to authorize members of the legislature and legislative employees to file legislative continuances in certain circumstances; to provide for

peremptory grounds; to provide with respect to time delays and procedures; to provide for a rebuttable presumption; to provide for service of process; to provide for notification and reporting requirements; to provide for electronic transmission; to provide for exceptions; to provide for denial of a motion for continuance or extension; to provide for the supreme court's authority to regulate disciplinary proceedings against a member of the legislature or legislative employee; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 78—**  
BY SENATOR MYERS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1021(B), relative to drug paraphernalia; to provide for exemptions from the definition of drug paraphernalia; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 98—**  
BY SENATORS MYERS AND TALBOT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:989, relative to controlled dangerous substances; to provide relative to the elements of unlawful inhalation, ingestion, use, or possession of certain substances; to provide for an exception; to provide for penalties; to provide for enforcement; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 116—**  
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 35:191(V), relative to notaries public; to provide authorization for a notary appointed and qualified in St. Martin Parish and St. Landry Parish to exercise notarial functions in all such parishes, without bonding or further application or examination; to provide for qualifications and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 147—**  
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:2285, relative to the Tensas Parish Port, Harbor and Terminal District; to provide relative to the issuance of bonds; to provide relative to limitations and obligations; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. LaFleur, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent at this time.

### 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. 66—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

#### A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, April 24, 2025, as Junior League Day at the state capitol and to commend the Junior League for its contributions to Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 67—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

#### A RESOLUTION

To commend Madison Francis Guidry on being crowned 2025 Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival Queen.

Read by title.

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

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

#### A RESOLUTION

To commend Steve Masters, director of LSU Baptist Collegiate Ministry, on the occasion of his retirement.

Read by title.

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

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

#### A RESOLUTION

To designate Friday, May 9, 2025, as AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day and to commend the AmeriCorps Seniors Southern University at Shreveport Caddo/Bossier/DeSoto Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for forty-five years of service.

Read by title.

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

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 70—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

#### A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Plaquemines Parish Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

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

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

#### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Bryson "Cupid" Bernard for his achievements as a recording artist and to recognize him as the Linedance King of the World.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

### 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. 93—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

#### AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:1109.5(C), relative to the authority of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District to levy certain taxes; to provide for the authorization and levy of certain taxes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 653—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6023(I), relative to tax credits; to provide with respect to the sound recording investor tax credit; to extend the period in which investors may apply for the tax credit; 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. 654—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

#### AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301.7, relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for the applicability of certain sales and use tax incentives; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 655—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:31.36(A) through (C) and to enact R.S. 40:31.36(F), relative to fees charged by the Louisiana Department of Health in parish health units for certain healthcare services; to provide for maximum fees to be charged; to authorize rulemaking; to provide for the manner of setting and posting fee schedules; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 656—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:321.1(A), (B), (C), (E), and (F), to enact R.S. 39:100.254, and to repeal R.S. 47:321.1(G) and (H), relative to state sales and use tax; to increase the state sales and use tax rate; to establish the Teacher Compensation Fund; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the Teacher Compensation Fund; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 657—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1046(G)(1)(b), relative to fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health for therapeutic marijuana; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to collect an annual fee from retail permit holders authorized to sell therapeutic marijuana; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 658—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 54-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:2693, relative to intergovernmental relations; to impose fees on addiction recovery providers; to establish the Medicaid Trust Fund for Addiction Recovery; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the Medicaid Trust Fund for Addiction Recovery; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 659—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1708, relative to ad valorem taxation; to provide with respect to certain ad valorem tax exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 660—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD AND SENATOR CARTER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:462(B)(1) and (2)(a), relative to motor vehicle registration tax on trucks and trailers; to increase the annual registration or license tax for semitrailers or trailers statewide; to increase the one time fee for a permanent license and registration for semitrailers and trailers; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 661—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:4.7, 31.32(D) and (E) and 1046(G)(1)(b), to enact R.S. 40:31.31.1, 31.40, and 1046(H)(4)(c), and to repeal R.S. 40:31.32 (F), relative to fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health; to provide for vendor fees at certain events; to provide for fees for export and free sale certificates; to provide for sewage fees; to establish fees for the review of plans for certain facilities; to establish fees related to the sale and production of therapeutic marijuana; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 662—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:847, relative to insurance premium taxes; to levy a tax on the issuance of certain commercial insurance policies; to provide for the amount of the tax; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for the disposition of the avails of the tax; 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. 663—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:302.57, relative to the disposition of certain sales tax collections; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of such monies; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the Department of Revenue and the Department of Insurance; to provide for promulgation of rules; to provide definitions; to provide an effective date; to require reports to the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 664—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

AN ACT

To appropriate funds for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Legislature, including the expenses of the House of Representatives and the Senate, of legislative service agencies, and of the Louisiana State Law Institute; to provide for the salary, expenses, and allowances of members, officers, staff, and agencies of the Legislature; to provide with respect to the appropriations and allocations herein made; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 665—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD AND DAVIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6020(D)(1) and (2)(a), (G), and (H), relative to tax credits; to provide with respect to the Angel Investor Tax Credit Program; to extend the duration of the program; to remove certain limitations on claiming of the credit; to provide for applicability; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 666—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:32(A), 287.12, 300.1, 300.3(3), 301.1(F), and 301.3 and to enact Subpart P-6 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.118, and R.S. 47:1603(D), relative to revenue and taxation; to provide for the rate of individual income tax; to provide for the rate of corporation income tax; to provide for rates of tax on the income of estates and trusts; to provide for sales and use taxes; to impose sales and use tax on certain services; to provide for sales tax rates; to dedicate certain amounts of sales tax revenues; to provide for a limited waiver of penalties; to create

and provide for the Local Revenue Fund; to authorize uses of monies in the fund; to provide for definitions; 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. 667—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and 297.26, relative to income tax; to authorize an individual income tax deduction for taxpayers sixty-five years of age and older; to provide for the amount of the deduction; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; 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. 668—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(B) and 842 and to enact R.S. 47:841(H), relative to the tobacco tax; to provide for the tax on cigarettes; to authorize a reduction in excise tax rates levied on tobacco products under certain circumstances; to provide for the calculation of the tax on certain tobacco products; to provide for definitions; 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. 669—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(B) and 842 and to enact R.S. 47:841(H), relative to the tobacco tax; to provide for the tax on cigarettes; to authorize a reduction in excise tax rates levied on tobacco products under certain circumstances; to provide for the calculation of the tax on certain tobacco products; to provide for definitions; 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. 670—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 6:1056 and R.S. 39:100.254, relative to services regulated by the commissioner of financial institutions; to provide relative to financial services furnished by persons licensed by the commissioner to engage in the business of money transmission; to impose fees for the transmission of money to locations outside the United States; to specify the amounts of the fees; to dedicate the proceeds of the fees; to establish the Human Trafficking Prevention and Victim Services Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for uses of monies in the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 671—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6041, relative to tax credits; to establish an income tax credit for donations to certain organizations that serve victims of human trafficking; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualifications; to provide for the amount of the credit; to provide for requirements and limitations; 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. 672—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN  
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 14 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:2271 through 2273, relative to the funding of the Catastrophe Reinsurance Program; to authorize the issuance of bonds by the State Bond Commission to fund the Catastrophe Reinsurance Program; to provide for the purposes of the program; to provide for the duties of the State Bond Commission; to provide for requirements and limitations for the issuance of the bonds; to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on the bonds; to exempt catastrophe bonds from state taxes; to exclude catastrophe bonds from the calculation of net state tax supported debt; to provide for a procedure for certain parties to contest the legality of the bonds; to authorize the State Bond Commission to employ certain professionals; to provide for the rights and remedies of catastrophe bondholders; to provide for the termination of the Catastrophe Reinsurance Program under certain circumstances; to establish the Catastrophe Reinsurance Program Fund in the state treasury; to provide for the deposit and use of the monies in the fund; 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  
Administration of Criminal Justice

April 23, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 12, by Schlegel  
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

House Bill No. 23, by Muscarello  
Reported with amendments. (9-0)

House Bill No. 49, by Melerine  
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

House Bill No. 101, by Muscarello  
Reported by substitute. (7-4)

House Bill No. 292, by Knox  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

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House Bill No. 363, by Cox  
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

House Bill No. 394, by Muscarello  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 540, by Fontenot  
Reported with amendments. (8-0)

House Bill No. 572, by Glorioso  
Reported by substitute. (10-0)

DEBBIE VILLIO  
Chair

Report of the Committee on  
Education

April 23, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

House Bill No. 51, by Young  
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

House Bill No. 52, by Willard  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 109, by Thompson  
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 142, by Mena  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 201, by St. Blanc  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 213, by St. Blanc  
Reported favorably. (9-0)

House Bill No. 246, by Amedee  
Reported favorably. (9-0)

House Bill No. 321, by Wyble  
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 378, by Wilder  
Reported favorably. (8-0)

House Bill No. 395, by Brass  
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

House Bill No. 466, by Carlson  
Reported with amendments. (9-0)

House Bill No. 558, by Davis  
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 589, by Owen, Charles  
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

LAURIE SCHLEGEL  
Chair

Report of the Committee on  
Health and Welfare

April 23, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Health and Welfare to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 115, by Stagni  
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 118, by Egan  
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 314, by Miller, D.  
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 317, by Echols  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 358, by Miller, D.  
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 399, by Chenevert  
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

House Bill No. 454, by Miller, D.  
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 456, by Turner  
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 539, by Berault  
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 544, by Turner  
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

DUSTIN MILLER  
Chair

Report of the Committee on  
House and Governmental Affairs

April 23, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 206, by Melerine  
Reported favorably. (9-0)

House Bill No. 216, by Jackson  
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 342, by Bayham  
Reported with amendments. (9-5)

House Bill No. 385, by Bryant  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 397, by Beaulieu  
Reported by substitute. (14-0)

House Bill No. 502, by Butler  
Reported with amendments. (13-1)

House Bill No. 590, by Spell, Annie  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 603, by McMakin  
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 617, by Carver  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 624, by Berault  
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 625, by Butler  
Reported favorably. (12-0)

GERALD "BEAU" BEAULLIEU, IV  
Chair

Report of the Committee on  
Insurance

April 23, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

House Bill No. 121, by Adams  
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 122, by Berault  
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 148, by Wiley  
Reported favorably. (15-0)

House Bill No. 329, by Hebert  
Reported with amendments. (15-0)

House Bill No. 345, by Wyble  
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 437, by Firmert  
Reported favorably. (10-5)

House Bill No. 438, by Firmert  
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 441, by Henry, Chance  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

MICHAEL "GABE" FIRMENT  
Chair

Report of the Committee on  
Natural Resources and Environment

April 23, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 154, by McMahan  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 196, by Stagni  
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 205, by McCormick  
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 459, by Coates  
Reported with amendments. (9-0)

House Bill No. 615, by Geymann  
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 637, by Coates  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 638, by Coates  
Reported favorably. (9-0)

BRETT F. GEYMAN  
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 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.

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

**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 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Reserve, Louisiana, to Interstate 10 to relieve traffic congestion.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**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.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**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.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

**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 119<sup>th</sup> 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.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

**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. 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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

**Speaker DeVillier in the Chair**

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**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 Gatien" between the state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development and its employee Jordan Gatien, and Rachelle Elizabeth Deroche; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**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.

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

**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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

**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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

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

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

**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.

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

**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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

**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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

**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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

**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 tax table 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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**House and House Concurrent Resolutions  
Reported by Committee**

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions reported by committee were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON  
A RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana legislative auditor to examine, investigate, and audit the firemen's supplemental pay program.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Appropriations.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend and reenact the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology rules (LAC 46:XXXI.101 and 1101(A)) and to repeal rules (LAC 46:XXXI.1105 and 1107), which provide definitions, a special permit, and a curriculum relative to alternative hair and alternative hair design, and to direct the office of the state register to print the amendments and notice of repeal in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 by Representative Billings

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, delete lines 10 through 19 in their entirety

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

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

**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. 167—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 3188 in LaPlace, Louisiana, as the "Veterans Memorial Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 209—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:2212(C)(5) and 2241(A)(3), relative to the financing structure for public works projects in Ascension Parish; to provide for the "contract limit" for public works projects in Ascension Parish; to increase the performance bond for projects in Ascension Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 209 by Representative Brass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 16, after "of" and before "thousand" delete "fifty" and insert "five hundred"

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 226—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:322.9(B), relative to the use of monies in certain treasury funds; to provide for the use of monies in the East Baton Rouge Parish Enhancement Fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Appropriations.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 254—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS  
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 67-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3275.1 through 3275.5, relative to energy utility providers that provide annual consumption reporting mechanisms; to provide for definitions; to require the Public Service Commission to publish certain utility data; to provide for information gathering; to provide for

implementation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 254 by Representative Crews

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 21, change "self-report" to "report"

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 283—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:34(C), 38(B), and 54(C) and to enact R.S. 39:33.3, relative to state finances; to provide relative to the calculation of a limit above which certain funds may be appropriated only for certain purposes; to provide relative to exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to the authority of the governor; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the commissioner of administration and the Revenue Estimating Conference; to provide for a special effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Original House Bill No. 283 by Representative Tarver

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, line 20, after "Bill No." and before "of this" insert "295"

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 288—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3408(B) and 3415.2(3) and (4) and to repeal R.S. 37:3398(C) and 3415.10(D), relative to real estate appraisers; to provide for continuing education requirements; to provide for definitions; to repeal in regards to an application time line; to repeal a sunset provision; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 294—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAGLEY AND BAMBURG  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 4(D)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to repeal Article VII, Section 4(D)(4) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state severance tax revenues; to repeal limits on amounts of severance tax revenues remitted to parishes; to repeal requirements associated with certain severance tax revenue amounts remitted to parishes; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Under the rules, the above bill was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 295—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Sections 10(C) and (E) and 11(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state finances; to provide for calculation of a limit above which certain funds may only be appropriated for certain purposes; to provide for exceptions; to authorize the legislature to change the limit in certain circumstances; to provide for the establishment of an initial limit; to provide relative to the duties of the governor with respect to state finances; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the Revenue Estimating Conference; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Appropriations.

Under the rules, the above bill was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 312—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2318.1(A), relative to negotiations for architectural and engineering professional services; to prohibit the state and certain governmental entities or persons they contract with from using price or price-related information as a factor in the selection of specific architectural and engineering professionals for projects using state or local funding; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 312 by Representative Gadberry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 9 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 16, after "contract" and before "may" delete "with" and insert "through"

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 318—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:912.22(8), relative to manufactured and modular housing in flood-prone areas; to provide for minimum standards adopted by FEMA; to provide for permit information; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 318 by Representative Gadberry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 20 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(8)(a) In flood-prone areas, the foundation shall comply with the requirements set forth in the manual, Manufactured Home Installation In Flood Hazard Areas, published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Nothing in this Paragraph shall be construed to prohibit state or local jurisdictions from adopting more stringent elevation or freeboard requirements than those contained in the FEMA manual, consistent with Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.

(b) For all manufactured and modular home installations in this state, the state and political subdivisions may adopt laws, rules, ordinances, building codes, or other measures to regulate installations that include additional freeboard requirements beyond the minimum standards adopted by the National Flood Insurance Program, 42 U.S.C. 4011, et seq. in order to incentivize going above the minimum floodplain management standards. Freeboard requirements shall be uniformly applied based on the Base Flood Elevation established in the currently adopted Flood Insurance Rate Map for the jurisdiction, and shall not vary based on alternative or superseded mapping sources.

(c) All applications submitted to and permits issued by a jurisdiction's permit office shall include the Base Flood Elevation at the permitted site and the required finished floor elevation, including any applicable freeboard."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Delete page 2 in its entirety

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 326—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:571(B), 572(B) through (E), and 599(A)(2), (5), and (6), relative to the Louisiana Cosmetology Act; to provide for membership of the state board of

cosmetology; to provide for the qualifications of board members; to provide for fees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 326 by Representative Butler

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete line 26 and 27 and insert in lieu thereof:

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A. The following fees shall be assessed by the board:"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, between lines 24 and 25, insert:

"(d) Booth rental permit, special permit, or temporary permit \$50.00"

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 336—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILDER, BAMBURG, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, MIKE JOHNSON, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, SCHAMERHORN, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 76, relative to venue for actions on insurance policies; to provide relative to uninsured and underinsured motorist policies; to provide for an exception to specific venue provisions for certain parties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 347—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY AND SENATOR WOMACK  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:126, relative to change orders for a project in the Capital Outlay Act; to provide relative to threshold amounts required for approval and review by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Appropriations.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 370—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:563(13) through (17) and to enact R.S. 37:563(18) through (21) and 584.1, relative to the Louisiana Cosmetology Act; to provide for definitions; to establish a special permit for natural hair braiding services; to provide for permit qualifications; to provide for fees to the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology; to provide for exemptions; to provide for state preemption; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 370 by Representative Bayham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 14, change "fifteen-question" to "twenty-question"

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 374—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:340.1(A), relative to collection and remittance of sales and use taxes; to provide for the collection and remittance of taxes on certain remote sales; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 381—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(e)(i)(introductory paragraph), relative to capital outlay; to provide for requirements for the waiver of matching funds for certain nonstate capital outlay projects; to increase the population threshold under which a municipality may qualify for a waiver; 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 Ways and Means.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 427—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAMBURG, BERAULT, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, DAVIS, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HENRY, MIKE JOHNSON, WILDER, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:4212, relative to civil damages; to provide for the payment of certain expenses in a personal injury claim; to provide for the payment of medical expenses; to require a

claimant to present invoices for outstanding medical and related expenses; to provide for the payment of future medical and related expenses; to require the use of a reversionary trust in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 432—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHENEVERT, EDMONSTON, AND MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:3580.13(B) and (C) and to enact R.S. 9:3580.13(D) and (E), relative to third-party litigation financing; to provide relative to the funds recoverable by litigation financiers; to provide relative to disclosure of litigation financing contracts or agreements; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 435—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES EGAN, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, GALLE, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1899, relative to payment of certain claims; to provide for certain injury claims; to provide for limitations; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Original House Bill No. 435 by Representative Egan

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 3 and 4 in their entirety and insert the following:

"B. In a suit for damages arising from a delictual action, the tortfeasor shall not be required to pay an amount in"

On motion of Rep. Muscarello, Jr., the amendments were adopted.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 436—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT AND EDMONSTON

AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Article 2315.12, relative to recovery of damages for unauthorized aliens; to provide a definition; to prohibit award of certain damages for unauthorized aliens in an automobile accident; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 439—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES HEBERT, BAMBURG, BERAULT, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HENRY, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:218(C), relative to contingency fees; to provide for a limit on contingency fees an attorney may charge; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Original House Bill No. 439 by Representative Hebert

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "(C)" and before the comma "," delete "and (D)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "(C)" and before "hereby" delete "and (D) are" and insert "is"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 10, change "C." to "C.(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 13 and 14 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(2) In a delictual action, if the fee charged by an attorney is contingent, the contingency fee percentage shall be considered discoverable. A nondisclosure agreement that prohibits or prevents the disclosure of the contingency fee percentage shall be considered null and unenforceable to the extent that it prohibits or prevents the disclosure of the contingency fee percentage.

(3) An officer of the court with knowledge of an attorney who has violated the provisions of this Subsection shall file"

On motion of Rep. Muscarello, Jr., the amendments were adopted.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 449—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARLSON, BAMBURG, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DEWITT, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, TURNER, WILDER, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:218(C), relative to fees collected by attorneys; to require an attorney to disclose his interest with the court in certain circumstances; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Original House Bill No. 449 by Representative Carlson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, after "attorney" and before "can" insert a comma "," and insert "other than the attorney of record,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 15, after the comma "," and before "the" insert "other than a fee for legal services provided for in the case,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 17 and 18 in their entirety and on page 2, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(3) Information required to be disclosed to the court pursuant to this Subsection shall be considered discoverable. A nondisclosure agreement that prohibits or prevents the disclosures required pursuant to this Subsection shall be considered null and unenforceable to the extent that it prohibits or prevents the disclosure of the information required to be disclosed.

(4) An officer of the court with knowledge of an attorney who has violated the provisions of this Subsection shall file a complaint against the attorney for the violation with the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board."

On motion of Rep. Muscarello, Jr., the amendments were adopted.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 508—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:27.2(A) through (D), relative to the Port of New Orleans; to provide for a parking fee exemption for Louisiana service-connected disabled veterans at the Port of New Orleans cruise terminals; to establish identification and residency requirements applicable to the parking fee exemption at the cruise terminals for the Port of New Orleans; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 509—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:563(18) through (23), 581.1, and 581.2, relative to alternative hair design and natural hair braiding; to provide for definitions; to define unregulated services and establish natural hair braiding as an unregulated service; to provide for state preemption; to provide for alternative hair design certification; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 517—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(F), relative to the tobacco tax; to levy an additional tax on vapor products and electronic cigarettes; to provide for the basis to which the tax is calculated; to provide with respect to the application of the tax on vapor products and electronic cigarettes in the inventory of certain retail and wholesale dealers; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 517 by Representative Brass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 3, after "after" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety, delete line 4 in its entirety, and at the beginning of line 5, delete "1, 2025." and insert "January 1, 2026."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 6, after "hand" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and at the beginning of line 7, delete "1," and insert " as of December 31,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 7, after "filed by" and before the period "." delete "August 1, 2025" and insert "February 1, 2026"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, at the end of line 10, delete "July 1, 2025." and insert "January 1, 2026."

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 523—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:306(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 47:337.2(B)(3)(e), 337.18(A)(3), 337.23(C)(1)(a)(ii), and 340(G)(6)(d), relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for the compensation of certain dealers for the accounting for and remittance of taxes levied by taxing authorities; to provide for the amount of compensation; to authorize vendor's compensation as an item on certain electronic tax returns; to provide for limitations; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 523 by Representative Romero

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 2, after "To" and before "enact" insert "amend and reenact R.S. 47:306(A)(3) and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "levied by" and before "taxing" delete "certain local"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete line 9 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 47:306(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:337.2(B)(3)(e), 337.18(A)(3), 337.23(C)(1)(a)(ii), and"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

"§306. Returns and payment of tax; penalty for absorption

A.

\* \* \*

(3)(a) For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the tax levied by this Chapter, each dealer shall be allowed ~~one and five eighty-four~~ hundredths of one percent of the amount of tax due and accounted for and remitted to the secretary in the form of a deduction in submitting his report and paying the amount due by him, provided the amount of any credit claimed for taxes already paid to a wholesaler shall not be deducted in computing the commission allowed the dealer ~~hereunder~~ pursuant to this Paragraph. The aggregate state compensation for a dealer who operates one or more business locations within Louisiana shall not exceed seven hundred fifty dollars per calendar month. This compensation shall be allowed only if the payment of the dealer is timely paid and the return is timely filed. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the calculation of this deduction shall be based only on the taxes levied pursuant to R.S. 47:302, 321, 331, and R.S. 51:1286. There shall be no compensation for the taxes accounted for and remitted pursuant to R.S. 47:321.1 or any other sales tax levied by the state.~~

(b) Municipalities are hereby authorized to pay compensation to their sales tax dealers in any amounts designated by the governing body of the municipality."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 4 through 10 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(3) For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the tax levied by a local ordinance, including a municipal ordinance, each dealer shall be allowed compensation at the rate of eighty-four hundredths of one percent of the amount of tax due and accounted for and remitted to the collector in the form of a deduction in submitting his report and paying the amount due by him. The amount of any credit claimed for taxes already paid to a wholesaler, as authorized by Subsection B of this Section, shall not be deducted in computing the compensation allowed the dealer pursuant to this Paragraph. The aggregate local compensation for a

dealer who operates one or more business locations within the parish shall not exceed seven hundred fifty dollars per calendar month. This compensation shall be allowed only if the payment of the dealer is timely paid and the return is timely filed."

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 524—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212.1(N)(3) and (P)(3), relative to qualified group purchasing organizations; to provide relative to fire and public safety departments agreements with group purchasing organizations; to expand the definition of "qualified group purchasing organization"; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 567—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:112.2(A), 248(B)(1)(a), 287.732, 287.732.1, 287.732.2(A)(1), and 1675(F)(1) and to repeal R.S. 39:2(15.1)(a) through (c), (k), (v), (x), and (y) and R.S. 47:1675(G), relative to income tax; to provide with respect to corporate taxation; to provide for credits, deductions, exclusions, and exemptions applicable to corporation income tax; to provide for tax treatment of entities taxed as an S corporations for federal income tax purposes; to provide for credits granted or allocated to S corporations; to repeal the S corporation exclusion; to provide for tax treatment of qualified Subchapter S subsidiaries; to provide for the calculation and utilization of certain S corporation carry-forward and carry-back amounts; to provide for the application of certain income tax credits; to provide for filing of composite returns; to provide with respect to the mobile workforce employer exemption; to provide relative to tax credits classified as incentive expenditures; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 567 by Representative Bacala

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, line 25, after "B.(1) S corporation" and before the period ":" delete "Requirements" and insert "requirements"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, at the beginning of line 15, after "(2)" and before "S corporation" delete "Characterization."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, line 19, after "Tax" and before the period ":" delete "Credits" and insert "credits"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, line 6, after "S corporation" and before "and" insert a comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, delete line 7 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"shareholder, shall be determined as of the later of the date the stock is acquired, the"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 6, line 19, after "adjustments to" and before "basis" insert "the"

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 578—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To amend R.S. 47:301(3)(a), (4)(k)(i), (10), (13)(a), (16)(d), (18)(a) and (c)(i), and (27)(x)(ix), 301.1(F), 301.3(7)(a) and (10)(a), 305.2(A)(5), 305.6(1) and (5), 305.7(A)(2), 305.12(D), 305.33, 305.36(A), (B), and (C)(1), 305.75(A), 321(A), 321.1(A), (B), and (C)(2), and 331(A) and (B) and R.S. 51:1286(A), to enact R.S. 47:301.3(11), 305(E)(4) and (L), 305.14, 305.21, 305.22, and 305.64, and to repeal R.S. 47:301.6(B) and (C) and 337.11.4, relative to sales and use tax; to provide with respect to exemptions from sales and use taxes levied by taxing authorities; to exempt certain services from sales and use tax; to provide for the exemption for schools and educational materials; to provide for the exemption for certain intergovernmental transactions; to provide for exemptions for certain nonprofit organizations; to provide for the exemption for software and digital products for certain healthcare facilities; to provide for an exemption for certain sickle cell disease organizations; to provide for the exemption for transactions involving certain motor vehicles; to provide for an exemption for qualifying radiation therapy treatment centers; to provide with respect to the levies of certain taxes; to provide for taxes levied on certain telecommunication and ancillary services; to provide for the amount of sales and use taxes dedicated to tourism; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations and requirements; to authorize the refund of certain sales and use taxes under certain circumstances; to provide for applicability, to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 578 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, delete "(27)(x)(xi)," and insert "(27)(x)(ix)."

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## AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 4, after "305.7(A)(2)," and before "305.33" insert "305.12(D),"

## AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "305.14," and before "305.21," delete "305.18,"

## AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the beginning of line 7, after "47:301.6(B) and (C)" and before "and 337.11.4," delete the comma "," and delete "305.36(E),"

## AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 10, after "schools and" and before "materials;" delete "education" and insert "educational"

## AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 12, after "organizations;" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and at the beginning of line 13, delete "inducements;" and insert the following:

"to provide for the exemption for software and digital products for certain healthcare facilities;"

## AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, at the beginning of line 5, delete "(27)(x)(xi)," and insert "(27)(x)(ix),"

## AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, at the beginning of line 6, insert "305.12(D),"

## AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, at the beginning of line 8, after "305.14," and before "305.21," delete "305.18,"

## AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 9, at the end of line 20, delete "Subparagraph." and insert "Paragraph."

## AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 11, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

"§305.12. Exemptions; software and digital products; business use; healthcare use

\* \* \*

D. The sales and use tax imposed by taxing authorities shall not apply to computer software or prewritten computer software access services, information services, or digital products that are used by licensed healthcare facilities and providers for storing or transmitting healthcare information or for the diagnosis or treatment of a medical condition.

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## AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 12, delete lines 21 through 29 in their entirety, delete page 13 in its entirety, and on page 14, delete lines 1 through 4 in their entirety

## AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 14, line 22, after "taxing" and before "when" delete "authorities" and insert "authority"

## AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 23, line 1, after "R.S. 47:301.6(B) and (C)" and before "and 337.11.4" delete the comma "," and delete "305.36(E),"

## AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 23, at the end of line 12, delete "(27)(x)(xi)," and insert "(27)(x)(ix),"

## AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 23, line 14, after "(18)(a) and (c)(i)," and before "301.1(F)," delete "(27)(x)(xi)," and insert "(27)(x)(ix),"

## AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 23, line 17, after "(18)(a) and (c)(i)," and before "301.1(F)," delete "(27)(x)(xi)," and insert "(27)(x)(ix),"

On motion of Rep. Emerson, 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. 620—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:475, relative to traffic congestion in neighborhoods surrounding certain schools in Shreveport, Louisiana; to require the Caddo Parish School Board implement proposed solutions for Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Gardens Elementary schools; to require the solutions be safe and cost effective; to require the comprehensive solutions align with the goal of promoting public safety; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 620 by Representative Phelps

## AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "implement" and before "proposed" delete "the"

## AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "Elementary" change "Schools" to "schools"

## AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page, 1, line 6, after "safety;" and before "and" insert "to provide an effective date;"

## AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 6, after "Babylon" and before the period "." change "Street" to "Road"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

- "(j) Wright Street.
- (k) McArthur Drive.
- (l) Turner Lane.
- (m) Bernard Boulevard.
- (n) Cornelious Lane.
- (o) Creswell Road.
- (p) Eden Boulevard.
- (q) Gideon Street.
- (r) Grant Berry Place.
- (s) Harris Street.
- (t) Matthew Place.
- (u) Rebecca Street."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, at the end of line 14, change "Schools" to "schools"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, at the end of line 22, change "Schools" to "schools"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, at the beginning of line 23, change "(2)" to "(2)(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, at the beginning of line 26, change "(3)" to "(b)"

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

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

**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 bill was ordered passed to its third reading.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider House and House Concurrent Resolutions Lying Over at this time.

**House and House Concurrent Resolutions Lying Over**

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

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment was discharged from further consideration of House Resolution No. 36.

**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.

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**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**

**SIGNED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 23, 2025

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

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the President of the Senate has signed the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

and ask the Speaker of the House of Representatives to affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,  
YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

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

**Message from the Senate**

**SENATE BILLS**

April 23, 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. 4, 10, 11, 17, 20, 26, 50, 73, 104, 137, 145 and 168

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. 4—**  
BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1470, relative to campaign advertising; to prohibit certain kinds of political advertising on public property; to authorize campaign signs on school athletic facilities and gymnasiums if paid for by the political candidate or campaign; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 10—**  
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1042(D)(2), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners; to provide for qualifications of board members; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 11—**  
BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:71(B)(2), relative to the operation of a motor vehicle on the right side of the road; to provide for fines for certain offenses; to include secondary and tertiary level offenses; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 17—**  
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 40:2018.7(G), relative to the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council; to repeal the termination

date of the council; to provide for effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 20—**  
BY SENATOR WHEAT

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the legislature; to provide for the consideration of certain legislative instruments during regular sessions convened in odd-numbered years; to provide with respect to legislation regarding taxes or fees; to provide for legislation to dedicate or rededicate funds; to provide for the number of legislative instruments that may be prefiled during regular sessions convened in odd-numbered years; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 26—**  
BY SENATORS BOUDREAU AND EDMONDS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:436.3.1, relative to diabetes information; to provide for development of certain type 1 diabetes information; to provide for distribution of the information to parents and legal guardians of students; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 50—**  
BY SENATOR LUNEAU  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:335.4(C), relative to the Central Louisiana Regional Port; to provide for requirements relative to the issuance of bonds; to remove certain parameters; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 73—**  
BY SENATOR REESE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:1105(D), relative to carbon sequestration; to provide for the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the commissioner of conservation; to provide for public hearings, and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 104—**  
BY SENATOR PRICE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:1057(B)(24) and (30), (C)(1), (D)(4), and (H) and to repeal R.S. 51:1057(B)(13), (14), (17), (23), (25), and (29), relative to the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Council; to provide for membership of the council; to provide for meetings of the council; to provide for submission of an implementation plan; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 137—**  
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:1276, relative to certain notices provided to the Department of Insurance; to require insurers to notify the Department of Insurance when ceasing, pausing, or resuming the writing of policies in a particular region; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for penalties; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 145—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 41:1706(C) and R.S. 49:214.30(I), relative to the issuance of permits for construction in certain water bodies in St. Tammany Parish; to prohibit the issuance of Class B Permits and coastal use permits for certain construction; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 168—**  
BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:136(A)(1)(d) and Civil Code Art. 3501.2, relative to mineral leases granted by the state as lessor; to provide relative to the right to collect certain sums payable to the state in a mineral lease; to provide relative to bonuses, rentals, royalties, and shut-in payments; to provide relative to liberative prescription; to provide relative to certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment**

April 23, 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. 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.

**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.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

A RESOLUTION

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

A RESOLUTION

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 42—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

A RESOLUTION

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

A RESOLUTION

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

**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.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN

A RESOLUTION

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

A RESOLUTION

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

**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.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 51—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER  
A RESOLUTION

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 58—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON  
A RESOLUTION

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL  
A RESOLUTION

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Retirement to meet on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23: and to add the adoption of the report to House Study Resolution No. 4 of the 2025 Regular Session to their agenda.

House Bill No. 8

**Leave of Absence**

Rep. Carpenter - 1 day

Rep. Tarver - 2 days

Rep. Walters - 2 days

**Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 6:04 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 1:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 1:00 P.M., Thursday, April 24, 2025.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House

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