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

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

The House of Representatives was called to order at 1:19 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	Egan	McMahan
Adams	Emerson	McMakin
Amedee	Farnum	Melerine
Bacala	Firment	Mena
Bagley	Fisher	Miller
Bamburg	Fontenot	Moore
Bayham	Freeman	Muscarello
Beaulieu	Freiberg	Newell
Berault	Gadberry	Orgeron
Billings	Galle	Owen
Bourriaque	Geymann	Phelps
Boyd	Glorioso	Riser
Boyer	Green	Romero
Brass	Hebert	Schamerhorn
Braud	Henry	Schlegel
Brown	Hilferty	Spell
Bryant	Horton	St. Blanc
Butler	Hughes	Stagni
Carlson	Illg	Tarver
Carpenter	Jackson	Taylor
Carrier	Johnson, M.	Thomas
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Thompson
Carter, W.	Jordan	Turner
Carver	Kerner	Ventrella
Chassion	Knox	Villio
Chenevert	LaCombe	Walters
Coates	LaFleur	Wilder
Cox	Landry, J.	Wiley
Crews	Landry, M.	Willard
Deshotel	Larvadain	Wright
Dewitt	Lyons	Wyble
Dickerson	MacK	Young

Domangue	Marcelle	Zeringue
Echols	McCormick	
Edmonston	McFarland	
Total - 103		

The Speaker Pro Tempore announced that there were 103 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rev. Darren Sophus of Zion Hill Christian Fellowship Church in New Iberia.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Riser 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. Amedee, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Amedee, the Journal of May 13, 2025, was adopted.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Thomas, the rules were suspended in order to allow the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to meet while the House was in session.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

May 14, 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. 155—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS
A RESOLUTION

To commend Viola Ford Fletcher, the oldest living survivor of the 1921 Tulsa race massacre, on the occasion of her one hundred-eleventh birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 156—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG
A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Literacy Day at the state capitol and to recognize The Center for Literacy & Learning for its leadership in advancing literacy statewide.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 157—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT
A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 14, 2025, as Apraxia Awareness Day at the state capitol.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 158—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 15, 2025, as Necrotizing Enterocolitis Awareness Day in the state of Louisiana.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 159—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Zachary High School boys' and girls' basketball teams on their outstanding seasons.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 160—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND DAVIS
A RESOLUTION

To designate May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month in Louisiana.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Louisiana Community Tennis Association Day and May 2025 as National Tennis Month.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 162—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD
A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 14, 2025, as Louisiana Links Day at the Capitol and to commend The Links, Incorporated, and its seven chapters in Louisiana for their dedicated service and lasting contributions to the state and its citizens.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 165—

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Loranger High School Wolfettes Dance Team on winning Varsity - Intermediate Division II - Hip Hop at the 2025 Universal Dance Association National Dance Team Championship.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHANIE HILFERTY
Chairwoman

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

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

May 14, 2025

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

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

The following House Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Jackie and Melvin Harvey, Jr., on being named Tree Farmers of the Year for their commitment and dedication to practicing sustainable forestry.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHANIE HILFERTY
Chairwoman

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

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

May 14, 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 Bills have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE BILL NO. 532—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER
AN ACT

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

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHANIE HILFERTY
Chairwoman

The above House Bills contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken to the Senate by the Clerk and were signed by the President of the Senate and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Governor for executive approval.

Privileged Report of the Legislative Bureau

May 14, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Legislative Bureau to submit the following report:

Senate Bill No. 156
Reported with amendments.

Senate Bill No. 168
Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

DODIE HORTON
Chair

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:

Speaker DeVillier in the Chair

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 166—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LACOMBE AND JORDAN
A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana native John Foster on being named a finalist for the 2025 American Idol title.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 167—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request each public postsecondary education institution to adopt policies and procedures to combat antisemitism on campuses and to report related data to the Board of Regents.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 168—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To commend Robert Francis Prevost on his ascension to leadership of the Catholic Church as Pope Leo XIV.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 169—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the observance of April 24, 2025, as Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 170—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jeffery Scott Tageant for his contributions as an educator, mentor, and baseball coach at Franklinton High School.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 171—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Karl Carpenter on the occasion of his retirement as principal of Pineville High School.

Read by title.

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

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. 163—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Firefighters' Retirement System to form a committee to study the cost and feasibility of merging members of the Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the City of New Orleans hired after a certain date into the Firefighters' Retirement System.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 164—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To create a study committee to study the feasibility of providing office space for members of the House of Representatives in the state capitol or other state buildings.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to change the recommended age for breast cancer screening for beginning of mammograms to thirty years old.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, through the office of transformation and in collaboration with deputy directors, to conduct a thorough evaluation and provide recommendations on district alignments, maintenance facilities, and laboratory operations to consider establishing a district construction engineer role reporting to the district administrator to strengthen project oversight; to direct the office of transformation to focus on facilitating continued project delivery during the transition period; and to express support for organizational and operational reforms necessary to ensure the effective and timely delivery of infrastructure projects.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To encourage school principals to provide for the display of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Bill of Rights in conjunction with America250, the celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions Lying Over

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to modify the H-2A nonimmigrant visa program to address the untenable increases in wage rates resulting from the United States Department of Labor's policies that create an undue and unsustainable financial burden on Louisiana farmers, who rely on an affordable, readily available H-2A workforce.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—

BY SENATOR STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Peggy Feehan, Executive Director of CODOFIL on being awarded the Order of Academic Palms by the French Republic.

Read by title.

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

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. 15—

BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 14:130.1(A) and 134(A) and to enact R.S. 14:130.1(A)(6) and (B)(6) and (7), relative to criminal interference with federal immigration enforcement activities; to provide relative to the crimes of obstruction of justice and malfeasance in office; to prohibit interference by public and private actors with immigration enforcement and other official governmental acts; 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. 28—

BY SENATOR TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6044, relative to income tax credits; to establish an income tax credit program for expenses related to fortifying a roof; to provide for definitions; to provide for the amount of the credit; to provide for an annual cap; to provide for the administration of the cap; to provide for an application process, certification, and administration of the credit; to provide for application of the credits; to provide for the recovery and recapture of credits; to authorize the promulgation of rules; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; 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. 34—

BY SENATORS LUNEAU AND BARROW

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1923(2)(q), relative to fraudulent insurance acts; to provide that amending or altering the original adjuster's or appraiser's repair estimate without the documented permission of the adjuster is a fraudulent insurance act; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 44—

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6006(B), 6006.1(D)(1), and 6043(B)(1) and (D), and R.S. 47:6006.1(C) as amended and reenacted by Section 1 of Act 6 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary

Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to income tax credits; to provide relative to the application of tax credits on a tax return; to provide for the carryforward of tax credits; 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 58—

BY SENATORS CONNICK, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CLOUD, FESI, FOIL, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MCMATH, MILLER, MIZELL, MYERS, SELTERS, STINE AND WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:541(25)(o) and to enact R.S. 14:81.7 and R.S. 15:541(25)(p), relative to sexual offenses affecting minors; to create the crime of child grooming; to provide for the elements of the offense; to provide for penalties; to define child grooming as a sex offense; 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. 61—

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1508, 1509, and 1510, relative to the use of credit information in underwriting or rating of certain personal insurance policies; to require an insurer to provide a consumer with the credit information obtained by the insurer; to provide for adverse action notification; to require review of an insurer's scoring system; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 63—

BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:361.1, relative to municipal powers; to provide relative to a privilege to municipalities to collect unpaid sewage disposal and water system service charges or user fees charged to a multifamily residential property; to provide relative to privileges and liens; to provide relative to master meter service agreements; to provide relative to the enforcement of a privilege by municipalities on unpaid sewage disposal or water system charges or fees; to provide relative to written demand; to provide relative to delivery and application of payment; to provide relative to sworn detailed statements; to provide relative to ranking and perfection of a privilege by municipalities; to provide relative to notice; to provide relative to filing a privilege by municipalities into the public records; to provide relative to third parties; to provide relative to certain terms, conditions, and procedures; 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 69—

BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:645(B), 3000(G), and 3004(A)(2) and to enact R.S. 56:645(C), relative to hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation Escrow Account; to provide for combination hunting and

fishing licenses; to provide for eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 81—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:355(C) and (D)(1), relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide for transparency and parental access to school-related instructional materials in public schools; to provide parental in-person access to certain printed instructional materials free-of-charge; to provide parental access to certain online instructional materials free-of-charge; to allow local school boards to develop policies for in-person viewing of certain academic tests or assessments; to require each local school board to submit certain rules and policies to the state Department of Education with respect to parental access to instructional materials; to provide for reports to the legislature; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 112—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

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 tax; to authorize compensation for certain dealers and remote sellers for the collection and remittance of taxes; to provide compensation in the form of a deduction against taxes due; to authorize compensation at the rate or percentage as specified in law; to require the inclusion of compensation as a deduction on certain returns; 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 120—
BY SENATOR SELDERS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(B)(2)(e), relative to admissions by emergency certificate; to provide for information included in emergency certificates; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE BILL NO. 123—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6302, relative to income tax credits for donations to public schools; to authorize a credit for donations to certain public schools; to provide for an amount of the credit; to provide for the use of donations by certain schools; to provide for a receipt issued by certain public schools for the donation; to provide for the granting of the credit; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to provide an annual credit cap for the program; 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 153—
BY SENATOR SELDERS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1107(A)(5) and (F), 1116(B)(3) and (C), 2707(A)(3) and 2724(B) and R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(c) and to enact R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(d), relative to behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana medical assistance program; to provide for limited licenses for certain individuals to provide CPST services; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE BILL NO. 159—
BY SENATOR CATHEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:297.18(B)(2) and (I), relative to the individual income tax exemption for digital nomads; to expand the taxable periods to which the exemption applies; to extend the sunset 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 165—
BY SENATOR MILLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1109.11, 1109.12(A), 1109.13, 1109.16(A), and 1109.17, relative to the River Parishes Juvenile Justice District; to provide relative to the jurisdiction of the River Parishes Juvenile Justice District; to provide relative to the addition of Lafourche Parish to the district; to provide relative to the board of commissioners of the district; to provide relative to the composition, administration and domicile of the board; 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. 191—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1496(J), relative to the St. George Fire Protection District; to provide relative to the composition of the board of commissioners; to provide relative to appointments by the St. George City Council; to provide relative to the term of office of commissioners; 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 204—
BY SENATOR CARTER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.27(D)(1)(b) and to enact R.S. 33:2740.27(D)(1)(f), relative to the Algiers Development District; to provide relative to the composition of the board of commissioners of the district; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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. 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.

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 Engrossed House Bill No. 2 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 7, delete line 50 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Total	\$11,000,000 \$ 5,000,000 <u>\$16,000,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 8, delete line 4 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Total	\$10,000,000 \$ 5,000,000 <u>\$15,000,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 21, delete lines 39 and 40 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$34,152,600 \$ 1,000,000 <u>\$41,975,086"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 35, delete lines 29 and 30 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Revenues Total	\$ 5,000,000 <u>\$27,900,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 35, delete lines 37 and 38 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Revenues Total	\$ 6,000,000 <u>\$13,881,882"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 35, delete line 49 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 1 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 1,215,647 \$ 1,700,000 <u>\$ 2,915,647"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 41, delete line 42 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$13,450,000 \$ 575,000 <u>\$14,025,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 44, delete line 41 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 9,900,000 \$ 588,000 <u>\$10,488,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 48, delete line 19 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 4,900,000 \$ 500,000 <u>\$ 5,400,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 53, delete line 45 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 1 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 1,000,000 \$ 500,000 <u>\$ 1,500,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 54, delete lines 31 and 32 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 9,200,000 \$ 1,000,000 <u>\$11,200,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 54, delete line 37 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 3,800,000 \$ 400,000 <u>\$ 4,200,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 56, delete line 27 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 565,000 <u>\$ 200,000</u> <u>\$ 765,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 58, delete lines 23 and 24 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 2,000,000 <u>\$ 2,650,000</u> <u>\$ 5,150,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 60, delete lines 26 and 27 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 4,700,000 <u>\$ 500,000</u> <u>\$ 8,599,865"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 61, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

"(574139) Lake Farm to Verot School Road Extension, Planning and Construction (Lafayette) Payable from the balance of the Capital Outlay Savings Fund previously allocated under the authority of Act 465 of 2023 for Lafayette Parish, Isaac Verot Coulee - Main Channel Hardening, Planning and Construction (Lafayette)	\$ 1,000,000
Payable from the balance of State General Fund (Direct) previously allocated under the authority of Act 465 of 2023 for Lafayette Parish, E Broussard Roundabout, Planning and Construction (Lafayette)	\$ 1,000,000
Payable from the balance of State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues previously allocated under the authority of Act 465 of 2023 for Lafayette Parish, Cue Road Extension, Planning and Construction (Lafayette) Total	<u>\$ 500,000</u> <u>\$ 2,500,000"</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 63, delete line 16 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 3,560,000 <u>\$ 500,000</u> <u>\$ 4,060,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 66, delete line 4 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 3,250,000 <u>\$ 500,000</u> <u>\$ 3,750,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 71, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"(575904) Hollywood/Valhi Roundabout, Planning and Construction (Terrebonne) Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues	 <u>\$ 710,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 75, delete lines 12 and 13 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from the balance of State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues previously allocated under the authority of Act 465 of 2023 for Broussard, Highway 90 Service Road, Planning and Construction (Lafayette) Total	\$ 4,216,000 <u>\$ 810,000</u> <u>\$ 5,416,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 75, delete line 30 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 6,000,000 <u>\$ 3,000,000</u> <u>\$ 9,000,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 82, delete line 14 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 7,955,000 <u>\$ 600,000</u> <u>\$ 8,555,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 82, delete line 31 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 850,000 <u>\$ 350,000</u> <u>\$ 1,200,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 82, delete lines 38 and 39 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 750,000 \$ 250,000 <u>\$ 1,500,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 83, delete lines 28 and 29 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Payable from the Capital Outlay Savings Fund Total	\$15,000,000 \$ 2,000,000 \$ 1,500,000 <u>\$20,000,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 85, delete line 13 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 1,000,000 \$ 250,000 <u>\$ 1,250,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 85, after line 40, insert the following:

"(575831) Robertson Lift Station Improvements,
Planning and Construction
(Webster)
Payable from State General Fund
(Direct) Non-Recurring
Revenues
\$ 865,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 86, delete line 7 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 1 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 1,030,000 \$ 770,000 <u>\$ 1,800,000"</u>
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(575597) River Pump Station Water Treatment Plant,
Planning and Construction
(Ouachita)
Payable from State General Fund
(Direct) Non-Recurring
Revenues
\$ 300,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 86, delete line 41 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 1,000,000 \$ 350,000 <u>\$ 1,350,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 87, delete lines 41 and 42 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from the balance of State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues previously allocated under the authority of Act 465 of 2023 for Orleans Parish Communications District, Orleans Parish Communications District Expansion Project, Planning and Construction (Orleans) Total	\$26,000,000 \$ 5,000,000 <u>\$38,123,868"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 88, delete lines 8 and 9 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Revenues Total	\$ 1,910,000 <u>\$15,842,697"</u>
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Provided, however, that \$110,000 of the State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues appropriation shall be used to fund the George W. Carver Playground Renovations project."

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 89, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

"50/ML9 OAK GROVE
(575657) Water System Line Repairs,
Planning and Construction
(West Carroll)
Payable from State General Fund
(Direct) Non-Recurring
Revenues
\$ 540,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 89, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

"50/MM8 PARKS
(574129) Water System Improvements,
Planning and Construction
(St. Martin)
Payable from State General Fund
(Direct) Non-Recurring
Revenues
\$ 300,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 34

On page 93, delete line 5 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues Total	\$ 2,500,000 \$ 1,200,000 <u>\$ 3,700,000"</u>
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AMENDMENT NO. 35

On page 94, delete lines 45 through 48 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 (574965) Choctaw Gravel Road into an Asphalt Road,	\$ 1,350,000
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Planning and Construction
(St. Landry)
Payable from State General Fund
(Direct) Non-Recurring
Revenues \$ 350,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 36

On page 96, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

"(575276) North 3rd Street Improvements,
Planning and Construction
(Ouachita)
Payable from State General Fund
(Direct) Non-Recurring
Revenues \$ 250,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 37

On page 96, delete line 29 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 \$ 3,300,000
Payable from the balance of
State General Fund (Direct)
Non-Recurring Revenues
previously allocated under the
authority of Act 776 of 2024
that supplemented Act 465
of 2023 for Black Bayou Lake
Control Structure & Canal
to Bayou DeSiard,
Planning and Construction
(Ouachita) \$ 1,700,000
Total \$ 5,000,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 38

On page 98, delete lines 38 and 39 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 \$12,945,515
Payable from the balance of
State General Fund (Direct)
Non-Recurring Revenues
previously allocated under the
authority of Act 465 of 2023
for Youngsville, New Fire
Station,
Planning and Construction
(Lafayette) and Act 465 of
2023 for Youngsville, Highway
92/Prescott Boulevard Roundabout,
Design,
Planning, and Construction
(Lafayette) \$ 1,000,000
Total \$23,134,243"

AMENDMENT NO. 39

On page 102, delete line 9 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 \$46,500,000
Payable from the balance of
State General Fund (Direct)
previously allocated under the
authority of Act 465 of 2023 for
Lafayette Parish, Parish Governmental
Complex, Jail, New Design,
Planning, and Construction
(Lafayette) \$ 8,750,000

Payable from the balance of
the Capital Outlay Savings

Fund previously allocated under the
authority of Act 465 of 2023 for
Lafayette Parish, Parish Governmental
Complex, Jail, New Design,
Planning, and Construction
(Lafayette) \$ 8,750,000
Total \$64,000,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 40

On page 116, delete line 41 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Priority 5 \$ 1,640,000
Payable from State General Fund
(Direct) Non-Recurring
Revenues \$ 200,000
Total \$ 1,840,000

50/R45 ST. JOHN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

(576072) Station 2 Building,
Planning and Construction
(Lafourche)
Payable from State General Fund
(Direct) Non-Recurring
Revenues \$ 300,000"

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.

Motion

On motion of Rep. McFarland, House Bill No. 2 was made Special Order of the Day No. 2 for May 15, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 77—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TURNER, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, FREIBERG, HORTON, ILLG, KERNER, MACK, SCHLEGEL, AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5002(A), (E)(1) and (3), and (G), 5025(introductory paragraph), 5029(B)(3)(b)(iii) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 5041(introductory paragraph), (1)(c), and (4), and 5043(1) and to enact R.S. 17:5002(I) and 5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e), and (D), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to create a new program award level; to provide a definition of tuition for certain program purposes; to revise academic initial eligibility criteria for a TOPS-Tech award; to provide for qualification for a TOPS-Tech award based on the attainment of certain early college credits; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Engrossed House Bill No. 77 by Representative Turner

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 3, delete "paragraph) and (D)(2)," and insert "R.S. 17:5002(A), (E)(1) and (3), and (G), 5025(introductory paragraph),"

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 5, delete "17:5024(A)(1)(e) and (B)(1)(e)," and insert "17:5002(I) and 5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e), and (D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, delete "to revise program award amounts;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 7, after "for" and before "to" delete "program purposes;" and insert "certain program purposes; to revise academic initial eligibility criteria for a TOPS-Tech award; to provide for qualification for a TOPS-Tech award based on the attainment of certain early college credits;"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 10, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 11, delete "paragraph and (D)(2)," and insert "R.S. 17:5002(A), (E)(1) and (3), and (G), 5025(introductory paragraph),"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 13, after "reenacted and" delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 17:5002(I) and 5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e), and (D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, at the beginning of line 15, change "A.(1)" to "A."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 1, at the beginning of line 17, delete "(2)" and delete lines 18 through 20 and delete pages 2 through 6 and on page 7, delete lines 1 through 9 and insert the following:

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AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 7, delete lines 16 through 18 and insert the following:

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AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 8, delete lines 16 through 21 and insert the following:

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AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 9, delete lines 24 through 28 and on page 10, delete lines 1 through 13 and insert the following:

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I.(1) Any student who is eligible for an Excellence Award pursuant to this Chapter and who has enrolled in any public college or university in this state, shall be awarded by the state either an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the tuition charged by the public college or university or twelve thousand dollars, whichever is less.

(2) For purposes of this Subsection, "tuition" means the annual resident tuition and fees charged by the institution as reported in the Board of Regents annual mandatory tuition and fees survey."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 10, after line 30, insert the following:

"D.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a student who is otherwise eligible for a TOPS-Tech award pursuant to this Chapter shall qualify for the award if he meets at least two of the following requirements as determined by the administering agency:

(a) Attainment of a minimum grade point average on the core curriculum as provided in Subsection A of this Section.

(b) Attainment of a minimum ACT score as provided in Subsection B of this Section or R.S. 17:5029(B)(3), as applicable.

(c) Successful completion of either at least nine credit hours of early college credit, which may be attained through academic or technical dual enrollment courses, or equivalent validated skills and learning measures as approved by the Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council.

(2) The provisions of this Subsection are applicable to students enrolling in an eligible college or university as first-time freshmen during or after the 2025-2026 academic year."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 11, delete lines 7 through 28 and on page 12, delete lines 1 through 3

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 12, at the beginning of line 23, delete "beginning with the 2025-2026 award year."

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 85—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1730.23(K), relative to permits for construction; to provide for the enforcement of building codes by municipalities and parishes; to provide for roofing and reroofing permits and inspections; 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. 85 by Representative Gadberry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 19 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. 126—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, FREIBERG, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, LAFLEUR, MARCELLE, OWEN, ROMERO, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to state funding for parish councils on aging; to modify the funding

formula for determining annual state funding for each such council; to provide for distribution of such funding; to provide minimum amounts to be appropriated for such funding; to provide for applicability; to provide for an 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. 126 by Representative Lyons

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 14 through 20 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 2.(A) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective when an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

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

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. 188— BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.2(B)(13) and to repeal R.S. 47:305.2(A)(4), relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for exemptions from sales and use taxes imposed by certain taxing authorities; to authorize a local sales and use tax exemption for certain adaptive driving equipment and motor vehicle modifications; 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. 193— BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1184(A)(2), relative to suits by prisoners; to provide for the procedure for suits by prisoners; to provide for the dismissal of suits by prisoners; to provide relative to peremptory exceptions; 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. 199— BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1186(A) and (B)(1) and 1188(B)(2), relative to civil claims of prisoners; to provide relative for proceeding in forma pauperis; to provide for procedural requirements; 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. 199 by Representative Edmonston

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 19, after "account" and before "shall" insert "statement"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 2, after "submit" delete the remainder of the line, and delete lines 3 through 7 in their entirety and insert the following:

"an affidavit of the prisoner's present assets and any supporting documentation pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Article 5183(A)(1)."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 12, after "fee" and before "twenty" delete "of" and insert the following:

"calculated as follows:

(a) For partial filing fees based on a trust account or institutional equivalent, the fee shall be"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, between lines 15 and 16 insert the following:

"(b) For partial filing fees based on a prisoner's present assets, the fee shall be determined based on the fee schedule in Code of Civil Procedure Article 5181."

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. 257— BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC AN ACT

To enact R.S. 45:1206, relative to receivership of water or wastewater companies; to provide for definitions; to provide for a bond; to provide for orders by the court; to provide for the dissolution of a receivership; to provide for a transition and operational plan; 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. 257 by Representative St. Blanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "receivership;" insert "to provide for a transition and operational plan;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 6, delete "administrative orders" and insert in lieu thereof "enforceable orders, judgments, or actions"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 13 through 15 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(3) The receiver, if a private person, shall execute a bond to ensure the proper performance of the receiver's duties in an amount to be set by the court. The court may waive the bond upon a showing of just cause. If the receiver is a local governmental subdivision, no bond shall be required."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 20, change "and" to "or"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, at the end of line 21, insert "Nothing herein shall prohibit a receiver from purchasing the company put in receivership."

C. Within ninety days of appointment, the receiver shall submit to the commission and publish in a manner accessible to the affected customers a transition and operational plan. This plan shall include all of the following:

- (1) Measures to restore or maintain service.
- (2) Financial assessments and projected costs.
- (3) Customer service provisions.
- (4) An anticipated timeline for resolution or return of control to the original operator or transfer to a new operator."

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. 271—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, KNOX, AND MANDIE LANDRY
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Sections 20(A)(1) and 21(K)(1) and (O)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem tax; to provide for the amount of the homestead exemption; to increase the amount of the homestead exemption; to provide for implementation; to provide for an effective date; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; 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 Engrossed House Bill No. 271 by Representative Willard

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, delete line 26 in its entirety and insert "increase the maximum amount of the homestead exemption up to twelve thousand five hundred dollars from the existing seven thousand five"

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 300—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem taxation; to provide for assessment of property for ad valorem tax purposes; to provide with respect to the special assessment level; to provide with respect to the income limit associated with qualifying for the special assessment level; to provide for an effective date; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; 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. 300 by Representative Mack

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "Constitution of" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 3 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 6, delete "eliminate an" and insert "provide with respect to the"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

Delete page 2 in its entirety and insert the following:

"(ii) Any person or persons shall be prohibited from receiving the special assessment as provided in this Section if such person's or persons' adjusted gross income, as reported in the federal tax return for the year prior to the application for the special assessment, exceeds one hundred fifty thousand dollars. For persons applying for the special assessment whose filing status is married filing separately, the adjusted gross income for purposes of this Section shall be determined by combining the adjusted gross income on both federal tax returns. Beginning for the tax year ~~2026~~ 2028 and for each tax year thereafter, the one hundred fifty thousand dollar limit shall be

adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Government. Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, a decrease in the total amount of ad valorem tax collected by a taxing authority as a result of the special assessment level shall be absorbed by the taxing authority and shall not create any additional tax liability for other taxpayers in the taxing district as a result of any subsequent reappraisal and valuation or millage adjustment. Implementation of the special assessment level shall neither trigger nor be cause for a reappraisal of property or an adjustment of millages pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 23(B) of this constitution.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, at the beginning of line 1, delete "Section 3." and insert "Section 2."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, at the beginning of line 4, delete "Section 4." and insert "Section 3."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, at the beginning of line 7, delete "Section 5." and insert "Section 4."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete lines 11 through 16 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Do you support an amendment to increase the maximum amount of income a person may receive and still qualify for the special assessment level for residential property receiving the homestead exemption? (Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii))"

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 Civil Law and Procedure.

HOUSE BILL NO. 305—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 45:1206, relative to the regulation of certain broadband services; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain internet services; to provide for oversight from the Public Service Commission; to provide for rulemaking authority; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported by substitute by the Committee on Commerce.

The substitute was read by title as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 689 (Substitute for House Bill No. 305 by Representative Deshotel)—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:2370.13, 2370.15, 2370.32(B), 2370.41, and 2370.51 and to enact Subpart E of Part VI-C of Chapter 39 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2370.61, relative to the regulation of certain broadband services; to provide for administration fees; to provide for reimbursement of grantees; to provide for grants; to provide for the oversight and

enforcement authority of the office of broadband development and connectivity; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Deshotel, the substitute was adopted and became House Bill No. 689 by Rep. Deshotel, on behalf of the Committee on Commerce, as a substitute for House Bill No. 305 by Rep. Deshotel.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 325—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(A)(2), relative to tobacco taxes; to provide with respect to the rate of the tax levied on certain cigars; to provide for application of the tax on certain cigars 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. 325 by Representative Bryant

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 15 through 17 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(2)(a) Upon ~~Until~~ January 1, 2026, upon cigars invoiced by the manufacturer at more than one hundred twenty dollars per thousand, a tax of twenty percent of the invoice price as defined in this Chapter.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, upon cigars invoiced by the manufacturer at more than one hundred twenty dollars per thousand, a tax of fifty cents per cigar.

(c) Beginning January 1, 2028, and thereafter, upon cigars invoiced by the manufacturer at more than one hundred twenty dollars per thousand, a tax of twenty percent of the invoice price as defined in this Chapter."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 20, delete "July 1, 2025," and on page 2, delete line 1 in its entirety and at the beginning of line 2, delete "wholesale dealers prior to July 1, 2025." and insert "January 1, 2026."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the end of line 3, after "hand" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and at the beginning of line 4, delete "1," and insert "as of December 31,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 4, after "by" and before the period "." delete "August 1, 2025" and insert "February 1, 2026"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, at the end of line 7, 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. 368—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 5 of Code Title XII of Code Book III of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:3591.1 through 3591.6, relative to consumer-directed earned wage access services; to provide definitions; to require and prohibit certain acts of providers of earned wage access services; to provide for statutory compliance and applicability; to provide for annual reporting of earned wage access services data; 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. 368 by Representative St. Blanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "3591.5" to "3591.6"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "applicability;" and before "and", insert "to provide for annual reporting of earned wage access services data;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, change "3591.5" to "3591.6"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 20, change "in connection with" to "solely attributable to"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, line 25, change "credit or credit score" to "credit score from a credit report"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 6, after line 17, add the following:

"§3591.6. Fee reporting; consumer protection

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, a provider that charges a fee for the provision of earned wage access services, including transaction fees, membership fees, or any other form of compensation, shall submit an annual report to the Office of Financial Institutions. The report shall include the following information for the preceding calendar year:

(1) The total number of Louisiana consumers served.

(2) A description of each type of fee charged and the average amount charged per transaction or per user.

(3) The number and total value of wage access transactions processed.

(4) The number and nature of consumer complaints received and the resolution status of each complaint.

(5) A statement affirming compliance with the requirement to offer a no-cost option for access to proceeds.

B. The Office of Financial Institutions shall make this data available to the public in aggregated form in an annual report assessing the impact of earned wage access services in the state."

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. 383—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6006(A)(3), relative to income tax; to provide with respect to tax credits; to provide for the claiming by certain filers of the tax credit for local inventory taxes paid; to extend the period in which certain corporate taxpayers may claim the credit; to provide for credit amounts available to those taxpayers; to provide for termination of the credit for those filers; 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. 383 by Representative Brass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "claiming" delete the remainder of the line and insert "by certain filers of the tax credit for local"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 17, after "July 1," and before the period "." delete "2036" and insert "2028"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 6, after "July 1," and before "the amount" delete "2028," and insert "2026,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 9 through 16 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(i) For taxable periods beginning on or after July 1, 2026, and ending before July 1, 2027, fifty percent.

(ii) For taxable periods beginning on or after July 1, 2027, and ending before July 1, 2028, seventy-five percent."

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. 392—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.12(11) and 1749.13(B)(1) and (E)(1) and (7) and to enact R.S. 40:1749.13(B)(6), relative to the Louisiana Underground and Utilities and Facilities Damage and Prevention Law; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure of excavations and demolitions; to require certain training; to provide relative to conflict in large project excavations; 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. 392 by Representative St. Blanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 and 3 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.12(11) and 1749.13(B)(1) and (E)(1) and (7) and to enact R.S. 40:1749.13(B)(6), relative to the Louisiana Underground and Utilities and Facilities"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 8 and 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 40:1749.12(11) and 1749.13(B)(1) and (E)(1) and (7) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1749.13(B)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 14 through 16 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(11) "Large project excavation or demolition" means excavation or demolition activity within a contiguous area that cannot reasonably be completed within the requirements of R.S. 40:1749.13(B)(2).

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 8, after "mark-by-time," and before "the excavator" insert "not counting weekends and holidays."

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. 402—

BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX, NEWELL, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and 297.26, relative to income tax; to authorize an income tax deduction for veterans with certain service-connected disabilities; 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.

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. 402 by Representative Knox

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, "enact" and before "relative" delete "R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and (xxviii), 297.26, and 297.27," and insert "R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and 297.26,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 3 in its entirety and at the beginning of line 4, delete "or older;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 10, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and insert "R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and 297.26 are hereby"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 4 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(xxvii) The deduction for veterans with certain service-connected disabilities as provided for in R.S. 47:297.26."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 6 through 19 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, at the beginning of line 20, delete "§297.27." and insert "§297.26."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, at the beginning of line 8, delete "Seniors and"

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. 433—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 51:2316, relative to special funds; to establish the Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in the Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund; to provide for the powers and duties of the state treasurer; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of Louisiana Economic Development; to provide an 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. 433 by Representative Deshotel

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 6, after "duties of" and before "Louisiana" insert "the secretary of"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 14 through 19 in their entirety and on page 2 delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety and insert the following:

"B.(1) After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section (9)(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the treasurer shall deposit into the fund any money transferred or appropriated by the legislature. The treasurer shall also deposit into the fund any grants, donations, gifts, or other monies which may become available."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the end of line 10, delete "projects." and insert "purposes."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, on line 11, after "Act," and before "Louisiana" insert "the secretary of"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 16 through 19 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, at the beginning on line 20, delete "Section 3." and insert "Section 2."

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. 500—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:337.51(A)(1), 337.102(D), 1401, 1402(A) and (D)(1), and 1403(A)(3), (4), and (5) and (B)(6)(c) and to enact R.S. 47:337.51.1, relative to the administration and adjudication of tax disputes; to provide for certain notice requirements related to assessments; to authorize the mediation of certain disputes; to provide for requirements and limitations related to mediation agreements; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board; to provide for the issuance of policy advice; to provide for requests for private letter rulings from the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board; to provide for certain reviews by the Board of Tax Appeals; to provide for the qualifications, appointments, and terms of members of the Board of Tax Appeals; to provide for the responsibilities of judges on the Board of Tax Appeals; to provide for effectiveness; 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 Engrossed House Bill No. 500 by Representative Beaulieu

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 12, after "Appeals;" and before "and to" insert "to provide for effectiveness;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, delete lines 3 through 16 in their entirety and insert the following:

"D.(1)(a) On or before August 1, 2014, the governor shall appoint one member to a term expiring February 1, 2020, from a list of qualified nominees provided by the nominating committee established pursuant to this Subsection. The successor to that member shall be appointed to a term expiring January 1, 2026. Any subsequent appointments pursuant to this Subsection Subparagraph shall be for either a fixed term of six years from the date of expiration of the expired term or for the remainder of an unexpired term. An appointment pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection Subparagraph shall be made within ninety days of written notice of the nomination.

(b) On or before the September first following the effective date of the Act that originated as House Bill No. 500 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, the governor shall appoint from a list of qualified nominees provided by the nominating committee established pursuant to this Subsection one member to a term expiring the second February first after his appointment. The successor to that member shall be appointed to a term expiring the third January first following his appointment. Any subsequent appointments pursuant to this Subparagraph shall be for either a fixed term of six years from the date of expiration of the expired term or for the remainder of an unexpired term. An appointment pursuant to the provisions of this Subparagraph shall be made within ninety days of written notice of the nomination."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, after line 21, insert the following:

"Section 2.(A) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective when an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

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

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 507—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 47 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2771, relative to the High Impact Jobs Program; to establish the program; to provide

relative to qualification for and administration of the program; to provide relative to the powers and duties of Louisiana Economic Development and its secretary; to provide relative to special treasury funds; to provide relative to the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain special treasury funds; to provide for an 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 Engrossed House Bill No. 507 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 4, after "determined" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and at the beginning of line 5, delete "twenty-five cents per hour regularly worked." and insert "by rule."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 10, after "(11)" and before "Secretary" insert the following:

"Regional average wage" means the average wage within the geographic boundaries of the regional economic development organization in which the project is located, as calculated by LED and posted on its website.

(12)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, at the beginning of line 11, delete "(12)" and insert "(13)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 23, after "of the" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and insert "lesser of the parish average wage or the regional average wage."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, delete lines 5 through 7 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(a)(i) If the proposed project is located in a distressed area and the company will pay wages on new jobs created equal to or greater than one hundred ten percent of the lesser of the parish average wage or the regional average wage.

(ii) If the proposed project is located outside of a distressed area and the company will pay wages on new jobs created equal to or greater than one hundred twenty-five percent of the parish average wage."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, line 17, after "nor can" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and insert "the company be receiving a benefit from the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program, established pursuant to R.S. 51:2451 et seq."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 6, delete lines 3 through 9 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(a) If corporate income tax collections for the fiscal year are one billion dollars or less, the treasurer shall deposit ten percent of all such collections into the fund.

(b) If corporate income tax collections for the fiscal year exceed one billion dollars, the treasurer shall deposit one hundred twenty-five million dollars from such collections into the fund."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, line 16, after "Section 2." and before "The provisions" insert the following:

"Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, deposits into the High Impact Job Fund shall be calculated using corporate income and franchise tax collections for any fiscal year in which corporate franchise taxes are collected.

Section 3."

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 513—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To enact Part II-A of Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:3530.1 through 3530.7 and to repeal R.S. 6:661.1(A)(2), relative to the Louisiana Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; to provide for definitions; to provide for consumer loans; to provide for the calculation of interest; to provide for the payment of loans; to provide for loan agreements; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for powers of the commissioner; to repeal certain criteria for credit unions; 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. 520—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND STAGNI

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:337.9(D)(36) and 463.8(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:305.21, relative to taxes and fees; to provide for sales tax exemptions; to establish a state and local sales and use tax exemption for certain antique motor vehicles; to provide with respect to fees for certain antique motor vehicle license plates; to provide for definitions; 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.

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. 520 by Representative Illg

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 18, after "at least" and before "years" delete "twenty-five" and insert "thirty-five"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 19, insert "For purposes of this Subsection, "used for commercial purposes" shall not include use within this state in the production of a motion picture."

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. 594—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:831(A)(1), 832(A)(2) and (3), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph), (6)(introductory paragraph), and (7)(a)(introductory paragraph), 833(B)(2), 855(A)(2), 2058(A)(3)(a)(iv), and 2092(B), to enact R.S. 22:831(A)(3) and 833(F), and to repeal R.S. 22:601.16(4) and 832(D) through (F) and Chapter 26 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:1921 through 1935, relative to insurance premium taxes; to provide for insurance premium tax rates; to provide for credits and other tax preferences applicable to insurance premium tax liability; to repeal the tax credit for retaliatory taxes paid by certain domestic insurers; to repeal the Louisiana Capital Companies Tax Credit Program; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; 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 Engrossed House Bill No. 594 by Representative Henry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 22:831(A)(1)," delete the remainder of the line and delete line 3 in its entirety and at the beginning of line 4 delete "842(A)(3)," and insert the following:

"832(A)(2) and (3), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph), (6)(introductory paragraph), and (7)(a)(introductory paragraph), 833(B)(2), 855(A)(2), 2058(A)(3)(a)(iv), and 2092(B), to enact R.S. 22:831(A)(3) and 833(F),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 13 through 15 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 22:831(A)(1), 832(A)(2) and (3), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph), (6)(introductory paragraph), and (7)(a)(introductory paragraph), 833(B)(2), 855(A)(2), 2058(A)(3)(a)(iv), and 2092(B) are hereby amended and reenacted

and R.S. 22:831(A)(3) and 833(F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 6, after "rate of" and before "tenths" delete "one and six" and insert "two and four"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 11 through 18 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(3)(a) Subject to the limitation provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, beginning July 1, 2027, and each July first thereafter, if the sum of the actual premium tax and retaliatory tax collections for the preceding taxable period exceeds two hundred sixty-eight million dollars, the insurance premium tax rate provided for in this Section for the current taxable period shall be reduced by an amount equal to two tenths of one percent. The reduced rate shall be effective January first of the current taxable period. When the provisions of this Paragraph require a reduction in the insurance premium tax rate, the commissioner of insurance shall publish notice of the reduced rate on the Department of Insurance website.

(b) If the insurance premium tax rate is reduced to one percent, there shall be no further reductions to the rate."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

"(2) The amount of tax credit the tax reduction granted shall be as provided in Subsection B of this Section and based on the average of the percentage of qualifying Louisiana investments held at the end of each fiscal quarter for the fiscal year."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section. For purposes of businesses issuing policies, contracts, or other forms of obligations covering the risk of fire, marine, transportation, surety, fidelity, indemnity, guaranty, workers' compensation, employers' liability, property damages, livestock, vehicle, automatic sprinkler, burglary, or insurance of any other kind whatsoever in this state not otherwise provided for in this Part, the tax reduction provided for in this Section shall be applied against the tax levied pursuant to R.S. 22:831 and shall only be granted when the qualifying Louisiana investment is made by a business that meets all of the following criteria:"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, at the beginning of line 4, delete "(i)" and insert "(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

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

AMENDMENT NO. 9

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

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, delete lines 11 through 14 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

"B.(1) If one-sixth of the total admitted assets of the payer are in qualifying Louisiana investments, then the tax payable shall be thirty-three and one-third percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part; if at least one-fifth of the total admitted assets of the payer are in qualifying Louisiana investments, then the tax payable shall be twenty-five percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part; if at least one-fourth of the total admitted assets of the payer are in qualifying Louisiana investments, the tax payable shall be fifteen percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part; and if at least one-third of the total admitted assets of the payer are in qualifying Louisiana investments, then the tax payable shall be five percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part.

(2) For businesses that qualify for the tax reduction provided for in Paragraph (A)(3) of this Section, the rate of the tax on gross annual written premiums imposed by R.S. 22:831(A) shall be reduced as follows:

(a) If one-sixth of the total admitted assets of the payer are in qualifying Louisiana investments, then the tax payable shall be:

(i) Thirty-three and one-third percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for taxable periods prior to January 1, 2026.

(ii) Forty-seven percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

(iii) Fifty-three percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027.

(iv) Sixty percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2028, and ending December 31, 2028.

(v) Sixty-seven percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2029, and ending December 31, 2029.

(vi) Seventy-three percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2030, and ending December 31, 2030.

(vii) Eighty percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2031, and ending December 31, 2031.

(viii) Eighty-seven percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2032, and ending December 31, 2032.

(ix) Ninety-three percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2033, and ending December 31, 2033.

(b) If at least one-fifth of the total admitted assets of the payer are in qualifying Louisiana investments, then the tax payable shall be:

(i) Twenty-five percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for taxable periods prior to January 1, 2026.

(ii) Forty percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

(iii) Forty-eight percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027.

(iv) Fifty-five percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2028, and ending December 31, 2028.

(v) Sixty-three percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2029, and ending December 31, 2029.

(vi) Seventy percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2030, and ending December 31, 2030.

(vii) Seventy-eight percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2031, and ending December 31, 2031.

(viii) Eighty-five percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2032, and ending December 31, 2032.

(ix) Ninety-three percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2033, and ending December 31, 2033.

(c) If at least one-fourth of the total admitted assets of the payer are in qualifying Louisiana investments, then the tax payable shall be:

(i) Fifteen percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for taxable periods prior to January 1, 2026.

(ii) Thirty-two percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

(iii) Forty-one percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027.

(iv) Forty-nine percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2028, and ending December 31, 2028.

(v) Fifty-eight percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2029, and ending December 31, 2029.

(vi) Sixty-six percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2030, and ending December 31, 2030.

(vii) Seventy-five percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2031, and ending December 31, 2031.

(viii) Eighty-three percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2032, and ending December 31, 2032.

(ix) Ninety-two percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2033, and ending December 31, 2033.

(d) If at least one-third of the total admitted assets of the payer are in qualifying Louisiana investments, then the tax payable shall be:

(i) Five percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for taxable periods prior to January 1, 2026.

(ii) Twenty-four percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

(iii) Thirty-four percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027.

(iv) Forty-three percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2028, and ending December 31, 2028.

(v) Fifty-three percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2029, and ending December 31, 2029.

(vi) Sixty-two percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2030, and ending December 31, 2030.

(vii) Seventy-two percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2031, and ending December 31, 2031.

(viii) Eighty-one percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2032, and ending December 31, 2032.

(ix) Ninety-one percent of the amount otherwise fixed in this Part for the taxable period beginning January 1, 2033, and ending December 31, 2033.

(e) Beginning January 1, 2034, there shall be no credit granted or rate reduction allowed pursuant to the provisions of this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 3, delete lines 18 through 25 in their entirety and insert the following:

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AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 4, delete lines 1 through 20 in their entirety and insert the following:

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AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 4, delete lines 24 through 29 in their entirety and on page 5, delete lines 1 through 16 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 7, delete lines 23 through 29 in their entirety and on page 8, delete lines 1 through 16 in their entirety

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 606—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.2(B)(13) and (14) and 337.9(D)(1.2) and to repeal R.S. 47:305.2(A)(1) and (5), relative to sales and use tax; to provide for mandatory local sales and use tax exemptions; to establish a local sales and use tax exemption for drugs prescribed by physicians, dentists, and other persons with prescriptive authority; to establish a local sales and use tax

exemption for prescription and nonprescription insulin; to provide for applicability; 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. 653—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS AND MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6023(B)(1), (3), (5), and (9), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph), (c), and (d), (3)(a), and (4)(a)(iii), (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (b) through (e), (3), and (4), (E)(1), (F), and (I), relative to tax credits; to provide with respect to the sound recording investor tax credit; to provide for definitions; to provide for administration of the tax credit program by the office of cultural development; to provide for credit amounts; to provide for requirements and limitations; to extend the period in which investors may apply for the tax credit; to authorize promulgation of emergency rules; to provide for applicability; 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. 653 by Representative Davis

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" and before "relative to" delete "R.S. 47:6023(I)," and insert the following:

"R.S. 47:6023(B)(1), (3), (5), and (9), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph), (c), and (d), (3)(a), and (4)(a)(iii), (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (b) through (e), (3), and (4), (E)(1), (F), and (I),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "tax credit;" and before "to extend" insert the following:

"to provide for definitions; to provide for administration of the tax credit program by the office of cultural development; to provide for credit amounts; to provide for requirements and limitations;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, after "credit;" and before "to provide for applicability" insert "to authorize promulgation of emergency rules;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete line 7 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 47:6023(B)(1), (3), (5), and (9), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph), (c), and (d), (3)(a), and (4)(a)(iii), (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (b) through (e), (3), and (4), (E)(1), (F), and (I) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

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

"B. Definitions. For the purposes of this Section:

(1) "Base investment" shall mean the actual investment made and expended in the state by a state-certified production as production-related costs and QMC payroll expenditures for Qualified Music Companies approved by the office of cultural development, and the secretary on or after July 1, 2017. Expenditures comprising the base investment shall not include the expenditure verification report fee paid by the sound recording production company for purposes of verification of the company's cost report for production expenditures.

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(3) "New jobs" means full-time employment in Louisiana of an average of thirty hours or more per week, filled by Louisiana residents at the project site designated in the contract, who were not previously on the QMC's payroll in Louisiana, nor previously on the payroll of such QMC's parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate in Louisiana, or previously on the payroll of any business whose physical location and employees are substantially the same as those of the QMC in Louisiana, as approved by the secretary.

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(5) "QMC payroll" means wages reported in box 1 on a W-2 form and compensation reported on a 1099-MISC or 1099-NEC form.

* * *

(9) "State-certified production" means a sound recording production, or a series of productions, including but not limited to master and demonstration recordings, occurring over the course of a twelve-month period, and base investment related to such production or productions that are approved by Louisiana Economic Development the office of cultural development within one hundred eighty days of the receipt by Louisiana Economic Development the office of a complete application for initial certification of a production. If the production is not approved within one hundred eighty days, Louisiana Economic Development shall the office of cultural development may provide a written report to the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and the House Committee on Ways and Means which states the reason that the production has not been approved.

C. Investor tax credit; state-certified productions.

(1) There is hereby authorized a credit against the state income tax for investments made in state-certified productions. The tax credit shall be earned by investors at the time that expenditures are certified by Louisiana Economic Development the office of cultural development according to the total base investment certified for the sound recording production company per calendar year; however, no credit shall be allowed under pursuant to this Section for any expenditures for which a credit was granted under pursuant to R.S. 47:6007, 6022, or 6034.

* * *

(c) Project-based production credit. For applications for state-certified productions received on or after July 1, 2017 2025, each investor shall be allowed a tax credit of eighteen twenty-five percent of the base investment made by that investor in excess of twenty-five ten thousand dollars. However, if the investor who is applying for the tax credit is a Louisiana resident and the sound recording project is a resident copyright as defined in Subsection B

of this Section, the eighteen twenty-five percent tax credit shall be allowed on base investments which exceed ten five thousand dollars.

(d) Company-based QMC payroll credit. For applications for Qualified Music Companies received on or after July 1, 2017, or for applications for Qualified Music Companies that have been submitted but that have not received final certification by July 1, 2019 2025, to the extent that base investment is expended on payroll for Louisiana residents in connection with a QMC, tax credits shall be earned at the following rates:

(i) Tier 1. A payroll credit of ten fifteen percent shall be earned for each new job whose QMC payroll is equal to or greater than thirty-five thousand dollars per year, up to sixty-six thousand dollars per year.

(ii) Tier 2. A payroll credit of fifteen twenty percent shall be earned for each new job whose QMC payroll is equal to or greater than sixty-six thousand dollars per year, but no greater than two hundred thousand dollars per year.

* * *

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, the aggregate amount of credits certified for all investors pursuant to this Section during any calendar year shall not exceed two million one hundred sixty thousand dollars. However, fifty percent of the aggregate amount of credits certified each year shall be reserved for QMCs. No more than one hundred thousand dollars in tax credits may be granted per project, per calendar year.

(a) An application for initial certification of a project shall be submitted to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development office of cultural development prior to the granting of the credit, and the granting of credits under in accordance with this Section shall be on a first-come, first-served basis. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall determine through the promulgation of rules the administration of the annual aggregate maximum. In addition, these rules shall be approved These rules shall be subject to oversight by the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

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(4)(a) Company-based QMC payroll credit. A business shall be eligible for participation in the program if the business meets all of the following criteria:

* * *

(iii) The business is approved by the secretary of Louisiana Economic Development office of cultural development.

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D. Certification and administration.

(1) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall determine through the adoption and promulgation of rules which expenditures qualify according to this Section. In addition, these rules shall be approved These rules shall be subject to oversight by the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. When determining which expenditures qualify, Louisiana Economic Development the secretary shall take consider the following factors into consideration:

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(2)(a) An applicant for the sound recording investor tax credit shall submit an application for initial certification to ~~Louisiana Economic Development~~ the office of cultural development that includes the following information:

* * *

(b) If the application is incomplete, additional information may be requested prior to further action by ~~Louisiana Economic Development~~ the office of cultural development.

(c)(i) ~~Louisiana Economic Development~~ shall ~~The office of cultural development may~~ directly engage and assign a certified public accountant to prepare an expenditure verification report on a sound recording production company's cost report of production expenditures. The applicant shall ~~may~~ be responsible for payment of the expenditure verification report fee ~~in accordance with R.S. 36:104.1,~~ and shall make all records related to the tax credit application available to the ~~department and the accountant~~ office of cultural development.

(ii) The applicant ~~will~~ may be assessed the ~~department's~~ actual cost for the expenditure verification report fee. ~~The maximum fee shall be as follows:~~

(aa) ~~One thousand five hundred dollars for verification of a cost report reflecting expenditures of at least ten thousand dollars but less than twenty-five thousand dollars.~~

(bb) ~~Three thousand dollars for verification of a cost report reflecting expenditures of at least twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars.~~

(cc) ~~Five thousand dollars for verification of a cost report reflecting expenditures of at least fifty thousand dollars, but less than one hundred thousand dollars.~~

(dd) ~~Seven thousand five hundred dollars for verification of a cost report reflecting expenditures of more than one hundred thousand dollars.~~

(iii) ~~At the time of application, the applicant may be required to submit a deposit in an amount up to fifty percent of the expenditure verification report fee required pursuant to the provisions of Item (ii) of this Subparagraph.~~

(d) ~~Louisiana Economic Development~~ ~~The office of cultural development~~ shall submit its initial certification of a project as a state-certified production to investors and to the secretary of the Department of Revenue. The initial certification shall include a unique identifying number for each state-certified production.

(e) Qualified Music Companies may submit one request for final certification of tax credits per calendar year and state-certified productions may request final certification of credits upon project completion by submitting to the ~~department~~ office of cultural development a cost report of production expenditures to be formatted in accordance with instructions of the ~~department~~ office. The applicant shall make all records related to the cost report available for inspection by the ~~office~~ department and the ~~accountant~~ selected by the department to prepare the expenditure verification report. ~~After review and investigation of the cost report, the accountant shall submit to the department an expenditure verification report. Sound recording investor tax credits shall be certified only upon the receipt and approval by the department office of an expenditure verification report submitted by a certified public accountant in accordance with this Subparagraph. The department office shall review the expenditure verification report, and for those expenditures found to be qualified the department shall issue a tax credit certification letter to the investors indicating the amount of tax credits certified for the state-certified production.~~

(3) The secretary of ~~Louisiana Economic Development~~ the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in consultation with the Department of Revenue and the Louisiana Music Commission, shall adopt and promulgate ~~such all~~ rules and regulations ~~as are~~ necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this Section ~~in accordance with the general guidelines provided herein.~~

(4) With input from the Legislative Fiscal Office, ~~Louisiana Economic Development~~ the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall prepare a written report to be submitted to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs no less than sixty days prior to the start of the ~~2027~~ Regular Session of the Legislature ~~in 2007,~~ and every second year thereafter. The report shall include the overall impact of the tax credits, the amount of the tax credits issued, the number of new jobs created, the amount of Louisiana payroll created, the economic impact of the tax credits and sound recording industry, and any other factors that describe the impact of the program.

E. Tax credit certification letter for Qualified Music Company credit and project-based production tax credit. (1) After certification, ~~Louisiana Economic Development~~ the office of cultural development shall submit the tax credit certification letter to the Department of Revenue on behalf of the QMC or the investor who earned the sound recording tax credits. The Department of Revenue may require the QMC or the investor to submit additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this Section. Upon receipt of the tax credit certification letter and any necessary additional information, the secretary of the Department of Revenue shall make payment to the QMC or the investor in the amount to which he is entitled from the current collections of the taxes collected pursuant to Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of this Title, as amended.

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F. Recapture of credits. If ~~Louisiana Economic Development~~ the office of cultural development finds that funds for which an investor received credits ~~according~~ pursuant to this Section are not invested in and expended with respect to a state-certified production within twenty-four months of the date that ~~such those~~ credits are earned, then the investor's state income tax for such taxable period shall be increased by ~~such~~ the amount necessary for the recapture of credit provided by this Section.

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AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

"Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism may promulgate rules for the initial implementation of the provisions of this Act through the emergency rulemaking procedure provided for in R.S. 49:962."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, at the beginning of line 12, delete "Section 2." and insert "Section 3."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 1, at the beginning of line 14, delete "Section 3." and insert "Section 4."

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. 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.

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. 656 by Representative Jordan

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, delete line 21 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Louisiana, twenty-five percent of the avails of the tax collected"

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. 687 (Substitute for House Bill No. 616 by Representative Wright)—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

AN ACT

To enact Subpart D of Part I of Chapter 1 of Title 34 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 34:51 through 57, relative to the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor roadway; to provide for the purposes of the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor roadway; to designate powers and duties to the board; to provide for the establishment, design, construction, and financing of the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor roadway; to authorize the use of public-private partnerships; to provide coordination with the Department of Transportation and Development and the Port of New Orleans; to establish supplemental powers and authority; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 688 (Substitute for House Bill No. 633 by Representative Braud)—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (i) and (ii), (2)(b) through (e), (3)(a) through (c), and (4) and (D) and to enact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(a)(xii) and (f) and (g), relative to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank; to change membership of the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East; to appoint the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as secretary of the nominating committee; to replace certain requirements of the regional directors, or in their absence, the presidents of the

boards of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank with the chair; to change timeframes for notification of unexpected and expected vacancies within the flood authorities, to reduce consecutive terms of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

Senate Instruments on Second Reading Returned from the Legislative Bureau

The following Senate Instruments on second reading, returned from the Legislative Bureau, were taken up and acted upon as follows:

SENATE BILL NO. 35—

BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 3 of Chapter 3 of Title IV of Book II of the Civil Code, to be comprised of Civil Code Arts. 689 through 696, to enact Chapter 3 of Code Title IV of Code Book II of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:1281 through 1289, and to repeal Civil Code Art. 696.1, relative to legal servitudes; to provide for rights of passage; to provide for enclosed estates; to provide for utility servitudes; to provide for constructions; to provide for location; to provide for compensation; to provide for indemnification; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 49—

BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Art. 1575, 1576, and 1581 and Code of Civil Procedure Art. 2891, to enact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 2887, and to repeal Civil Code Art. 1577 through 1580.1, relative to testaments; to provide for the requirements of form for olographic testaments; to provide for the requirements of form for notarial testaments; to eliminate special requirements for notarial testaments for persons who are unable to sign or read; to eliminate special law for the execution of a testament in braille; to eliminate special requirements for notarial testaments for persons who are deaf or deaf and blind; to provide for the competency of witnesses to testaments; to provide for proof of testaments for probate; to provide for retroactive application; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 67—

BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 2881, 2882, 2889, 2890, 2901, the heading of Chapter 5 of Title I of Book VI of the Code of Civil Procedure, and Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 5181(A) and 5186, relative to the continuous revision of successions and donations; to provide for ex parte probate; to provide for cross-references; to provide for proceeding without the prior payment of costs; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 93—

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Art. 1519.1, relative to penalty clauses; to provide for the enforceability of penalty clauses; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.

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

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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on third reading and final passage were taken up and acted upon as follows:

Speaker Pro Tempore Michael Johnson in the Chair

HOUSE BILL NO. 49—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BOYER, COX, FONTENOT, HORTON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, AND WILEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.4(B)(2), 573, and 574.2(D)(9)(a), R.S. 42:17(A)(10), and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(8) and to enact R.S. 14:81.5.1, R.S. 15:574.4.1(A)(3) and 574.12.1, and R.S.

42:17(A)(11), relative to records from certain hearings of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole; to create the crime of unlawful posting of certain hearings of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; to provide for a public records exception; to provide for disclosure procedures; to provide for a protective order; to provide relative to procedures and sessions before the Board of Pardons and committee on parole; to provide for an exception to open meetings; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Crews, the bill was returned to the calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 171—

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(A)(7), relative to the members of the committee on parole; to provide relative to the annual compensation of members; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Wilder, the bill was returned to the calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 177—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2623, relative to the Iberville Parish justice of the peace courts; to provide for the territorial jurisdiction of such courts; to provide relative to the election to the offices of justice of the peace and constable; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Brown moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Adams	Egan	McFarland
Amedee	Farnum	McMakin
Bacala	Firment	Mena
Bagley	Fisher	Moore
Bamburg	Fontenot	Muscarello
Beaullieu	Freeman	Newell
Berault	Freiberg	Orgeron
Billings	Gadberry	Owen
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Phelps
Boyd	Green	Riser
Boyer	Hebert	Romero
Braud	Henry	Schamerhorn
Brown	Hilferty	Schlegel
Bryant	Horton	Schlegel
Butler	Hughes	Spell
Carlson	Illg	St. Blanc
Carrier	Jackson	Stagni
Carter, R.	Johnson, M.	Tarver
Carter, W.	Johnson, T.	Taylor
Carver	Jordan	Thomas
Chassion	Kerner	Thompson
Chenevert	Knox	Turner
Coates	LaCombe	Ventrella
Cox	LaFleur	Villio
		Wilder

Deshotel	Landry, J.	Wiley
Dewitt	Landry, M.	Willard
Dickerson	Larvadain	Wright
Domangue	Lyons	Wyble
Echols	Mack	Zeringue
Edmonston	McCormick	
Total - 89		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. Speaker	Davis	McMahan
Bayham	Emerson	Melerine
Brass	Galle	Miller
Carpenter	Geymann	Walters
Crews	Marcelle	Young
Total - 15		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Brown moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 274—
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:1(B), 722(A)(1), 724(B)(3), 725(A), (B), (C)(1), (E), and (H), and 726(A) and R.S. 36:4(B)(7) and to repeal R.S. 36:4(B)(3), relative to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; to provide for transition to the Military Department; to provide for the employment, authority, and duties of the director; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Owen moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Egan	McMahan
Adams	Farnum	McMakin
Amedee	Firment	Mena
Bacala	Fisher	Moore
Bagley	Fontenot	Muscarello
Bamburg	Freeman	Newell
Bayham	Freiberg	Orgeron
Beaullieu	Gadberry	Owen
Berault	Galle	Phelps
Billings	Glorioso	Riser
Bourriaque	Green	Romero
Boyer	Hebert	Schamerhorn
Braud	Henry	Schlegel
Brown	Hilferty	Spell
Bryant	Horton	St. Blanc
Butler	Illg	Stagni
Carlson	Jackson	Tarver
Carrier	Johnson, M.	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Thomas
Carter, W.	Jordan	Thompson
Carver	Kerner	Turner
Chassion	Knox	Ventrella
Chenevert	LaCombe	Villio

Coates	LaFleur	Wilder
Cox	Landry, J.	Wiley
Deshotel	Landry, M.	Willard
Dewitt	Larvadain	Wright
Dickerson	Lyons	Wyble
Domangue	Mack	Zeringue
Echols	McCormick	
Edmonston	McFarland	
Total - 91		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Boyd	Emerson	Miller
Brass	Geymann	Walters
Carpenter	Hughes	Young
Crews	Marcelle	
Davis	Melerine	
Total - 13		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Owen moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Willard requested the House consent to record his vote on final passage of House Bill No. 274 as yea, which consent was unanimously granted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 362—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:742(11), relative to the functions, powers, and duties of the secretary of state; to provide that the secretary of state shall act as the chief protocol officer of the state; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Schamerhorn moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	Mack
Adams	Egan	McCormick
Amedee	Emerson	McFarland
Bacala	Farnum	McMahan
Bagley	Firment	McMakin
Bamburg	Fisher	Mena
Bayham	Fontenot	Muscarello
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Newell
Berault	Gadberry	Orgeron
Billings	Galle	Owen
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Riser
Boyd	Green	Romero
Boyer	Hebert	Schamerhorn
Brass	Henry	Schlegel
Braud	Hilferty	Spell
Brown	Horton	St. Blanc
Butler	Hughes	Stagni
Carlson	Illg	Tarver
Carrier	Jackson	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, M.	Thomas

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Carter, W.	Johnson, T.	Thompson
Carver	Jordan	Turner
Chassion	Kerner	Ventrella
Chenevert	Knox	Villio
Coates	LaCombe	Wilder
Cox	LaFleur	Wiley
Deshotel	Landry, J.	Wright
Dickerson	Landry, M.	Wyble
Domangue	Larvadain	Zeringue
Echols	Lyons	
Total - 89		

NAYS

Freeman	Phelps	Willard
Total - 3		

ABSENT

Bryant	Dewitt	Miller
Carpenter	Geymann	Moore
Crews	Marcelle	Walters
Davis	Melerine	Young
Total - 12		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Schamerhorn moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Freeman requested the House consent to correct her vote on final passage of House Bill No. 362 from yea to nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Phelps requested the House consent to correct her vote on final passage of House Bill No. 362 from yea to nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Willard requested the House consent to correct his vote on final passage of House Bill No. 362 from yea to nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 423—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:22 and 1743.1(A) and R.S. 51:413(B), relative to healthcare professionals; to require healthcare professionals to display evidence of proper licensure in person or in advertisements; to provide for sanctions for misrepresentation of licensure by a healthcare professional; to provide for enforceability; to make technical corrections; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. LaCombe, the bill was returned to the calendar.

Notice of Intention to Call

Pursuant to House Rule No. 8.20(A), Rep. LaCombe gave notice of his intention to call House Bill No. 423 from the calendar on Monday, May 19, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 425—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:66(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6) and 87.6 and to enact R.S. 14:66(A)(7), relative to abortion; to provide relative to the crime of coerced abortion; to provide relative to the elements of coerced abortion; to provide for circumstances that constitute coerced abortion; to provide for penalties; to provide for conduct that constitutes extortion; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Carlson moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McCormick
Adams	Egan	McFarland
Amedee	Emerson	McMahan
Bacala	Farnum	McMakin
Bagley	Firment	Moore
Bamburg	Fisher	Muscarello
Bayham	Fontenot	Orgeron
Beaulieu	Freiberg	Owen
Berault	Gadberry	Riser
Billings	Galle	Romero
Bourriague	Glorioso	Schamerhorn
Boyer	Green	Schlegel
Brass	Hebert	Spell
Braud	Henry	St. Blanc
Butler	Hilferty	Stagni
Carlson	Horton	Tarver
Carrier	Illg	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, M.	Thomas
Carver	Johnson, T.	Thompson
Chassion	Jordan	Turner
Chenevert	Kerner	Ventrella
Cox	Knox	Villio
Deshotel	LaCombe	Wiley
Dewitt	LaFleur	Wright
Dickerson	Landry, J.	Wyble
Domangue	Lyons	Zeringue
Echols	Mack	
Total - 80		

NAYS

Boyd	Landry, M.	Phelps
Freeman	Marcelle	Willard
Hughes	Mena	
Jackson	Newell	
Total - 10		

ABSENT

Brown	Crews	Miller
Bryant	Davis	Walters
Carpenter	Geymann	Wilder
Carter, W.	Larvadain	Young
Coates	Melerine	
Total - 14		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Carlson moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Boyd requested the House consent to correct her vote on final passage of House Bill No. 425 from yea to nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Freeman requested the House consent to correct her vote on final passage of House Bill No. 425 from yea to nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Hughes requested the House consent to record his vote on final passage of House Bill No. 425 as nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Jackson requested the House consent to record his vote on final passage of House Bill No. 425 as nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Mandie Landry requested the House consent to record her vote on final passage of House Bill No. 425 as nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Marcelle requested the House consent to record her vote on final passage of House Bill No. 425 as nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Mena requested the House consent to correct his vote on final passage of House Bill No. 425 from yea to nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Phelps requested the House consent to correct her vote on final passage of House Bill No. 425 from yea to nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Willard requested the House consent to record his vote on final passage of House Bill No. 425 as nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 454—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER
AN ACT

To enact Part V of Chapter 8 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:977.41 through 977.43, relative to Medicaid insurance coverage for doula services; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to require Medicaid coverage for maternity services provided by doulas; to provide for enrollment qualifications; to assign certain duties to the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill was returned to the calendar.

Notice of Intention to Call

Pursuant to House Rule No. 8.20(A), Rep. Miller gave notice of his intention to call House Bill No. 454 from the calendar on Monday, May 19, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 482—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:532.1(C)(4) and to enact R.S. 18:532(F), 532.1(C)(5), and 1922.2, relative to the review of local precinct and redistricting plans by the parish registrar of voters and clerk of court prior to adoption; to provide for consultation with a demographer; to provide for transmission of relevant data files; to provide for criteria for review; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Speaker DeVillier in the Chair

Rep. Thomas moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Amedee	Davis	Marcelle
Bryant	Geymann	Melerine
Carpenter	Hughes	Wiley
Total - 9		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Thomas moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on her own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 512—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:107.3(B) and to enact R.S. 14:107.3(I), relative to criminal blighting; to provide relative to culpability; to provide for duties of municipalities; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Phelps, the bill was returned to the calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 559—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 28:914(E), relative to human services districts and authorities; to require district and authority boards to report progress toward achieving statewide health goals; to task the Louisiana Department of Health with developing reporting standards; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Echols sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Echols to Engrossed House Bill No. 559 by Representative Echols

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 5 in their entirety and insert the following:

"To amend and reenact R.S. 28:914(D)(1) and 918(A) and to enact R.S. 28:914(E), relative to human services district and authority boards; to provide for the hiring of executive directors of the boards; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the boards; to provide for reporting of the actions of the boards; to provide for monitoring of the boards; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 7 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 28:914(D)(1) and 918(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 28:914(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 8 through 19 and page 2 in their entirety and insert the following:

"D. All district and authority boards shall adopt:

(1) A mission, vision, and policy for the operation of the district or authority. The board shall set policy as a body and shall employ an executive ~~director~~ director, subject to confirmation by the secretary

and the surgeon general, who shall be accountable to the board, as a body, for the implementation of the policies established by the board.

* * *

E.(1) Each district and authority board shall complete all of the following:

(a) Adopt consistent performance indicators to standardize reporting outcomes.

(b) Conduct an assessment evaluating insurance and Medicaid billing to insure optimum billing practices to support self-generated revenue. Each board shall report its findings to the department and make its findings publicly available online.

(c) Focus on primary care integration. Each board shall complete the Integration Practice Assessment Tool (IPAT), report its findings to the department, and make its findings publicly available online.

(d) Conduct annual patient satisfaction surveys, report its findings to the department, and make its findings publicly available online.

(e) Standardize processes and expand strategies to maximize financial viability to reduce reliance on state funding.

(f) Prepare an annual report summarizing a board's progress toward achieving statewide health goals as determined by the department.

(g) Hold an annual meeting to inform and educate elected individuals and their staffs on the work that the board is completing in its jurisdiction. Each board shall present at an annual meeting held at the state capitol. Each board shall prepare a presentation that includes, at a minimum, the information required by this Paragraph.

(2) The report required by Subparagraph (1)(e) of this Subsection shall include but not be limited to all of the following:

(a) An overview of programs and initiatives undertaken in the preceding year.

(b) Metrics indicating performance and outcomes relative to the statewide health goals including patient surveys.

(c) Identified challenges and barriers to progress.

(d) Plans for improvement or adjustment in the upcoming year.

(3)The department shall compile the reports required by this Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and prepare a statewide summary for submission to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare by February first of each year.

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§918. Louisiana Department of Health; responsibility and authority to contract; monitor; sanction

A. The ~~secretary, upon consultation with the human services districts and authorities,~~ secretary shall be responsible for policy, development, implementation, and monitoring of service provision of the statewide human services system to assure the appropriate and reasonable delivery of behavioral health, intellectual disability, and developmental disability services funded by appropriations from the state as well as any public health or other human services contracted to the district or authority by the department.

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On motion of Rep. Echols, the amendments were adopted.
Rep. Echols moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Egan	McMahan
Adams	Emerson	McMakin
Bacala	Farnum	Melerine
Bagley	Firment	Mena
Bamburg	Fisher	Miller
Bayham	Fontenot	Moore
Beaullieu	Freeman	Muscarello
Berault	Freiberg	Newell
Bourriaque	Gadberry	Orgeron
Boyd	Galle	Owen
Boyer	Glorioso	Riser
Brass	Green	Romero
Braud	Hebert	Schamerhorn
Brown	Henry	Schlegel
Bryant	Hilferty	Spell
Butler	Horton	St. Blanc
Carlson	Illg	Stagni
Carrier	Jackson	Tarver
Carter, R.	Johnson, M.	Taylor
Carter, W.	Johnson, T.	Thomas
Carver	Jordan	Thompson
Chassion	Kerner	Turner
Chenevert	Knox	Ventrella
Coates	LaCombe	Villio
Cox	LaFleur	Walters
Crews	Landry, J.	Wilder
Deshotel	Landry, M.	Wiley
Dewitt	Larvadain	Willard
Dickerson	Lyons	Wright
Domangue	Mack	Wyble
Echols	McCormick	Young
Edmonston	McFarland	Zeringue
Total - 96		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Amedee	Davis	Marcelle
Billings	Geymann	Phelps
Carpenter	Hughes	
Total - 8		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Echols moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 565—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.71(E) and 460.76.3, relative to the state medical assistance program; to provide for claim payment information; to provide for third-party liability; to require notification; to provide penalties; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Spell sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Spell to Engrossed House Bill No. 565 by Representative Spell

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 2, after "violate" and before "of" delete "Subsection I" and insert "the provisions"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 17, after "at" and before "minimum" delete "a"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 27, delete "are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, line 5, delete "engages" and insert "has engaged"

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

Rep. Spell moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Emerson	Melerine
Adams	Farnum	Mena
Bacala	Firment	Miller
Bagley	Fisher	Moore
Bamburg	Fontenot	Muscarello
Bayham	Freeman	Newell
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Orgeron
Berault	Gadberry	Owen
Billings	Galle	Phelps
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Riser
Boyd	Green	Romero
Boyer	Hebert	Schamerhorn
Brass	Henry	Schlegel
Braud	Hilferty	Spell
Brown	Horton	St. Blanc
Butler	Illg	Stagni
Carlson	Jackson	Tarver
Carrier	Johnson, M.	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Thomas
Carter, W.	Jordan	Thompson
Carver	Kerner	Turner
Chassion	Knox	Ventrella
Chenevert	LaCombe	Villio
Coates	LaFleur	Walters
Cox	Landry, J.	Wilder
Crews	Landry, M.	Wiley
Deshotel	Larvadain	Willard
Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Domangue	McCormick	Young
Echols	McFarland	Zeringue
Edmonston	McMahan	
Egan	McMakin	
Total - 97		

NAYS

Total - 0

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ABSENT

Amedee, Bryant, Carpenter, Davis, Geymann, Hughes, Marcelle, Total - 7

The Chair declared the above bill, having received a two-thirds vote of the elected members, was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Spell moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on her own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Willard requested the House consent to record his vote on final passage of House Bill No. 565 as yea, which consent was unanimously granted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 584—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:951(C) and (E) and to enact R.S. 15:827.3(A)(2)(d), relative to children; to provide relative to the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program; to provide relative to allocation of certain monies; to provide for administration of the program; to provide for an intermediary; to provide relative to the definition of "youth or youths"; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Lyons moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Dewitt, Dickerson, Domangue, Echols, Lyons, Mack, Marcelle, McCormick, Wright, Wyble, Young, Zeringue

Total - 99

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Amedee, Davis, Farnum, Geymann, Romero, Total - 5

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Lyons moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 595—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:977.24(A)(6), relative to Medicaid coverage; to provide for Medicaid coverage through the TEFRA option; to provide for eligibility; to provide for the treatment of a severe health condition; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Phelps moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker, Adams, Bacala, Bagley, Bamburg, Bayham, Beaulieu, Berault, Billings, Bourriaque, Boyd, Boyer, Brass, Braud, Butler, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, R., Carter, W., Carver, Chassion, Chenevert, Deshotel, Dewitt, Dickerson, Domangue, Echols, Fisher, Fontenot, Freeman, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, Hilferty, Horton, Illg, Jackson, Johnson, T., Jordan, Kerner, Knox, LaCombe, LaFleur, Landry, J., Landry, M., Larvadain, Lyons, McFarland, McMahan, McMakin, Mena, Moore, Muscarello, Newell, Orgeron, Phelps, Riser, Schlegel, Spell, St. Blanc, Stagni, Taylor, Thomas, Thompson, Turner, Ventrella, Villio, Walters, Willard, Wright, Young, Zeringue

Total - 75

NAYS

Crews, Edmonston, Firment, Galle, Johnson, M., McCormick, Owen, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Wilder, Total - 10

ABSENT

Amedee	Egan	Melerine
Brown	Emerson	Miller
Bryant	Farnum	Romero
Carlson	Geymann	Wiley
Coates	Hughes	Wyble
Cox	Mack	
Davis	Marcelle	
Total - 19		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Phelps moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on her own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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.

Rep. Fisher moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	Marcelle
Adams	Egan	McMahen
Bacala	Emerson	McMakin
Bagley	Firment	Melerine
Bamburg	Fisher	Mena
Bayham	Fontenot	Moore
Beaullieu	Freeman	Muscarello
Berault	Freiberg	Newell
Billings	Gadberry	Orgeron
Bourriaque	Galle	Owen
Boyd	Glorioso	Phelps
Boyer	Green	Riser
Brass	Hebert	Schamerhorn
Braud	Henry	Schlegel
Brown	Hilferty	Spell
Butler	Horton	St. Blanc
Carlson	Hughes	Stagni
Carpenter	Illg	Tarver
Carrier	Jackson	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, M.	Thomas
Carter, W.	Johnson, T.	Thompson
Carver	Jordan	Turner
Chassion	Kerner	Ventrella
Chenevert	Knox	Villio
Coates	LaCombe	Walters
Cox	LaFleur	Wilder
Crews	Landry, J.	Wiley
Deshotel	Landry, M.	Willard
Dewitt	Larvadain	Wyble
Dickerson	Lyons	Young
Domangue	Mack	Zeringue
Total - 93		

NAYS

McCormick
Total - 1

ABSENT

Amedee	Farnum	Romero
Bryant	Geymann	Wright
Davis	McFarland	
Echols	Miller	
Total - 10		

The Chair declared the above bill, having received a two-thirds vote of the elected members, was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Fisher moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 684 (Substitute for House Bill No. 237 by Representative Mack)—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7(5)(b)(i), 416.1(B)(3)(b), 416.21, 1944.1(A) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 1948(A) and (B), to enact R.S. 17:7.2(A)(10), 8.1(A)(8), and 1944.1(D)(1)(d), and to repeal R.S. 17:1948(C)(9) and (G), relative to the behavior of students with exceptionalities; to provide relative to the use of seclusion and seclusion rooms; to provide relative to the use of physical restraint; to provide for reporting and documentation; to require the installation of cameras in special education classrooms; to require teacher preparation programs include instruction on the use of seclusion and physical restraint of students with exceptionalities; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Mack sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Mack to Engrossed House Bill No. 684 by Representative Mack

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "R.S." and before "and" delete "17:1948(C)(9)" and insert "17:1948(C)(7) and (9)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, after "programs" and before "include" insert "to"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 15, line 9, after "authority" and before "shall" insert "~~of each public elementary and secondary school~~"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 16, line 1, after "R.S." and before "and" delete "17:1948(C)(9)" and insert "17:1948(C)(7) and (9)"

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

Rep. Mack sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Mack to Engrossed House Bill No. 684 by Representative Mack

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, after "exceptionalities;" and before "and" insert "to provide for effectiveness;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 12, after "416.21," and before "1944.1(A)" insert "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 13, after "(D)(1)(introductory paragraph)" and before "hereby" delete ", 1948(A) and (B) and" and insert "are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 9, at the beginning of line 11, after "(1)" and before "The" insert "(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 9, delete lines 12 and 13 and insert the following:

"shall notify the school principal and the director or supervisor of special education as soon as is practicable but no later than one hour following the release of the student, or the end of the same school day, whichever occurs first.

(b) The school employee who secluded or physically restrained the student or a school administrator shall notify the parent or legal guardian of the student via a phone call as soon as is practicable but no later than the end of the same school day."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 9, line 26, after "the" and before "The" delete "school day." and insert "next school day following the incident."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 9, line 27, after "the" and before "At" delete "following school day." and insert "next school day following receipt of the report."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 10, delete lines 25 through 27

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 11, at the beginning of line 1, delete "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 11, line 6, after "others," and before "his" insert "the special education teacher shall send prior written notice of the intention to call an Individualized Education Program team meeting to the student's parent or legal guardian, and at such meeting."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 15, between lines 6 and 7, insert "Section 2. R.S. 17:1948(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 16, at the beginning of line 1, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 16, at the beginning of line 2, change "Section 3." to "Section 4."

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 16, at the beginning of line 6, change "Section 4." to "Section 5."

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 16, after line 9, insert the following:

"Section 6.(A) This Section and Sections 1, 4, and 5 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2025.

(B) Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on February 1, 2026."

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

Rep. Mack moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Egan	McMahan
Adams	Emerson	McMakin
Bacala	Firment	Melerine
Bagley	Fisher	Mena
Bamburg	Fontenot	Miller
Bayham	Freeman	Moore
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Muscarello
Berault	Gadberry	Newell
Billings	Galle	Orgeron
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Owen
Boyd	Green	Phelps
Boyer	Hebert	Riser
Brass	Henry	Romero
Braud	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Brown	Horton	Schlegel
Butler	Hughes	Spell
Carlson	Illg	St. Blanc
Carpenter	Jackson	Stagni
Carrier	Johnson, M.	Tarver
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Taylor
Carter, W.	Jordan	Thomas
Carver	Kerner	Thompson
Chassion	Knox	Turner
Chenevert	LaCombe	Ventrella
Coates	LaFleur	Villio
Cox	Landry, J.	Walters
Crews	Landry, M.	Wilder
Deshotel	Larvadain	Wiley
Dewitt	Lyons	Willard
Dickerson	Mack	Wright
Domangue	Marcelle	Wyble
Echols	McCormick	Young
Edmonston	McFarland	Zeringue
Total - 99		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Amedee	Davis	Geymann
Bryant	Farnum	
Total - 5		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Mack moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 145—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:293(2)(a)(i), (b), and (c), relative to individual income tax; to provide for the construction code retrofitting income tax deduction; to provide for the amount of the deduction; to provide for costs eligible for the deduction; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Wilder moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Farnum	McMakin
Adams	Firment	Mena
Bacala	Fisher	Miller
Bagley	Fontenot	Moore
Bamburg	Freeman	Newell
Bayham	Freiberg	Orgeron
Berault	Gadberry	Owen
Billings	Glorioso	Phelps
Bourriaque	Green	Riser
Boyd	Hebert	Romero
Boyer	Henry	Schamerhorn
Brass	Hilferty	Schlegel
Braud	Horton	Spell
Brown	Hughes	St. Blanc
Butler	Illg	Tarver
Carlson	Johnson, M.	Taylor
Carpenter	Johnson, T.	Thomas
Carrier	Jordan	Thompson
Carter, R.	Kerner	Turner
Carter, W.	Knox	Ventrella
Carver	LaCombe	Villio
Chassion	LaFleur	Walters
Chenevert	Landry, J.	Wilder
Coates	Landry, M.	Wiley
Cox	Larvadain	Willard
Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Echols	Marcelle	Young
Edmonston	McCormick	Zeringue
Egan	McFarland	
Emerson	McMahen	
Total - 91		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Amedee	Deshotel	Melerine
Beaullieu	Domangue	Muscarello

Bryant	Galle	Stagni
Crews	Geymann	
Davis	Jackson	
Total - 13		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Wilder moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 256—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1432(B), relative to the Louisiana Real Estate Commission; to provide for the terms of appointment of commissioners; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. McMakin, the bill was returned to the calendar.

Notice of Intention to Call

Pursuant to House Rule No. 8.20(A), Rep. McMakin gave notice of his intention to call House Bill No. 256 from the calendar on Monday, May 19, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 259—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 35:71(A), (B), (D)(2), and (E), 191(A)(3)(c), 192(A), 201(A)(3), 391(6), and 412(C), to enact R.S. 35:192(C), and to repeal R.S. 39:342, relative to bonds of notaries public; to provide relative to the bond amount notaries public are required to maintain; to provide relative to insurance requirements for notaries public; to provide relative to the filing requirements for bonds of notaries public; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Taylor sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Taylor to Engrossed House Bill No. 259 by Representative Taylor

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, after "(6)" and before "and" insert a comma ","

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

Rep. Taylor moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Emerson	McMahen
Adams	Farnum	Mena

Bagley	Firment	Miller
Bamburg	Fisher	Moore
Bayham	Fontenot	Muscarello
Berault	Freeman	Newell
Billings	Freiberg	Orgeron
Bourriaque	Gadberry	Owen
Boyd	Galle	Phelps
Boyer	Glorioso	Riser
Brass	Green	Romero
Braud	Hebert	Schlegel
Brown	Henry	Spell
Butler	Hughes	St. Blanc
Carlson	Illg	Stagni
Carpenter	Jackson	Tarver
Carrier	Johnson, M.	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Thomas
Carter, W.	Jordan	Thompson
Carver	Kerner	Turner
Chassion	Knox	Ventrella
Chenevert	LaCombe	Walters
Coates	LaFleur	Wilder
Cox	Landry, J.	Wiley
Dewitt	Landry, M.	Willard
Dickerson	Larvadain	Wright
Domangue	Lyons	Wyble
Echols	Mack	Young
Edmonston	Marcelle	Zeringue
Total - 87		

NAYS

Beaullieu	Egan	McMakin
Crews	Horton	Schamerhorn
Deshotel	McCormick	Villio
Total - 9		

ABSENT

Amedee	Davis	McFarland
Bacala	Geymann	Melerine
Bryant	Hilferty	
Total - 8		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Taylor moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on her own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Tarver, the bill was returned to the calendar.

Notice of Intention to Call

Pursuant to House Rule No. 8.20(A), Rep. Tarver gave notice of his intention to call House Bill No. 295 from the calendar on Monday, May 19, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 343—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 20:1(C)(9), relative to the homestead exemption from seizure; to add an exception to the exemption from seizure for certain unpaid or accelerated costs subject to the Louisiana Condominium Act; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Hilferty, the bill was returned to the calendar.

Notice of Intention to Call

Pursuant to House Rule No. 8.20(A), Rep. Hilferty gave notice of Rep. Davis's intention to call House Bill No. 343 from the calendar on Monday, May 19, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 493—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6001(A) and to repeal R.S. 47:6001(B), relative to tax exemptions; to provide for a property tax exemption for certain aircraft; to repeal inoperative provisions relating to the exemption; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Crews, the bill was returned to the calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 538—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:61(A), 65(A)(2) and (B), 67(C)(1), 72, 79(C), 81.1(A), 83(B)(2) and (C)(1), and 85(3) and R.S. 36:4.1(C)(11) and to enact R.S. 4:67(C)(4), relative to the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission; to change the name of the commission; to provide with respect to a safety zone for events; to provide for the assessment of fees; to provide that the board shall not receive any state funds; to repeal provisions regarding salaries for board members; to repeal the statutorily defined amounts of certain licensing fees; to authorize the board to fix salaries and licensing fees; to provide with respect to an events coordinator; to provide with respect to the venue capacity for certain professional wrestling events; to provide for professional wrestling event fees; to provide for an exception for professional wrestling bonds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Wyble moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	Marcelle
Adams	Egan	McMahan
Bagley	Emerson	McMakin
Bamburg	Farnum	Mena
Bayham	Firment	Moore
Beaullieu	Fisher	Muscarello
Berault	Fontenot	Newell

Billings	Freeman	Orgeron
Bourriaque	Freiberg	Owen
Boyd	Gadberry	Riser
Boyer	Galle	Romero
Brass	Glorioso	Schamerhorn
Braud	Green	Schlegel
Brown	Hebert	Spell
Butler	Hilferty	St. Blanc
Carlson	Horton	Stagni
Carpenter	Hughes	Taylor
Carrier	Illg	Thomas
Carter, R.	Jackson	Thompson
Carter, W.	Johnson, M.	Turner
Carver	Johnson, T.	Ventrella
Chassion	Kerner	Villio
Chenevert	Knox	Walters
Coates	LaCombe	Wilder
Cox	LaFleur	Wiley
Deshotel	Landry, J.	Willard
Dewitt	Landry, M.	Wright
Dickerson	Larvadain	Wyble
Domangue	Lyons	Young
Echols	Mack	Zeringue

Total - 90

NAYS

McCormick
Total - 2

Phelps

ABSENT

Amedee	Davis	McFarland
Bacala	Geymann	Melerine
Bryant	Henry	Miller
Crews	Jordan	Tarver

Total - 12

The Chair declared the above bill, having received a two-thirds vote of the elected members, was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Wyble moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Phelps requested the House consent to correct his vote on final passage of House Bill No. 538 from yea to nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Thomas requested the House consent to record her vote on final passage of House Bill No. 538 as yea, which consent was unanimously granted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 575—
BY REPRESENTATIVES VENTRELLA AND EMERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.12, relative to abortion; to provide a cause of action; to provide damages; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Ventrella, the bill was returned to the calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 588—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MENA AND BOYD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1655(A)(1)(c)(ii) and (2) and (I)(1) and (2), 1656(23), and 1656.1(B)(3), (C)(2) through (5), (D), and (E) and to repeal R.S. 48:1656(24) through (26), relative to the Regional Transit Authority; to provide for the membership of the board of commissioners; to provide for certain powers and authority of the board; to require transit-specific training for members added to the board; to require a minimum of ten meetings per year for board members; to provide for voting and quorum; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Mena sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Mena to Engrossed House Bill No. 588 by Representative Mena

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, at the beginning of line 10, insert "(23)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, at the beginning of line 16, delete "(23)"

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

Rep. Mena moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

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Dickerson McCormick Zeringue
Domangue McFarland
Echols McMahan
Total - 100

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Davis Geymann
Galle Henry
Total - 4

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Mena moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 593—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

AN ACT

To enact Part VI of Chapter 4 of Title 4 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 4:281 through 290, relative to the Louisiana Equestrian Corporation; to provide for purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for the functions of the corporation; to provide for the board of directors; to provide for powers of the corporation; to provide for liability or debt; to provide relative to other applicable law; to provide for dissolution; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Boyer sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Boyer to Engrossed House Bill No. 593 by Representative Boyer

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 9, change "or requires other or" to "otherwise."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 10, delete "different meaning or intent"

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

Rep. Boyer moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker Domangue McFarland
Adams Echols McMahan
Amedee Edmonston Melerine
Bacala Egan Mena
Bagley Emerson Miller
Bamburg Farnum Moore
Bayham Firment Muscarello
Beaullieu Fisher Newell
Berault Fontenot Orgeron

Billings Freeman Owen
Bourriaque Freiberg Phelps
Boyd Galle Romero
Boyer Glorioso Schamerhorn
Brass Green Schlegel
Braud Henry Spell
Brown Hilferty St. Blanc
Bryant Horton Stagni
Butler Hughes Tarver
Carlson Illg Taylor
Carpenter Jackson Thomas
Carrier Johnson, M. Thompson
Carter, R. Johnson, T. Turner
Carter, W. Jordan Ventrella
Carver Kerner Villio
Chassion Knox Walters
Chenevert LaFleur Wilder
Coates Landry, M. Wiley
Cox Larvadain Willard
Crews Lyons Wright
Deshotel Mack Wyble
Dewitt Marcelle Young
Dickerson McCormick Zeringue

Total - 96

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Davis Hebert McMakin
Gadberry LaCombe Riser
Geymann Landry, J.
Total - 8

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Boyer moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 613—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
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 Acadiana Regional Airport and the Lemaire Memorial Airport District; to provide for powers, duties, functions and governance of the district; to provide for the composition and tenure of the board of commissioners, officers, domicile, and authority; 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.

Rep. Beaullieu sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Beaullieu to Engrossed House Bill No. 613 by Representative Beaullieu

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 15, after "through" delete "350.6 are" and insert "350.6, is"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 11, after "districts" and before the period "." insert "provided, however, that any proposal to levy taxes shall require the prior approval of the Iberia Parish Council"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 11, after "years." delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, delete lines 12 and 13 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 16 after "filled" delete the remainder of the line and insert "by a majority vote of Iberia Parish Council for the remainder of the unexpired term." and delete line 17 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, at the beginning of line 11, after "seq." and before "and upon" insert a comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, line 27, after "including" and before "but" delete the comma " , " and after "to" and before "all" delete the comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 5, line 28, after "including" and before "but" delete the comma " , " and after "to" and before "terminals" delete the comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 6, line 10, after "including" and before "but" delete the comma " , " and after "to" and before "airports" delete the comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 6, line 20, after "including" and before "but" delete the comma " , " and after "to" and before "computers" delete the comma " , "

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 6, line 28, after "with" delete the remainder of the line and insert "the following requirements:"

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

Rep. Beaulieu moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McMakin
Adams	Egan	Melerine
Amedee	Emerson	Mena
Bacala	Farnum	Miller
Bagley	Firment	Moore
Bamburg	Fisher	Muscarello
Beaulieu	Fontenot	Newell
Berault	Freeman	Orgeron
Billings	Freiberg	Owen
Bourriaque	Galle	Riser
Boyer	Glorioso	Romero

Brass	Green	Schamerhorn
Braud	Henry	Schlegel
Bryant	Hilferty	Spell
Butler	Horton	St. Blanc
Carlson	Illg	Stagni
Carpenter	Jackson	Tarver
Carrier	Johnson, M.	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Thomas
Carter, W.	Kerner	Turner
Carver	LaCombe	Ventrella
Chenevert	LaFleur	Villio
Coates	Landry, M.	Walters
Cox	Larvadain	Wilder
Crews	Lyons	Wiley
Deshotel	Mack	Wright
Dewitt	Marcelle	Wyble
Dickerson	McCormick	Young
Domangue	McFarland	Zeringue
Echols	McMahan	

Total - 89

NAYS

Bayham
Total - 1

ABSENT

Boyd	Geymann	Landry, J.
Brown	Hebert	Phelps
Chasson	Hughes	Thompson
Davis	Jordan	Willard
Gadberry	Knox	

Total - 14

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Beaulieu moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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.

Rep. Boyd moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Dewitt	Miller
Adams	Domangue	Moore
Bamburg	Fisher	Muscarello
Bayham	Freeman	Newell
Berault	Freiberg	Owen
Billings	Green	Phelps
Bourriaque	Hebert	Romero
Boyd	Henry	Schlegel
Boyer	Hilferty	Spell
Brass	Hughes	St. Blanc
Braud	Jackson	Stagni
Brown	Johnson, T.	Taylor
Bryant	Kerner	Thomas

Carpenter	Knox	Thompson
Carrier	LaCombe	Turner
Carter, R.	Landry, J.	Walters
Carter, W.	Landry, M.	Wiley
Carver	Larvadain	Willard
Chassion	Lyons	Young
Coates	Marcelle	
Cox	Mena	

Total - 61

NAYS

Amedee	Egan	McMakin
Bacala	Farnum	Orgeron
Bagley	Firment	Riser
Beaullieu	Fontenot	Schamerhorn
Butler	Horton	Tarver
Carlson	Illg	Ventrella
Chenevert	Johnson, M.	Villio
Crews	Mack	Wilder
Deshotel	McCormick	Wright
Echols	McFarland	Zeringue
Edmonston	McMahan	

Total - 32

ABSENT

Davis	Galle	LaFleur
Dickerson	Geymann	Melerine
Emerson	Glorioso	Wyble
Gadberry	Jordan	

Total - 11

The Chair declared the above bill, not having received a two-thirds vote of the elected members, failed to pass.

Motion to reconsider pending.

HOUSE BILL NO. 685 (Substitute for House Bill No. 421 by Representative Chenevert)—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT
AN ACT

To enact Part XV of Chapter 26 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:3399.51, and Chapter 23 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:1601, relative to state agencies; to prohibit certain agency programs and practices related to diversity, equity, and inclusion; to require public postsecondary education institutions to take certain actions related to diversity-, equity-, and inclusion-related coursework; to require the legislative auditor to conduct annual audits and report to the governor and certain legislative committees; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Chenevert, the bill was returned to the calendar.

Notice of Intention to Call

Pursuant to House Rule No. 8.20(A), Rep. Chenevert gave notice of her intention to call House Bill No. 685 from the calendar on Monday, May 19, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 686 (Substitute for House Bill No. 511 by Representative Owen)—
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:57(3) and to enact R.S. 24:51(9), 53(K), and 53.1, R.S. 33:9664(H), and R.S. 49:74(I), relative to lobbying on behalf of foreign adversaries; to provide for the

definition of a foreign adversary; to provide for additional lobbying disclosure requirements for a foreign adversary; to provide for penalties; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an electronic database administered by the board of ethics; to provide for data sharing and public access of records; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Owen, the bill was returned to the calendar.

Notice of Intention to Call

Pursuant to House Rule No. 8.20(A), Rep. Owen gave notice of his intention to call House Bill No. 686 from the calendar on Monday, May 19, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 493—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6001(A) and to repeal R.S. 47:6001(B), relative to tax exemptions; to provide for a property tax exemption for certain aircraft; to repeal inoperative provisions relating to the exemption; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Rep. Crews sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Crews to Engrossed House Bill No. 493 by Representative Crews

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 9, after "aircraft" delete the remainder of the line and insert "with an operating empty weight less"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 10, after "than" and before "thousand" change "six" to "seven" and after "pounds" insert "or less"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, after "and" delete the remainder of the line and insert "used in 14 CFR Part 91 operation."

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

Rep. Crews moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Emerson	McMahan
Adams	Farnum	McMakin
Amedee	Firment	Melerine
Bacala	Fisher	Mena
Bamburg	Fontenot	Miller

Bayham	Freeman	Moore
Beaulieu	Freiberg	Muscarello
Berault	Gadberry	Newell
Billings	Galle	Orgeron
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Owen
Boyd	Green	Phelps
Boyer	Hebert	Riser
Brass	Henry	Romero
Brown	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Bryant	Horton	Schlegel
Butler	Hughes	Spell
Carlson	Illg	St. Blanc
Carpenter	Jackson	Stagni
Carrier	Johnson, M.	Tarver
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Taylor
Carter, W.	Kerner	Thomas
Carver	Knox	Thompson
Chassion	LaCombe	Turner
Chenevert	LaFleur	Ventrella
Cox	Landry, J.	Villio
Crews	Landry, M.	Walters
Deshotel	Larvadain	Wiley
Dewitt	Lyons	Willard
Dickerson	Mack	Wright
Echols	Marcelle	Wyble
Edmonston	McCormick	Young
Egan	McFarland	Zeringue

Total - 96

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bagley	Davis	Jordan
Braud	Domangue	Wilder
Coates	Geymann	

Total - 8

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Crews moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 575—

BY REPRESENTATIVES VENTRELLA, EMERSON, AMEDEE, BUTLER, CARRIER, DEVILLIER, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, HORTON, MACK, MCCORMICK, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, THOMPSON, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.12, relative to abortion; to provide a cause of action; to provide damages; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Rep. Horton, on behalf of the Legislative Bureau, sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Horton on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed House Bill No. 575 by Representative Ventrella

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, following "this" and before "regardless" change "Section," to "Subsection,"

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

Rep. Ventrella sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Ventrella to Engrossed House Bill No. 575 by Representative Ventrella

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 12, after "means" and before "administering," delete "manufacturing,"

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

Suspension of the Rules

Rep. Glorioso moved to suspend the rules to give the proponent handling the bill and additional two minutes to debate the bill.

Rep. Crews objected.

By a vote of 37 yeas and 49 nays, the motion failed to pass.

Rep. Ventrella moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Dewitt	McMahan
Amedee	Dickerson	McMakin
Bacala	Echols	Melerine
Bagley	Edmonston	Owen
Bamburg	Egan	Riser
Bayham	Emerson	Romero
Beaulieu	Farnum	Schamerhorn
Berault	Firment	Spell
Billings	Fontenot	St. Blanc
Bourriaque	Gadberry	Tarver
Boyer	Galle	Thomas
Butler	Geymann	Thompson
Carlson	Hebert	Turner
Carrier	Horton	Ventrella
Carver	Illg	Wilder
Chenevert	Johnson, M.	Wiley
Coates	Johnson, T.	Wright
Cox	Mack	Wyble
Crews	McCormick	Zeringue
Deshotel	McFarland	

Total - 59

NAYS

Adams	Green	Moore
Boyd	Hughes	Newell
Brass	Jordan	Phelps
Bryant	LaFleur	Taylor
Carter, R.	Landry, M.	Walters
Carter, W.	Larvadain	Willard
Chassion	Lyons	Young
Fisher	Marcelle	
Freeman	Mena	

Total - 25

ABSENT

Braud	Henry	Miller
Brown	Hilferty	Muscarello
Carpenter	Jackson	Orgeron

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Davis	Kerner	Schlegel
Domangue	Knox	Stagni
Freiberg	LaCombe	Villio
Glorioso	Landry, J.	
Total - 20		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Ventrella moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on her own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 49—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BOYER, COX, FONTENOT, HORTON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, AND WILEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.4(B)(2), 573, and 574.2(D)(9)(a), R.S. 42:17(A)(10), and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(8) and to enact R.S. 14:81.5.1, R.S. 15:574.4.1(A)(3) and 574.12.1, and R.S. 42:17(A)(11), relative to records from certain hearings of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole; to create the crime of unlawful posting of certain hearings of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; to provide for a public records exception; to provide for disclosure procedures; to provide for a protective order; to provide relative to procedures and sessions before the Board of Pardons and committee on parole; to provide for an exception to open meetings; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Rep. Melerine moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Egan	McFarland
Emerson	McMahen
Total - 94	
	NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Braud	Davis	Villio
Brown	Domangue	Young
Carpenter	Jackson	
Crews	LaCombe	
Total - 10		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Melerine moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 171—

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(A)(7), relative to the members of the committee on parole; to provide relative to the annual compensation of members; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Rep. Coates moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McMahen
Amedee	Egan	McMakin
Bacala	Emerson	Melerine
Bagley	Farnum	Moore
Bamburg	Firment	Orgeron
Bayham	Freiberg	Owen
Beaulieu	Gadberry	Riser
Berault	Galle	Romero
Billings	Geymann	Schamerhorn
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Schlegel
Boyer	Hebert	Spell
Braud	Henry	St. Blanc
Butler	Hilferty	Thomas
Carlson	Horton	Thompson
Carver	Illg	Turner
Chenevert	Johnson, M.	Villio
Coates	Kerner	Wilder
Cox	LaFleur	Wiley
Deshotel	Landry, J.	Wright
Dewitt	Mack	Wyble
Dickerson	McCormick	Zeringue
Echols	McFarland	
Total - 65		

NAYS

Adams	Green	Mena
Boyd	Hughes	Muscarello
Brass	Jordan	Newell
Carter, R.	Knox	Phelps
Carter, W.	Landry, M.	Stagni
Chassion	Larvadain	Taylor

Fisher
Freeman
Total - 24

Lyons
Marcelle

ABSENT

Walters
Willard

Brown
Bryant
Carpenter
Carrier
Crews
Total - 15

Davis
Domangue
Fontenot
Jackson
Johnson, T.

LaCombe
Miller
Tarver
Ventrella
Young

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Coates moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on her own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 247—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT
AN ACT

To enact Part III-K of Title 19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 19:140 through 140.12, relative to expropriation of blighted property by declaration of taking; to provide for legislative intent; to authorize East Baton Rouge Parish and the city of Baton Rouge to expropriate blighted property by declaration of taking; to define terms; to provide for the purposes of the expropriation; to provide for procedures and delays; to provide for a determination of value; to provide for vesting of title; to provide for notice; to provide for opposition and waiver of defenses; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Rep. Chenevert sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Chenevert to Engrossed House Bill No. 247 by Representative Chenevert

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, line 18, after "transferred" and before "to the funds" change "to and attach" to "and attached"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, line 19, after "transferred and" and before "to the funds" change "attach" to "attached"

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

Rep. Chenevert sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Chenevert to Engrossed House Bill No. 247 by Representative Chenevert

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "through" and before the comma "," change "140.12" to "140.13"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "Parish and" and before "to expropriate" change "the city of Baton Rouge" to "the city of Baker, city of Baton Rouge, city of Central, city of St. George, and city of Zachary"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 15, after "through" and before the comma "," change "140.12" to "140.13"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 3, change "THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE" to "THE CITY OF BAKER, CITY OF BATON ROUGE, CITY OF CENTRAL, CITY OF ST. GEORGE, AND CITY OF ZACHARY"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 6, after "slow" and before "blight" delete "urban"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, at the beginning of line 8, change "Baton Rouge" to "Baker, city of Baton Rouge, city of Central, city of St. George, and city of Zachary"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete line 2 in its entirety and insert the following:

"of Baker, city of Baton Rouge, city of Central, city of St. George, and city of Zachary, or its assignee."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, line 7, after "that all" and before "public" delete "taxes and"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 8, after line 18, add the following:

"§140.13. Right of first refusal; partition; prior to sale of expropriated property

A. In any proceeding under this Part involving immovable property that is or was held in indivision by heirs or co-owners, the governing authority shall, prior to final disposition or transfer of title to any third party, notify the heirs or co-owners and afford them a right of first refusal to acquire the property pursuant to R.S. 9:1113.

B. Upon notification, one or more co-owners may petition the court for partition of the property and purchase of the interests of other co-owners under the procedures set forth in R.S. 9:1113.

C. If a co-owner acquires full title to the property under this Section and submits a plan acceptable to the acquiring authority to remediate blight or return the property to productive use within a reasonable time, the expropriation may be extinguished by consent or by order of the court.

D. The governing authority may promulgate rules to establish procedures for notification, plan approval, and timeliness for remediation under this Section."

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

Suspension of the Rules

Rep. Jordan moved to grant the author an additional five minutes to debate the bill.

Rep. Bacala objected.

By a vote of 27 yeas and 56 nays, the motion failed to pass.

Speaker Pro Tempore Michael Johnson in the Chair

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Rep. Chenevert moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. Speaker, Bagley, Bamburg, Berault, Bourriaque, Braud, Brown, Butler, Carlson, Carver, Chenevert, Coates, Crews, Dewitt, Echols, Edmonston, Total - 48.

NAYS

Table with 3 columns of names: Adams, Bacala, Bayham, Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Brass, Carrier, Carter, R., Carter, W., Cox, Deshotel, Fisher, Fontenot, Freeman, Total - 43.

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Amedee, Boyer, Bryant, Carpenter, Chassion, Total - 13.

The Chair declared the above bill failed to pass.

Motion to reconsider pending.

HOUSE BILL NO. 371—

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, CREWS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, MACK, MCCORMICK, AND OWEN AND SENATOR HODGES AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5232(1), 5233, 5234(3), (5), and (6)(introductory paragraph), 5237, 5239, and 5240(A) and (B) and to enact R.S. 13:5232(7) and 5233.1, relative to the Preservation of Religious Freedom Act; to provide relative to the free exercise of religion; to provide for protections for places of worship; to prohibit certain restrictions against places of worship; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Rep. Amedee sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Amedee to Engrossed House Bill No. 371 by Representative Amedee

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "(B)" and before "and" insert a comma "," and insert "and R.S. 17:407.33(1),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after the comma "," and before "relative" insert "and R.S. 17:236.1(H) and 707.33(9),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "date;" and before "and" insert "to provide relative to home study cooperatives; to provide for definitions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 14, after "code," and before "fire" insert "and,"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 26, after "R.S. 17:5001" and before the period "." insert "et seq"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 18, after "13:5101" and before the comma "," delete "through 5108" and insert "et seq"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, after line 29, insert the following:

"Section 2. R.S. 17:407.33(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:236.1(H) and 407.33(9) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§236.1. Approval of home study programs

* * *

H.(1) Two or more parents whose children are participating in an approved home study program may form a home study education cooperative for any of the following purposes:

- (a) Increasing a child's academic performance.
(b) Completing courses required for a Taylor Opportunity Program for a student scholarship pursuant to R.S. 17:5001 et seq.
(c) Facilitating socialization for student enrichment.
(d) Facilitating student recreational or athletic activities.

(2) For purposes of this Subsection, "home study education cooperative" means one or more parents whose children are participating in an approved home study program and the children meet in a parent's home, community center, church, or place of worship to collectively study a curriculum chosen by the participating families.

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§407.33. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Camp" means any place or facility operated by any institution, society, agency, corporation, person or persons, or any other group which serves only children five years of age or older and operates only when school is not in session during the summer months or school holidays including, but not limited to, a Vacation Bible School, or Bible Camp.

* * *

(9) "Mother's day out program" means a religious enrichment program for children offered at a church or other place of worship that meets the requirements of R.S. 17:407.35(B)."

On motion of Rep. Amedee, the amendments were withdrawn.

Rep. Amedee sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Amedee to Engrossed House Bill No. 371 by Representative Amedee

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "(B)" and before "and" insert "and R.S. 17:407.33(1),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after the comma "," and before "relative" insert "and R.S. 17:236.1(H) 407.33(9) and (10),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "date;" and before "and" insert "to provide relative to home study cooperatives; to provide for definitions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 14, after "code," and before "fire" insert "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 26, after "R.S. 17:5001" and before the period ";" insert "et seq"

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(c) Facilitating socialization for student enrichment.

(d) Facilitating student recreational or athletic activities.

(2) For purposes of this Subsection, "home study education cooperative" means one or more parents whose children are participating in an approved home study program and the children meet in a parent's home, community center, church, or place of worship to collectively study a curriculum chosen by the participating families.

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* * *

(9) "Mother's day out program" means a religious enrichment program for children offered at a church or other place of worship that meets the requirements of R.S. 17:407.35(B).

(10) "Home study education cooperative", as defined in R.S. 17:236.1 that meets the requirements of R.S. 17:407.35(B) and, therefore operates no more than twenty-four hours in a continuous seven-day week."

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

Rep. Amedee moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Echols	Miller
Adams	Edmonston	Moore
Amedee	Egan	Muscarello
Bacala	Farnum	Orgeron
Bagley	Firment	Owen
Bamburg	Fisher	Riser
Bayham	Fontenot	Romero
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Schamerhorn
Berault	Gadberry	Schlegel
Billings	Galle	Spell
Bourriaque	Geymann	St. Blanc
Boyer	Glorioso	Stagni
Brass	Green	Tarver
Braud	Hebert	Taylor
Brown	Henry	Thomas
Carlson	Horton	Thompson
Carrier	Illg	Turner
Carter, R.	Kerner	Ventrella
Carter, W.	LaCombe	Villio
Carver	Landry, J.	Walters
Chenevert	Mack	Wilder
Coates	Marcelle	Wiley
Cox	McCormick	Wright

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Crews	McFarland	Wyble
Deshotel	McMahan	Zeringue
Dewitt	McMakin	
Dickerson	Melerine	
Total - 79		

NAYS

Freeman	Jordan	Newell
Hughes	Landry, M.	Phelps
Johnson, T.	Larvadain	Willard
Total - 9		

ABSENT

Boyd	Domangue	LaFleur
Bryant	Emerson	Lyons
Butler	Hilferty	Mena
Carpenter	Jackson	Young
Chassion	Johnson, M.	
Davis	Knox	
Total - 16		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Amedee moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on her own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 494—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 45:251(1) and (3) and 255, relative to common carriers; to provide for definitions; to provide for regulation of tank facilities by the Public Service Commission; to provide for retroactive and prospective application; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Zeringue, the bill was returned to the calendar.

Notice of Intention to Call

Pursuant to House Rule No. 8.20(A), Rep. Zeringue gave notice of Rep. Domangue's intention to call House Bill No. 494 from the calendar on Monday, May 19, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 163—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:539.1(F)(3) and 539.2, relative to victims of certain sex-related crimes; to provide for a mandatory monetary assessment for certain sex-related crimes; to provide relative to the Exploited Children's Survivor Special Fund; to provide for a renaming of the fund; to provide for distribution and use of monies deposited into the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Rep. Dickerson moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Egan	McMahan
Adams	Emerson	McMakin
Amedee	Farnum	Melerine
Bacala	Firment	Moore
Bagley	Fisher	Muscarello
Bamburg	Fontenot	Newell
Bayham	Freeman	Orgeron
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Owen
Berault	Gadberry	Phelps
Billings	Galle	Riser
Bourriaque	Geymann	Romero
Boyd	Glorioso	Schamerhorn
Boyer	Green	Schlegel
Brass	Hebert	Spell
Braud	Henry	St. Blanc
Brown	Horton	Stagni
Bryant	Hughes	Tarver
Carlson	Illg	Taylor
Carrier	Jackson	Thomas
Carter, R.	Jordan	Thompson
Carter, W.	Kerner	Turner
Carver	LaCombe	Ventrella
Chenevert	LaFleur	Villio
Coates	Landry, J.	Walters
Cox	Landry, M.	Wilder
Crews	Larvadain	Wiley
Deshotel	Lyons	Willard
Dewitt	Mack	Wright
Dickerson	Marcelle	Wyble
Echols	McCormick	Young
Edmonston	McFarland	Zeringue
Total - 93		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Butler	Domangue	Knox
Carpenter	Hilferty	Mena
Chassion	Johnson, M.	Miller
Davis	Johnson, T.	
Total - 11		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Dickerson moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on her own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 514—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1059.1, relative to the Louisiana Doula Registry Board; to provide for board composition; to provide with respect to the regulatory authority of the Louisiana Doula Registry Board and the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide relative to administrative staff and further rulemaking requirements of the Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Willard, the bill was returned to the calendar.

Notice of Intention to Call

Pursuant to House Rule No. 8.20(A), Rep. Willard gave notice of his intention to call House Bill No. 514 from the calendar on Monday, May 19, 2025.

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.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Rep. Brass sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Brass to Engrossed House Bill No. 517 by Representative Brass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 47:841(F)" and before the comma ",", insert "and to enact R.S. 47:841.2"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "calculated," and before "to provide" insert the following:

"to establish the Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of the monies in the fund;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "reenacted" and before "to" insert "and R.S. 47:841.2 is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, after line 20, insert the following:

"§47:841.2. Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund

A. There is hereby created as a special fund in the state treasury the "Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund", hereinafter referred in this Section as the "fund". After satisfying the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund and after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the state treasurer shall annually deposit into the fund an amount equal to twenty percent of the avails of the tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 47:841(E).

B. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund and all earnings on investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. Monies appropriated from the fund shall be used solely as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

C. Subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature, monies in the fund shall be appropriated as follows:

(1) Forty percent to the Louisiana Cancer Research Center, established pursuant to R.S. 17:1922, to be used solely for statewide planning and funding the establishment of school, community-based, and mass-media cessation and other evidence-based initiatives to prevent and control the use of all tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, smoking tobacco, vapor products, and all emerging tobacco and nicotine products by youth and young adults in schools and the community.

(2) Forty percent to the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Healthcare Access, for the tobacco related disease program administered by the Well-Ahead Louisiana Program to be used solely as follows:

(a) To administer the Louisiana Quitline that provides cessation services to youth and adults across the state.

(b) To fund evidence-based prevention and cessation initiatives, outreach, and media strategies.

(c) To fund contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, or other similar agreements with organizations to expand education and cessation in target communities.

(d) To fund expenses related to administering the programs provided for in Subparagraphs (a) through (c) of this Paragraph.

(3) Ten percent to the Cancer Center of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport to be used solely for funding the establishment of smoking prevention mass-media programs and evidence-based tobacco control programs within the public hospital system and the screening, prevention, and treatment of tobacco use and dependence among individuals with diseases caused or exacerbated by tobacco use.

(4) Ten percent to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Gonzales, Louisiana to be used solely for funding the establishment of smoking prevention mass media programs and evidence-based tobacco control programs within the public hospital system and for the screening, prevention, and treatment of tobacco use and dependence among individuals with diseases caused or exacerbated by tobacco use.

D. No amount appropriated as required in this Section shall displace, replace, or supplant appropriations from the state general fund for the recipients of the fund. This shall mean that no appropriation for any fiscal year from the fund shall be made for any purpose for which a general fund appropriation was made in the previous year unless the total appropriations for the fiscal year from the state general fund for such purpose exceed general fund appropriations for the previous year."

On motion of Rep. Brass, the amendments were withdrawn.

Rep. Brass sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Brass to Engrossed House Bill No. 517 by Representative Brass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 2, after "To" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and delete lines 3 through 5 in their entirety and insert the following:

"enact R.S. 47:841.2, relative to the tobacco tax; to establish the Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of the monies in the fund; to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 8 through 20 in their entirety, and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 8 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 47:841.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§841.2. Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund

A. There is hereby created as a special fund in the state treasury the "Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund", hereinafter referred in this Section as the "fund". After satisfying the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund and after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the state treasurer shall annually deposit into the fund an amount equal to twenty percent of the avails of the tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 47:841(E).

B. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund and all earnings on investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. Monies appropriated from the fund shall be used solely as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

C. Subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature, monies in the fund shall be appropriated as follows:

(1) Forty percent to the Louisiana Cancer Research Center, established pursuant to R.S. 17:1922, to be used solely for statewide planning and funding the establishment of school, community-based, and mass-media cessation and other evidence-based initiatives to prevent and control the use of all tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, smoking tobacco, vapor products, and all emerging tobacco and nicotine products by youth and young adults in schools and the community.

(2) Forty percent to the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Healthcare Access, for the tobacco related disease program administered by the Well-Ahead Louisiana Program to be used solely as follows:

(a) To administer the Louisiana Quitline that provides cessation services to youth and adults across the state.

(b) To fund evidence-based prevention and cessation initiatives, outreach, and media strategies.

(c) To fund contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, or other similar agreements with organizations to expand education and cessation in target communities.

(d) To fund expenses related to administering the programs provided for in Subparagraphs (a) through (c) of this Paragraph.

(3) Ten percent to the Cancer Center of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport to be used solely for funding the establishment of smoking prevention mass-media programs and evidence-based tobacco control programs within the public hospital system and the screening, prevention, and treatment of tobacco use and dependence among individuals with diseases caused or exacerbated by tobacco use.

(4) Ten percent to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Gonzales, Louisiana to be used solely for funding the establishment of smoking prevention mass media programs and evidence-based tobacco control programs within the public hospital system and for the screening, prevention, and treatment of tobacco use and dependence among individuals with diseases caused or exacerbated by tobacco use.

D. No amount appropriated as required in this Section shall displace, replace, or supplant appropriations from the state general fund for the recipients of the fund. This shall mean that no appropriation for any fiscal year from the fund shall be made for any purpose for which a general fund appropriation was made in the previous year unless the total appropriations for the fiscal year from the state general fund for such purpose exceed general fund appropriations for the previous year.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."

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

Rep. Brass moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Freiberg	Moore
Adams	Gadberry	Newell
Bacala	Galle	Orgeron
Bamburg	Geymann	Phelps
Bayham	Glorioso	Riser
Beaulieu	Green	Romero
Berault	Hebert	Schlegel
Bourriaque	Horton	Spell
Boyd	Hughes	St. Blanc
Boyer	Jackson	Stagni
Brass	Johnson, M.	Tarver
Brown	Johnson, T.	Taylor
Bryant	Jordan	Thomas
Butler	Kerner	Thompson
Carrier	LaCombe	Turner
Carter, R.	LaFleur	Ventrella
Carter, W.	Landry, J.	Villio
Carver	Landry, M.	Walters
Coates	Larvadain	Wilder
Cox	Lyons	Wiley
Deshotel	Mack	Willard
Dewitt	Marcelle	Wright
Dickerson	McFarland	Wyble
Edmonston	McMahan	Young
Farnum	McMakin	Zeringue
Fisher	Mena	
Freeman	Miller	
Total - 79		

NAYS

Amedee	Crews	McCormick
Bagley	Firment	Muscarello
Billings	Fontenot	Owen
Chenevert	Illg	Schamerhorn
Total - 12		

ABSENT

Braud	Domangue	Hilferty
Carlson	Echols	Knox

Carpenter Egan Melerine
Chassion Emerson
Davis Henry
Total - 13

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Brass moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Chenevert requested the House consent to correct her vote on final passage of House Bill No. 517 from yea to nay, which consent was unanimously granted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 683 (Substitute for House Bill No. 599 by Representative Emerson)—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:94(A) and (B), 97(B), 100.112, and 100.116(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), to enact R.S. 39:94(D), and to repeal R.S. 39:94(C)(5), 100.112, and 100.116(A)(12), (C), and (D) relative to finances of the state; to provide with respect to the disposition of certain state revenues; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to repeal certain treasury funds and accounts; to repeal certain dedications of revenue; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Beaulieu, the bill was returned to the calendar.

Notice of Intention to Call

Pursuant to House Rule No. 8.20(A), Rep. Beaulieu gave notice of Rep. Emerson's intention to call House Bill No. 683 from the calendar on Monday, May 19, 2025.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 14, 2025

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

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 46
Returned without amendments

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

Message from the Senate

SENATE BILLS

May 14, 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. 54, 128, 174, 186, 221 and 235

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. 54—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1351(A)(1)(b), (2)(a) and (c), (3), (B)(1)(a) and (b), 1355, 1356(E) and 1357(A), (C), (D), (H) and (I) and to enact R.S. 39:1358, 1358.1, 1358.2, and 1358.3, relative to fiscal administrators; to provide relative to financial stability; to provide relative to the appointment of a limited jurisdiction fiscal administrator; to provide for the duties of a limited jurisdiction fiscal administrator; to provide relative to budget amendments to address emergencies; to provide for the termination of the appointment of limited jurisdiction fiscal administrator; to provide relative to violations by an officer, official, or employee of a political subdivision; to provide relative to penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 128—
BY SENATOR CARTER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2554, relative to law enforcement; to provide for responsibilities of law enforcement officers while interacting with the public; to require mandatory reporting when force is used; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 174—

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1121.21 and to enact R.S. 40:1123.5, relative to pregnancy screenings; to require HIV and syphilis blood tests for pregnant women at certain intervals; to provide for testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea; to require patient notification; to provide for laboratory testing; to provide an effective date; to provide for screening of pregnant women for substance use disorder; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 186—

BY SENATOR REESE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6016.1(B)(8)(a) and (11), (E)(1)(c), (2), and (5)(d), and the introductory paragraph of (H)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:6016.1(E)(1)(g) and (5)(e) and (J)(4) and (5), relative to the New Markets Jobs Act premium tax credit; to provide for the definition of qualified active low-income community business; to provide for the definition of qualified low-income community investment; to provide for the application requirements to be designated a qualified equity investment; to provide for the denial of applications under certain circumstances; to provide relative to the deposit required under certain circumstances; to provide for equity investment authority after a certain date; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 221—

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BOUDREAU, CARTER, CLOUD, HENRY, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, LUNEAU, PRICE AND STINE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3555(A)(11) and (14)(a) and 3561(A) and to enact R.S. 37:3553(D), 3558(E), 3565(C), and 3569, relative to massage therapy; to provide relative to powers and duties of the board; to provide relative to licensure and renewals; to provide for criminal background checks; to provide for inspections and complaints; to provide for penalties; to provide for applicability; to provide for accountability and reporting to the legislature; to provide for terms, conditions, procedures, and enforcement; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 235—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297.26, relative to individual income tax; to provide for a credit toward a homeowner's insurance policy premium; to provide relative to limitation of the credit; to provide for refundability for certain taxpayers; to authorize the credit to be carried forward in certain circumstances; to require certain taxpayers to maintain documentation; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Taylor, 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. 172—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TAYLOR AND BRASS
A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, May 15, 2025, as St. John the Baptist Parish Day at the state capitol and to acknowledge Economic Development Week in St. John the Baptist Parish.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 173—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR
A RESOLUTION

To commend Todd Bowles on his achievements as a player and a coach in the National Football League.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 174—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Garrett Logan Maxwell.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 175—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
A RESOLUTION

To commend Pope Leo XIV on his ascension to the papacy, to commemorate his Creole lineage and ancestral ties to the Seventh Ward of New Orleans, and to express support for the canonization of Venerable Henriette DeLille.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Safaria Angelique McFarland.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 177—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, May 15, 2025, as Tourism Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 178—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale on its positive influence on women in New Orleans and across the United States.

Read by title.

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on
Administration of Criminal Justice

May 14, 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. 5, by Jackson
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

House Bill No. 6, by Jackson
Reported with amendments. (8-2)

House Bill No. 277, by Jordan
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

Senate Bill No. 21, by Wheat
Reported favorably. (11-0)

Senate Bill No. 22, by Hodges
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

Senate Bill No. 38, by Hensgens
Reported with amendments. (7-0)

Senate Bill No. 154, by Morris, Jay
Reported favorably. (10-1)

DEBBIE VILLIO
Chair

The above Senate Bills reported favorably or with amendments were referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Report of the Committee on
Education

May 14, 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 Resolution No. 3, by Echols
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Resolution No. 4, by Echols
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Concurrent Resolution No. 37, by Hughes
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 279, by Boyd
Reported with amendments, with recommendation that it be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations. (11-0)

Senate Bill No. 117, by Miguez
Reported with amendments. (8-1)

Senate Bill No. 160, by Cathey
Reported favorably. (12-0)

LAURIE SCHLEGEL
Chair

The above Senate Bills reported favorably or with amendments were referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Report of the Committee on
Health and Welfare

May 14, 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. 138, by Dewitt
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 359, by Miller, D.
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 377, by Owen, Charles
Reported by substitute. (10-0)

House Bill No. 400, by Chenevert
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

House Bill No. 442, by Henry, Chance
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 531, by Johnson, Travis
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 657, by Riser
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

House Bill No. 661, by Miller, D.
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

DUSTIN MILLER
Chair

Report of the Committee on
House and Governmental Affairs

May 14, 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:

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House Resolution No. 15, by Young
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 124, by Freiberg
Reported with amendments. (10-5)

House Bill No. 160, by Dickerson
Reported with amendments. (10-4)

House Bill No. 405, by Willard
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 596, by Wright
Reported by substitute. (10-4)

House Bill No. 628, by Crews
Reported with amendments. (12-1)

Senate Bill No. 51, by Luneau
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

Senate Bill No. 80, by Miller, G.
Reported with amendments. (9-4)

Senate Bill No. 89, by Bouie
Reported favorably. (11-0)

GERALD "BEAU" BEAULLIEU, IV
Chair

The above Senate Bills reported favorably or with amendments
were referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Report of the Committee on
Insurance

May 14, 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. 264, by Echols
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 356, by Braud
Reported favorably. (8-7)

Senate Bill No. 40, by Wheat
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

Senate Bill No. 111, by Seabaugh
Reported favorably. (10-3)

Senate Bill No. 136, by Talbot
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

Senate Bill No. 137, by Talbot
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

MICHAEL "GABE" FIRMENT
Chair

The above Senate Bills reported favorably or with amendments,
except Senate Bill No. 137, were referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Report of the Committee on
Natural Resources and Environment

May 14, 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 8, by Bayham
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Concurrent Resolution No. 27, by Zeringue
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 164, by Billings
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 165, by Edmonston
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 172, by Edmonston
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 286, by Henry, Chance
Reported favorably. (9-0)

House Bill No. 497, by LaCombe
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 568, by Carrier
Reported by substitute. (10-0)

House Bill No. 583, by Landry, Jacob
Reported by substitute. (13-0)

House Bill No. 585, by McCormick
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 602, by Landry, Jacob
Reported by substitute. (10-5)

House Bill No. 605, by Riser
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 608, by Coates
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 632, by Riser
Reported with amendments. (10-2-1)

BRETT F. GEYMANN
Chair

Senate Concurrent Resolutions Lying Over

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

Motion

On motion of Rep. Romero, the Committee on Labor and
Industrial Relations was discharged from further consideration of
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to modify the H-
2A nonimmigrant visa program to address the untenable
increases in wage rates resulting from the United States
Department of Labor's policies that create an undue and
unsustainable financial burden on Louisiana farmers, who rely
on an affordable, readily available H-2A workforce.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Romero, the resolution was recommitted 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:

Motion

On motion of Rep. Michael Johnson, the Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 74.

HOUSE BILL NO. 74— BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:323(E) and Chapter 28-E of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:2191 through 2196, relative to the disabling of remote access technology on motor vehicles; to provide for definitions; to provide for a civil fine; to establish a fund; to provide limitations on manufacturers; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

Motion

On motion of Rep. Dickerson, the Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 408.

HOUSE BILL NO. 408— BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1028.6, relative to health insurance; to require coverage of therapies and treatments for pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and related types of autoimmune encephalitis; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

Motion

On motion of Rep. Beaulieu, the Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 648.

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 for certain candidates; 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.

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

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Romero, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to meet on Thursday, May 15, 2025, and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Robert Carter, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Judiciary to meet on Thursday, May 15, 2025, and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

House Resolution No. 149

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Gadberry, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to meet on Thursday, May 15, 2025, and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

House Bill Nos. 78 and 641

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Retirement to meet on Thursday, May 15, 2025, and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

House Resolutions Nos. 143 and 163

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Bourriaque, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to submit their weekly schedule on a day other than required by House Rule 14.23.

Leave of Absence

Rep. Davis - 2 days

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 5:51 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 11:00 A.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 11:00 A.M., Thursday, May 15, 2025.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House

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

