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Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

The Senate was called to order at 1:53 o'clock P.M. by Hon. Regina A. Barrow, President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Allain	Harris	Myers
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Barthelemy	Hodges	Price
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Selders
Connick	Lambert	Stine
Duplessis	Luneau	Talbot
Edmonds	Miguez	Wheat
Fesi	Miller	
Foil	Mizell	
Total - 31		

ABSENT

Mr. President	Cathey	Owen
Abraham	McMath	Womack
Carter	Morris	
Total - 8		

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate announced there were 31 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Pastor Alexis Laque, following which the Senate joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Senator Lambert, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of April 28, 2026, was adopted.

**Privileged Report of the
Legislative Bureau**

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following instruments are approved as to construction and duplication.

HOUSE BILL NO. 287—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU AND OWEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1838(introductory paragraph), relative to ad valorem property tax assessments by the Louisiana Tax Commission; to extend authority for the imposition of certain assessment fees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 370—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3412.1(B), relative to the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund; to increase the assessment rate on the value of all regulated agricultural commodities charged by the commission; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 515—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCELLE, BRYANT, HEBERT, CHANCE
HENRY, AND JACKSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:2202(D), relative to sales of adjudicated property; to provide for procedures by which political subdivisions may sell adjudicated property; to authorize the direct sale of certain adjudicated property without public bidding; to provide for conditions and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 521—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem property tax millage rate adjustments; to provide for maximum authorized millage rates; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 570—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILDER AND BERAULT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1705(B)(1)(a) and (b)(i) and (2)(b), relative to ad valorem taxation; to authorize the adjustment of ad valorem millages under certain circumstances; to provide for the retention of maximum authorized millages; to require a reduction in adjusted maximum millage rates under certain circumstances; to provide for the process of adjusting millages; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1200—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:462.1(A)(3) and (B), 462.2, 462.3, 462.4(A) through (F), and 462.5(A) and to enact R.S. 39:462.1(A)(4), relative to funding and financing certain capital projects; to provide for the Louisiana Rural Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program; to provide for definitions; to provide for the administration, investment, and disposition of certain monies; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for requirements and limitations; to authorize loans for certain eligible infrastructure projects; to provide for the use and investment of monies in the Louisiana Rural Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program Fund; to provide for the implementation of the program; to authorize the establishment of advisory committees; to provide for the establishment and maintenance of accounts in the fund; to provide with respect to the issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
GREGORY A. MILLER
Chair

Adoption of Legislative Bureau Report

On motion of Senator Gregory A. Miller, the Bills and Joint Resolutions were read by title and passed to a third reading.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Joel Parker Sr.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53—
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study the use of payable-on-death and transfer-on-death accounts and to evaluate the need for revisions to applicable state laws.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54—
BY SENATOR WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVE RISER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to support H.R.1514 and R.S.1078 of the 119th Congress, entitled the "Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission Act", and to take such actions as are necessary to ensure the state of Louisiana will join the commission as a voting member upon its passage.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55—
BY SENATOR CONNICK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the Peggy Martin Rose as the official state rose.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Monday, May 4, 2026, as Louisiana Firefighter's Appreciation Day and to commend firefighters across the state for their dedication to public safety and their service to the residents of Louisiana and the citizens of the United States of America.

On motion of Senator Boudreaux the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 6, 2026, as Links Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend The Links, Incorporated, for their dedicated service and lasting contributions to the state and its residents.

On motion of Senator Jackson-Andrews the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106—
BY SENATOR BASS

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Vicky Thrash and to recognize and commend her life of service, faith, and devotion to her family and community.

On motion of Senator Bass the resolution was read by title and adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52—
BY SENATORS WOMACK, DUPLESSIS AND MORRIS AND REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, MENA, ST. BLANC AND TURNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 6, 2026, as "Main Street Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

The concurrent resolution was read by title. Senator Womack moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Harris	Myers
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Barthelemy	Hodges	Price
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Selders
Cloud	Lambert	Stine
Connick	Luneau	Talbot
Duplessis	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Fesi	Mizell	
Foil	Morris	

Total - 34

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Boudreaux	Owen
Abraham	McMath	
Total - 5		

The Chair declared the Senate adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

Message from the House

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

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To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HB No. 167	HB No. 243	HB No. 321
HB No. 335	HB No. 492	HB No. 624
HB No. 708	HB No. 906	HB No. 968
HB No. 969	HB No. 181	HB No. 316
HB No. 578	HB No. 864	HB No. 1032
HB No. 1118	HB No. 1157	HB No. 1189
HB No. 1195	HB No. 1198	

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions
on First Reading**

HOUSE BILL NO. 167—
BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG AND CHENEVERT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:828.5, relative to inmates; to provide for issuance of certain documentation and certification to inmates; to provide for criteria; to provide for restrictions; to provide for a definition; to provide for duties of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide for duties of the office of motor vehicles; to provide for rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 181—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 24:513(Q) and R.S. 47:1508(B)(44), relative to Medicaid program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program integrity; to authorize the Louisiana Department of Revenue to share state income tax return data with the legislative auditor for certain limited purposes; to authorize the legislative auditor to utilize such data for purposes of Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program fraud detection and prevention; to provide for interagency agreements relative to sharing of data; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 243—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 682, relative to the recusal of a district attorney; to provide for the notification to the attorney general; to provide for the appointment of an attorney for the recused district attorney; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 316—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.10(K), to enact R.S. 17:7.2(A)(11) through (13), 24.14, 100.13(N), and 3996(B)(24), and to repeal R.S. 17:24.9(C), relative to literacy; to require that certain teacher education programs provide for certain components relative to adolescent literacy; to provide requirements for the state Department of Education, public school governing authorities, and public schools with respect to adolescent literacy; to provide with respect to high-dosage tutoring; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability and implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 321—
BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR, BOUDREAUX, BOYER, HORTON,
KNOX, MOORE, AND WILEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:46.2(F)(1), 46.3(E), 82(G), 82.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1), (B), (D)(2) and (3)(b), (E), and (F), 82.2(E), 83(C), 83.3(D), 83.4(C), 89(C)(2), and 89.2(D)(1) and (5) and Children's Code Articles 804(3) and (5) and 839(D) and to enact R.S. 14:83.1(C), 83.2(C), and 84(C), relative to victims of human trafficking and prostitution offenses; to provide for an exemption from criminal responsibility and delinquency proceedings; to provide relative to affirmative defenses for prosecution of certain offenses; to provide eligibility for specialized services; to provide relative to conduct that constitutes prostitution; to revise certain terminology relative to prostitution involving persons under eighteen years of age; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 335—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANCE HENRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:233.4(A), (C)(introductory paragraph), and (D) and to enact R.S. 46:233.4(C)(4) and (G), relative to verification of citizenship of applicants for public benefits; to provide relative to entities administering public benefits; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 492—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL
AN ACT

To enact Part IV-A of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:219.1.1 through 219.1.4, relative to the Governor's Task Force on Impaired Driving; to create the Governor's Task Force on Impaired Driving; to provide for the policy and purpose; to provide for membership; to provide for powers, duties, and procedures; to provide for assistance and cooperation of other agencies relative to the task force; to provide for use of facilities relative to the task force; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 578—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, AMEDEE, BAYHAM,
BUTLER, CHENEVERT, CREWS, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON,
EGAN, FARNUM, FIRMENT, HORTON, OWEN, SAWYER,
SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, AND WILDER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 14, Code of Civil Procedure Article 5055, Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 4,

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795(C), (D), and (E), 989, 992, 994, 997, 998, and 999.1, Children's Code Articles 106, 720(B)(1), 725, 1217.1(A)(4), and 1239.1(A)(4), R.S. 1:8, R.S. 3:1493(E) and 2074(E), R.S. 4:158.2(A)(2) and 193(B), R.S. 9:2720(D), R.S. 11:3390 and 3662, R.S. 13:1856(1) and 1857(A)(8)(d)(ii) and (iii), R.S. 14:107.2(A), R.S. 15:827.3(A)(2)(c)(i), 832(A), 905(F)(13)(b) and (14)(a)(ii) and (d)(ii), 933(D)(4)(introductory paragraph) and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), 934(B)(4), 1110(D)(3), 1204.2(B)(4), and 1228.9(D)(1)(a), R.S. 17:17.5(B)(2), 100.13(G)(2)(f) and (J), 221.3(B)(2)(d), 416(M), 416.21(N)(3)(a) and (b)(i)(aa) and (bb), 1519.7(C), 1871(A)(3), 1998, 3047.7(B)(2)(a), 3351(B)(2)(b)(ii), 3399.12(5)(i), 3911(B)(1)(i)(introductory paragraph) and (4)(a)(introductory paragraph), 3991(A)(1)(b)(iv) and (B)(3), and 5067(B)(7), R.S. 22:1204(A)(10)(b), 1504(1), 1545(I)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (J), 1808.2(H), 2161(B), 2187(D)(4), and 2503(9)(b)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 23:2043(B)(1), R.S. 27:46(B), R.S. 32:398.10(A)(2) and 429.3, R.S. 33:130.302(A)(2), 130.882(A)(2), 363(D), 2740.70.3(B)(2), 4071(A)(6), and 4720.301(G)(2), R.S. 36:108(B)(5), R.S. 37:832(A)(2), 914(B)(3), 962(C), 1042(B)(1)(b), 1104(A), 1172(A), 2102(A)(2), 2353(A)(2), 2403(H), 2407(D), 2455(B)(1), 2704(A)(introductory paragraph), 3061(A)(2)(c), 3084(B)(2), 3201(B)(2), 3386.2(C), 3389(C), 3444(A), 3463(B)(1), 3554(A)(2), and 3703(B)(3), R.S. 40:31.61, 101(D)(1), 600.151(D)(1)(l)(ii)(hh) and (m)(iv), and 2403(H)(1), R.S. 42:2.1(A) and 1132(B)(1)(a) through (c), R.S. 46:153.3(D)(1), 288.5(1), 460.37(B)(10), 1095(A), and 1941.8(A)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 47:337.14(E)(2) and 1702(6), R.S. 48:2134(C)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 49:1112(B)(1), R.S. 51:942(A) and 1762(A)(8)(a)(iii), R.S. 56:108(A) and 1705(C), relative to use of terms; to provide for the Restoring Biological Truth Act; to change references from gender to sex; to provide with respect to definitions; to provide for the use of gender and number; to provide for boards, commissions, and councils; to provide for statistical data collection and reporting; to provide for various technical revisions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 624—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.16(A)(1)(a) through (c), (2), and (4), (B)(2) and (3), (C), (D)(1), (F), (G)(introductory paragraph), and (J) and 3996(B)(33) and to repeal 17:416.16(G)(4) and (5), relative to school emergency operations plans; to provide for plan components; to provide for the personnel participating in the development and execution of the plan; to provide for emergency preparedness activities; to provide for definitions; to revise terminology; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 708—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2602 and to enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4912(C), relative to justice of the peace court districts and jurisdiction in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for jurisdiction over evictions for justice of the peace courts in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for concurrent jurisdiction with the city courts of East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for district boundaries of the justice of the peace courts in East Baton Rouge Parish; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 864—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4741.1, relative to the establishment of fire limits; to authorize a municipality to prevent fires by establishing fire limits and prohibiting the storage, placement, accumulation, abandonment, or use of flammable materials beneath certain structures; to provide that any parish or municipality may authorize the use of flammable, explosive, or combustible materials for certain events; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 906—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:410.3, 445.1, 521(B)(1), 1280.21, and 1280.22(A) and (B)(3)(b), relative to elections; to provide relative to party primary elections; to provide relative to participation by unaffiliated voters in party primary elections; to authorize a major political party to allow for participation by unaffiliated voters; to provide for notification to the Department of State; to provide for nominating petitions for candidates for presidential nominee; to provide for the required number of signatures; to provide for requirements for voters who sign the nominating petition; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 968—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:571.37(B) through (D) and (E)(1) and to enact R.S. 15:571.37(F), relative to electronic monitoring; to provide relative to payment of costs for electronic monitoring supervision; to provide for conditions of electronic monitoring; to provide for penalties; to provide for duties of the court; to provide for contradictory hearings; to provide for duties of electronic monitoring service providers; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 969—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:176(B), R.S. 10:9-406(i) and 9-408(f), R.S. 15:574.4.2(C)(1), 705(C)(3)(a) and (D)(3), 874(7), 875(E), and 1223, R.S. 27:94(C), 252(C), 394(C), and 610(A)(3)(c), R.S. 32:865(B)(2), R.S. 36:4(B)(11)(b), R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6)(introductory paragraph) and (b), R.S. 44:4(28), the heading of Chapter 21 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 46:1801, 1802(introductory paragraph), (1) through (4), (5)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (c), (e), and (f), and (6) through (15), 1803 through 1806, 1807(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 1808, 1809(A), (B), (C), (D)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and (2), and (E), 1810, 1811(A), (B), and (C), 1812 through 1815, 1816(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (4), (5), and (8), (C), (D)(1)(b) and (2), and (E)(2), 1817(A) and (B), 1818 through 1822, 1842(introductory paragraph) and (9), 1844(V) and (W)(1)(a), (3), and (5)(a) and (c), 1851, 1852(D), and 1853(A), (B)(introductory paragraph) and (2), and (C), Code of Criminal Procedure Article 890.2(D), Children's Code Articles 811.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (7) and 811.2(D), to enact R.S. 46:1802(5)(h) and (16) through (20), and to repeal Chapter 21-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:1831.1 through 1831.16, relative to compensation for victims of criminal offenses; to change all

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references of the "Crime Victims Reparations Fund" to "Crime Victims' Compensation Fund", "Crime Victims Reparations Board" to "Crime Victims' Compensation Board", and "reparations" to "compensation"; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicable crimes; to provide for duties, powers, and procedures of the board; to provide for applications and eligibility; to provide for award amounts and criteria; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice; to provide for duties of the attorney general; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to reimbursements; to repeal the Victims of Vehicular Homicide Act; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1032—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:414(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (D)(1)(a), (I)(1), and (V), 661(A)(3), 896(A), and 1420, relative to substances involved in the violation of operating a motor vehicle under the influence; to provide for uniform references to substances involved in operating a motor vehicle under the influence; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1118—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2104.1, relative to certain agreement disclosures between hospitals and real estate investment trusts; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for entering into a lease agreement with a real estate investment trust; to provide for the publication of records; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1157—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE AND CHASSION

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:4(B)(39), R.S. 48:77.3, and Subpart B of Part V of Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 48:81 through 87, relative to funding certain entities for infrastructure related projects; to create the Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank within the office of the governor; to provide for a board of directors; to provide for membership, duties, and authority of the board; to provide for technical support coordination with the Department of Transportation and Development, the Department of Treasury, and Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for adoption of bylaws, rules, and regulations by the board; to establish the Louisiana State Infrastructure Fund as a special fund in the state treasury and to provide for accounts within the fund; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in the fund and accounts; to provide for the powers and duties of the state treasurer; to authorize the bank to incur debt and issue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness and to guarantee the debt of other entities; to authorize loans and other financial assistance from the fund to certain entities, including private entities participating in public infrastructure projects as permitted by federal law; to provide procedures to enter into such indebtedness; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1189—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1)(b) and (3), relative to charter boat fishing guides; to require that freshwater charter boat fishing guides obtain a United States Coast Guard captain's license if operating on waters of the United States located in Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1195—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:64, 65(C)(introductory paragraph), 82, 82.2, and 422(D), to enact R.S. 4:82.3 and 422(E) and (F), and to repeal R.S. 4:422(C), relative to the Louisiana State Athletic Commission; to provide for rules and regulations of contests or exhibitions; to provide for fines and penalties; to provide for penalties for noncompliance; to provide for disciplinary actions by the commission; to provide a fee schedule for the registration of athlete agents; to provide for the deposit of monies collected from fees into the Department of Justice Legal Support Fund; to provide relative to the term of registration; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1198—

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEV

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:4216 and R.S. 13:1805(C) and to enact R.S. 13:1805(D), relative to child custody; to provide relative to public policy; to provide relative to arbitration of child custody matters; to provide relative to child custody agreements from foreign countries; to provide relative to fundamental constitutional rights; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 478—

BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX AND LARVADAIN

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 70 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3301, relative to reimbursement for utility overcharges; to provide for definitions; to provide for reimbursement of overcharges by utilities; to provide for labeling; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 481—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 43:147.1(B)(1) and (2) and to enact R.S. 43:147.1(D), relative to official journals of parishes, municipalities, and school boards; to provide relative to the publication of public notices and proceedings; to provide with respect to compensation for printing; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 549—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 11-E of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 23:1861 through 1866, relative to workforce development; to create the Bayou Growth Opportunity Workforce Program; to create the Bayou Growth Opportunity Workforce Fund; to provide for program awards; to provide for annual reporting; to provide definitions; to provide for enforcement; to provide for rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 610—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:100.112(E)(1), relative to monies in the state treasury; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the state treasurer; to provide relative to investment of certain monies in the state treasury; to provide for definitions; to provide for implementation and administration; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 748—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT

To amend R.S. 17:157 (A) and (B), relative to toll exemptions on ferries, bridges, and roads for all Louisiana school board-owned or leased vehicles; to provide for the free passage of all Louisiana school board-owned or leased vehicles over all public tolled ferries operated by the state; to provide for the free passage of all Louisiana school board-owned or leased vehicles over all public tolled roads and bridges operated by the state; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 749—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER AND SENATOR FOIL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3084(A)(14), 3085(3), 3086, 3092(13) and (14), 3093(C)(3) and (D)(1)(f), 3095(A)(4) and (E)(2), 3100.2(12) and (13), 3100.3(B)(3) and (C)(1)(f), and 3100.5(A)(4) and to enact R.S. 17:3090(E), 3099(I) and (J), 3100.5(G), 3100.8(I) and (J), Chapter 22-C of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:3100.21 through 3100.26, and R.S. 17:3129.4(D), relative to savings account programs; to provide for the administration of the ABLE Account Program, the Louisiana Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust Program, and the Louisiana Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve Program; to authorize the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority to enter into a contract with a program manager for the administration of the program accounts and the investment of account funds; to provide for the transfer of certain monies within the Louisiana Education Tuition and Savings Fund to the program manager; to provide for the powers and duties of the authority and the program manager; to require the authority to notify the presiding officers of the legislature and the state treasurer of the execution of the contract; to require the authority and the state treasurer to coordinate on the implementation of account transfers; to provide for definitions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 772—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARTINEZ
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 329(A), 331(A)(1), 333, 335, and 336(A)(3) and R.S. 15:574.15(A)(1) and to repeal Code of Criminal Procedure Article 334, relative to bail; to provide relative to declaration of residence; to provide relative to notice of warrant for arrest; to provide relative to the failure of a defendant to appear; to provide relative to rule to show cause; to provide for technical revisions to remove defunct or incorrect cross-references; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

HOUSE BILL NO. 797—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 70 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3301, relative to creating the Bayou Gold Program; to provide for definitions; to create the Bayou Gold Program; to provide for duties of the Department of the Treasury; to provide for certification requirements; to provide for application to the department; to provide for fees; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 896—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:250.4.1(B)(9) and (10) and (C) through (I) and to enact R.S. 48:250.4.1(B)(11) through (14) and (J) through (M), relative to toll operations; to provide for toll signage, toll dispute procedures, and toll customer service centers; to provide for definitions; to provide for the maximum allowable administrative fee that can be assessed per trip; to require the inclusion of notices of all toll fees on posted toll signage; to establish procedures to dispute toll charges and fees; to require customer service centers within a five mile radius of any Louisiana tolling facilities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 979—
BY REPRESENTATIVES WILEY, ADAMS, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOURRIQUE, BOYER, BRAUD, BROUSSARD, BUTLER, CARPENTER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, COATES, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, GREEN, DANA HENRY, HILFERTY, HORTON, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MCFARLAND, MELERINE, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, OWEN, SAWYER, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, TAYLOR, TURNER, VILLIO, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1665(C)(1) and 1665.2(C)(1), relative to survivor benefits for certain first responders; to provide for the amount of benefits paid to certain beneficiaries in certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 988—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.37(B) and (C) and 463.49(B) and (C) and to enact R.S. 47:463.37(D) and 463.49(D), relative to current and retired legislator special prestige license plates; to provide for the annual royalty fees applicable to such license

plates; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1001—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCELLE, BOUDREAUX, CHASSION, DICKERSON, DANA HENRY, MARTINEZ, MOORE, PHELPS, SAWYER, SPELL, AND WILEY

AN ACT

To redesignate United States Highway 190 between River Road and Interstate 110 as the "Jesse Jackson Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1003—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3982(B)(2)(a), and to enact R.S. 17:10.7.1(J), relative to certain schools returned from the Recovery School District; to provide relative to certain charter schools; to provide relative to overcapacity in a school district; to provide for reporting; to provide for the lease or sale of certain property; to provide for the powers and duties of a local school board; to provide for the powers and duties of a local superintendent; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1008—

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BRAUD, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, HORTON, JACKSON, MCCORMICK, SCHAMERHORN, AND WALTERS

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, relative to faculty at public postsecondary education institutions; to prohibit a public postsecondary education institution from retaliating against a faculty member for disclosing certain alleged violations or exercising academic freedom or free speech; to provide for definitions; to provide for remedies; to require the Board of Regents to adopt a uniform policy relative to reporting and investigations; to require public postsecondary education institutions to adhere to the policy; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary A.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1081—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:5221(A), 5223(A)(1), (4), and (5), and 5224(D) and to enact R.S. 36:509(A)(4), relative to the Louisiana Ports and Waterways Investment Commission; to provide for the transfer of the Louisiana Ports and Waterways Investment Commission to the office of multimodal commerce within the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for the powers and duties of the office of multimodal commerce; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1082—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 84 and to enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 84.1, relative to venue; to provide for suits against the Municipal Police Employees'

Retirement System; to establish venue; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary A.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1108—

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Homeschool Proud" special prestige license plate; to provide for the issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1112—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHENEVERT, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BOYER, BRAUD, BROUSSARD, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARVER, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, HEBERT, HORTON, JACOB LANDRY, MARCELLE, MELERINE, MENA, OWEN, SAWYER, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:11(B), 24.8(A), (B), and (D)(1), 407.33(1) and (5), 407.35(A), and 407.41(A), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) and to enact R.S. 17:407.41(D), relative to prekindergarten programs; to remove the requirement that nonpublic prekindergarten programs be licensed as early learning centers; to apply requirements pertaining to child safety and welfare standards to certain school prekindergarten programs; to revise the standards with respect to child-to-staff ratios; to revise the definition of camp as it pertains to exemption from early learning center licensing requirements; to provide for the approval of nonpublic prekindergarten programs by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to authorize the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt emergency rules; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1129—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:330.1(A)(1), relative to the sale of surplus state-owned property; to provide for preference of in-state auctioneers; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1173—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MURRAY AND CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:429.4(E) and (F)(1) and 863.1.2(B), relative to the terms of installment agreements for outstanding fines, penalties, and fees owed to the office of motor vehicles; to extend the issuance of certain late fees for failure to make timely payments; to provide for requirements before a person is removed from the Reinstatement Relief Program; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1192—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association" special prestige license plate; to provide for the issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule

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promulgation applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1207— BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:2212.11 and R.S. 48:251(E), relative to public bids for public work contracts; to prevent public entities from limiting public works contracts based on special qualifications; to prevent public entities from unduly limiting bidding competition; to prevent the Department of Transportation and Development from requiring proof of certain experience or qualifications ; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1230— BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL AN ACT

To amend and reenact Chapter 13 of the of Title 6 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 6:1031 through 1072, relative to the Louisiana Money Transmission Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for a purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions under certain circumstances; to require information and documentation in order qualify for an exemption; to provide for record keeping; to provide for applications for and the issuance, renewal, and maintenance of licenses; to provide for implementation and rule promulgation; to provide for consistent licensing between states; to provide for notice and information requirements for changing key individuals; to require reporting; to require auditing of finances; to provide for certain unauthorized and prohibited activities; to provide for permissible investments; to provide for suspension and revocation of licenses under certain circumstances; to provide for license and notice revocation hearings; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61— BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the Louisiana Supreme Court decision in Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal Dist. v. Nguyen, No. 2025-C-00827 (La. 3/6/26), and its implications on the expropriation authority provided for in the Constitution of Louisiana and R.S. 19:2.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary A.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 88— BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize April 28, 2026, as Nurses Day and May 6 through May 12, 2026, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Boudreaux moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Lists members of the Senate who voted 'YEAS'.

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Lists members of the Senate who were absent.

Total - 3

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90— BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL AND SENATOR MCMATH A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Myers moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Lists members of the Senate who voted 'YEAS'.

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Lists members of the Senate who were absent.

Total - 3

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

Rules Suspended

Senator Morris asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
Returned from the House of Representatives
with Amendments, Subject to Call**

Called from the Calendar

Senator Morris asked that Senate Bill No. 256 be called from the Calendar.

**SENATE BILL NO. 256—
BY SENATOR MORRIS**

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1211, 1211.1, 1212(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5), 1212.1, 1213.1, 1213.2, 1216, 1222, 1371.2, 1373(A)(1), 1373.1, 1381.3, and 1381.7(A) and R.S. 18:2(3), 444(E), 602(C)(1), (E)(2)(c), 1300.7(B), 1354(A)(1), 1511.2(E) and 1511.3(A)(1), relative to the clerk of court in Orleans Parish; to provide for one clerk of the civil district court and the criminal district court; to provide for payments from the Clerk of Court Expense Fund; to provide for the administration of the court by the clerk of court in Orleans Parish; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative McMakin to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 256 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To amend and reenact" delete the remainder of the line and lines 3 through 4 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 5, delete "1511.3(A)(1), and insert "R.S. 13:761(C), 1211, 1211.1, 1212(A), (B)(1) through (5), 1212.1, 1213.1, 1213.2, 1216, 1222, 1338, 1371.2, 1373(A)(1), 1373.1, the introductory paragraph of 1381, 1381(21), 1381.3, 1381.5(A) and (B)(2)(e), 1381.7(A), 2515, and 5971, R.S. 15:85.1(A)(2)(d) and R.S. 18:2(3), 444(E), 602(C)(1) and (E)(2)(c), 1300.7(B), 1354(A)(1), 1511.2(E), and 1511.3(A)(1); and to repeal R.S. 13:1031, 1033, 1371, 1371.1, and 1378, "

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 11-13 and insert the following:
"Section 1. R.S. 13:761(C), 1211, 1211.1, 1212(A), (B)(1) through (5), 1212.1, 1213.1, 1213.2, 1216, 1222, 1338, 1371.2, 1373(A)(1), 1373.1, the introductory paragraph of 1381, 1381(21), 1381.3, 1381.5(A) and (B)(2)(e), 1381.7(A), 2515, and 5971 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 13 and 14 insert the following:
"§761. Clerks' Supplemental Compensation Fund; creation; sources of funds

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C. The clerks of all of the district courts ~~and criminal district courts~~ of this state shall remit to the Clerks' Supplemental Compensation Fund from the funds transferred from the advance deposit account to the salary fund account an amount calculated at the rate of four dollars for every original civil suit filed in their offices. The clerk of the ~~Civil District Court~~ court for the parish of Orleans shall remit the fees required in this Subsection from the judicial expense fund of the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans. ~~The clerk of the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans shall remit the fees required in this Subsection from the clerk of the Criminal District Court Expense Fund for the parish of Orleans.~~ The clerks of all of the district courts and criminal district courts of this state shall remit all costs so collected to the board monthly on or before the tenth day of each calendar month. The disbursement of the proceeds from the fund may be authorized only by a majority of the members of the board.

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 3 through 5 in their entirety and insert the following: "court. The clerk is authorized ~~with the approval of the judges of the civil district court~~, to appoint deputies and other assistants; and he may remove them at pleasure; ~~or the court may remove them.~~ Each judge of"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 6, after "**appointed**" insert "**, subject to the rules of the court to which they are assigned,**"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 14, after "clerk of" delete "the"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, line 3, after "clerk of " delete "the civil district"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, at the beginning of line 27 delete "Parish" and insert "**parish**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, line 29, after "clerk" delete "of the civil district court"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 5, line 5, after "clerk of" delete "the civil district"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 5 between lines 12 and 13 insert the following:
"§1338. Transfer of cases

A. All pending cases filed in the Civil District Court for the **Parish parish** of Orleans over civil commitment proceedings where the Criminal District Court for the **Parish parish** of Orleans has determined a mentally defective defendant is incapable of standing trial, is a danger to himself or others, and is unlikely in the foreseeable future to be capable of standing trial are hereby transferred to the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans for further proceedings in accordance with law. A judge of the civil district court or the criminal district court on his own motion, or upon motion by the district attorney of Orleans Parish or the attorney of the defendant, may have such case transferred upon the signing of the order to transfer by either a judge of the Criminal District Court for the **Parish parish** of Orleans or a judge of the Civil District Court for the **Parish parish** of Orleans. ~~Upon the signing of such an order, the clerk of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans or the clerk of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans shall effect delivery of the record to the clerk of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, who shall receipt the same and properly file it in his office.~~ The Criminal District Court for the **Parish parish** of Orleans shall hear and dispose of the case with the same legal effect as if it had been instituted in that court in the first instance.

B. With respect to cases and jurisdiction transferred according to this Section, the ~~criminal~~ sheriff for the parish of Orleans is vested with the power and authority to serve all notices, subpoenas, papers, writs, and orders and to make proper return thereto to the Criminal District Court for the **Parish parish** of Orleans.

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AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 7, between lines 1 and 2 insert the following:
"§1381. Fees

The following charges may be made for the services of the clerk of the ~~criminal district court~~ **for the parish of Orleans:**

* * *

(21) For making copies of any paper, document, or other proceeding, the original of which is in the custody of the clerk of the ~~criminal district court~~ **for the parish of Orleans** including certificate and seal thereto, for each one hundred words, sixty cents.

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AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 7, line 2, after "Clerk of" delete "the Criminal District"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 7, at the end of line 6, after "clerk" delete "of the"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 7, at the beginning of line 7, delete "Criminal District Court"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 7, between lines 9 and 10 insert the following:

"§1381.5. The Orleans Parish administration of criminal justice fund

A. There is hereby created an Orleans Parish administration of criminal justice fund which shall be maintained and supervised by the criminal sheriff of the parish of Orleans for the purpose of collecting and distributing proceeds received from the annual licensing fee pursuant to R.S. 22:822.

B. * * *

(2) Each quarterly distribution shall be calculated and allocated as follows:

* * *

(e) Twenty percent of all funds received to the Clerk of the Criminal District Court Expense Fund for the parish of Orleans.

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AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 7, between lines 22 and 23 insert the following:

"§2515. Application for supervisory writs; stay orders

All applications for supervisory writs of certiorari, prohibition, or mandamus to the Criminal District Court for the Parish parish of Orleans from the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans shall be filed with the clerk of the Criminal District Court for the Parish parish of Orleans, and shall be by him allotted to the criminal court of appeals panel then sitting to hear appeals within that court under its rules, in connection with cases not appealable to the Supreme Court of Louisiana. No stay order shall be binding on the lower court unless at least two of such judges shall order such stay. The application for writs shall follow the general form and shall contain all documents and exhibits now required by Rule X of Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, or as may be hereafter required under Rule X.

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§5971. Applicability

The judicial administrative districts authorized by this Chapter shall provide an optional and additional method of funding the office of the clerk for the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans, the office of the clerk of court for the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans, and the office of the clerk of district court for each of the other parishes.

Section 2. R.S. 15:85.1(A)(2)(d) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§85.1. Posting of criminal bond; fee assessed

A.(1) * * *

(2) The proceeds from cases in which the criminal prosecution has been concluded shall be distributed on a quarterly basis as follows:

* * *

(d) Two dollars shall be remitted to the office of the clerk of court for the parish, except in the parish of Orleans where two dollars shall be remitted to the office of the clerk of the criminal district court, or to the office of the city or municipal clerk of court in cases where the municipality is responsible for the prosecution.

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AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 7, delete lines 23 and 24 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 3. R.S. 18:2(3), 444(E), 602(C)(1) and (E)(2)(c), 1300.7(B), 1354(A)(1), 1511.2(E), and 1511.3(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 8, delete line 5 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 8, delete line 17 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 8, delete lines 27 and 28 in their entirety and insert the following:

"E.(1)(a) * * *
(2)(a) * * *"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 10, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following:

"Section 4. The provisions of this Act shall not reduce the current term of office of the clerk of criminal district court for the parish of Orleans on the effective date of this Act. The office of clerk of criminal district court for the parish of Orleans shall be abolished at the end of May 3, 2026, and before the term of any other criminal clerk of court begins. Immediately thereafter, the authority, functions, duties, and responsibilities of the office of clerk of criminal district court for the parish of Orleans, and all of the books, papers, records, monies, actions, and other property of every kind and description, movable and immovable, real and personal, possessed, controlled, or used by the office of the clerk of criminal district court for the parish of Orleans shall be transferred and owned, possessed, controlled, and used by the clerk of the civil district court for the parish of Orleans, who shall thereafter be referred to as the clerk of court for the parish of Orleans.

Section 5. Whenever the clerk of the criminal district court for the parish of Orleans is referred to or designated by law, rule, or regulation on and after the date that office is abolished, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the clerk of civil district court for the parish of Orleans or hereafter "clerk of court for the parish of Orleans".

Section 6. R.S. 13:1031, 1033, 1371, 1371.1, and 1378 are hereby repealed in their entirety."

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 10, line 26, change "3" to "7"

Senator Morris moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Y, N. Includes Allain, Bass, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

NAYS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Y, N. Includes Barrow, Barthelémy, Boudreaux, Carter, Duplessis, Harris, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Luneau, Price, Selders.

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Y, N. Includes Mr. President, Abraham, McMath.

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

Rules Suspended

Senator Morris asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to:

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Senator Alan Seabaugh, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to submit the following report:

HOUSE BILL NO. 315— BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE AN ACT

To enact R.S. 23:921(P), relative to noncompete contracts or agreements; to prohibit noncompete contracts, agreements, or provisions for interns and apprentices; to provide for confidentiality agreements and certain employment information and agreements; to provide a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1137— BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS AN ACT

To enact R.S. 23:333, relative to employment discrimination; to prohibit adverse employment actions based on certain constitutionally protected speech; to prohibit compelled speech in the workplace; to provide for the use of certain pronouns or honorifics; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1238— (Substitute for House Bill No. 422 by Representative McMakin) BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:35(B) and 38(B) and to enact Part III of Chapter 3 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 23:271 through 274, relative to workplace violence in retail and food service establishments; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to prohibit workplace violence against an employee of a regulated establishment; to provide enhanced penalties for offenders who commit certain crimes against an employee of a regulated establishment; to provide for signage; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted, ALAN SEABAUGH Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Senator W. Jay Luneau, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs, submitted the following report:

April 29, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 283— BY SENATOR BARROW AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9038.31(2) and (3), and to enact R.S. 33:9038.82, relative to special districts; to provide for definitions; to create the BLVD at Harding Special District; to provide for the governance and the powers and duties of the district, including tax, bond, and tax increment finance authority; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 90— BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.70.6(B), (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), (c), and (d) and (2), and (I) and to enact R.S. 33:2740.70.6(D)(1)(f) and (g) and (J), relative to the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; to provide relative to the governing board of the district; to provide relative to the membership of the board; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department with respect to the district; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 127— BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.38(B) and (F)(4), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Victoria Farms Crime Prevention and Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district ; to provide relative to the authority of the district to change the amount of the fee; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 138— BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.29(E)(3), (F)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (3), (G), and (H) and to enact R.S. 33:9097.29(I) and (J), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Parkwood Terrace Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District; to provide relative to the members of the governing board of the district; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to establish a maximum fee; to provide relative to the increase of the fee; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 150—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 18 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:7151, relative to Cameron Parish; to authorize the creation of a local insurance program; to provide relative to the administration and management of the program; to provide relative to program eligibility; to authorize the creation of a local insurance fund; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 273—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 33:2740.70.8, relative to certain parishes; to repeal the authorization for the distribution of sales and use tax revenue collected by the parish governing authority on the sale of admission tickets to certain events; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 376—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2496(1)(a)(iii) and 2556(1)(a)(iii), relative to the fire and police civil service; to provide relative to provisional appointments in the fire and police civil service for municipalities, parishes, and fire protection districts; to provide for the maximum length of such appointments; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 681—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.1(F)(1)(b) relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Lakeview Crime Prevention District; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to provide for the maximum fee amount; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 892—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, CARVER, COX, DOMANGUE, FREIBERG, DANA HENRY, KNOX, LYONS, MARCELLE, MURRAY, AND SAWYER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.70.11, relative to the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans; to create the West End Economic Development District within the parishes; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1068—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4169.1(A)(1)(b) through (e) and to repeal R.S. 33:4169.1(A)(1)(f), relative to municipal and parish authority over collection and disposal of garbage and trash; to provide relative to time contracts for the collection, transportation, and disposal of garbage or trash; to provide relative to the term of such contracts; to repeal requirements relative to issuing a request for proposals or advertising for bids for exclusive contracts; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
W. JAY LUNEAU
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senator Bob Hensgens, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following report:

April 29, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 665—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:322.3 and to repeal R.S. 56:322.3, relative to hoop nets and seines; to prohibit the use of hoop nets and seines in North Pass and Manchac Pass; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 721—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:499.4, relative to commercial shrimping; to create an exception to the prohibition on night shrimping in inside waters of the state; to allow commercial shrimping in certain inside waters beginning at 5:30 a.m.; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 757—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:320(J), relative to methods of taking freshwater or saltwater fish; to prohibit the taking of menhaden; to provide for strict liability; to provide for penalties; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 835—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.9(H) through (J) and to enact R.S. 56:302.9(K), relative to charter guide wildlife management area access permits; to create an annual charter guide wildlife management area access permit; to establish a fee for the permit; to provide for the privileges conveyed by the permit; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 857—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4749.2(B)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and (D)(introductory paragraph), relative to imported seafood; to require labeling of commingled seafood; to provide penalties for commingled seafood labeled as domestic; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 872—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:8(160) and 325.5(D), relative to commercial menhaden reduction fishery vessels; to require vessels to use automatic identification systems; to provide definitions; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to organize and renumber certain definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 886—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:325.5(D), relative to commercial menhaden harvest data reporting; to provide an exception to confidentiality for reports received by a legislative committee; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 889—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:449(C), relative to tagging of oysters; to establish a tag for bulk harvesting for alternative oyster cultivation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
BOB HENSGENS
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS
AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Senator Patrick Connick, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 354—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To redesignate the bridge located on Louisiana Highway 64 over the Amite River at the boundary of East Baton Rouge Parish and Livingston Parish as the "Caleb Easterling Memorial Bridge"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 355—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE AND SENATOR MIZELL
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 10 in Washington Parish as the "Veterans Park Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 360—

BY REPRESENTATIVES EGAN AND GLORIOSO
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 41 in Pearl River, Louisiana, as the "Sgt. Michael J. Guillory Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 506—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.73(A) and (G) and to enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish blackout license plates; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; to establish the "Acadiana High School", the "Lafayette High School", the "Carencro High School", the "Northside High School", the "Southside High School", the "David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy", the "Ovey Comeaux High School", the "Early College Academy", and the "Edward J. Sam Accelerated School of Lafayette" license plates; to provide for the creation and application of existing issuance, design, implementation, fee, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to Louisiana parochial, public, and private high school license plates; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 606—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:210(3), (4), and (5), 210.3, 210.4(2), and 210.6(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 32:210(introductory paragraph) and 210.1(C), relative to personal delivery devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for responsibilities and rights of a personal delivery device; to provide for operation in pedestrian and nonpedestrian areas; to remove the requirement for the display of lights at night; to remove provision for crossing certain roadways; to provide for regulation by local governments; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 746—

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387(A), relative to statewide uniform permits for oversized vehicles; to remove the requirement that a vehicle obtain a special permit from an agency or department or political subdivision other than the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for a one year moratorium on the issuance of any local permits for oversized vehicles; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 781—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:508(A)(2) and to enact R.S. 47:508.1, relative to fleet vehicle registration and license plates; to provide for the establishment of a fleet vehicle program administered by the Department of Public Safety, office of motor vehicles; to provide for leasing and rental company authorization to participate as registered fleet owners; to provide for registration cycles, proration, and biennial options; to provide for fleet license plate inventory controls; to provide for records; electronic data exchange, and audits; to provide for fees and taxes; to provide for rule promulgation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 844—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:59(A)(5) and to enact R.S. 32:59(A)(6), relative to the use of the wireless telecommunications devices while operating a motor vehicle; to provide for definitions; to establish the boundary and when a school zone is in effect; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 972—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BOUDREAUX, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERALT, BOYER, CARVER, CHASSION, DEVILLIER, FISHER, HORTON, JACKSON, KNOX, JACOB LANDRY, MARTINEZ, SPELL, TAYLOR, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 93 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, as the "Desert Shield-Desert Storm Veterans Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 982—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 133 North in the Village of Oak Ridge, as the "Erle McKoin 'Niney' Barham Memorial Highway"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 133 South in the Village of Oak Ridge, as the "Joseph Sidney Carter Memorial Highway"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 134 West in the Village of Oak Ridge, as the "Abner Wimberly Memorial Highway"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 134 East in the Village of Oak Ridge, as the "James Wallace McLendon Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1037—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:502(A) and (B), 503, 505(A) and (B), 506(A) through (C), 508(A) through (C) and (F), 508.2(A) through (C), (E), and (F), and 508.6(C) and (D) and to enact R.S. 36:505.1, relative to operational reforms within the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for the creation of the position of chief operating officer within the department; to provide for the duties of the chief operating officer; to provide for the duties of the deputy secretary within the office of transformation; to extend the deadline for the department to implement certain changes and reforms; to extend the deadline for the department to remitting payment to vendors and contractors; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1072—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:196(C) and R.S. 49:220.51(D) and 220.52(C)(2) and (4) and to enact R.S. 49:220.51(E) and 220.54, relative to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to expand the powers, duties, and responsibilities in the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to provide for the authority of the office of Louisiana Highway Construction to use certain appropriated monies; to authorize the executive director to waive certain bidding requirements during emergencies; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1085— (Substitute for House Bill No. 838 by Representative Bagley)
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2054(B)(8) and R.S. 32:357, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1306(C), to enact R.S. 32:1304.1, and to repeal R.S. 32:707.5(D)(3) and 1303, relative to vehicle inspection sticker requirements; to repeal the inspection sticker requirement for assembled vehicles; to provide for periodic inspection of commercial and student transportation vehicles and associated fees; to provide for inspections required by federal law; to provide for windshield requirements; to provide for the promulgation of standards for the regulation of emission control devices; to provide for the approval of out of state inspections under certain circumstances; to provide for the Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program; to provide relative to the operation of official inspection stations; to restrict the issuance of citations for failure to produce a certificate of inspection for a specified period; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for severability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1167—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO
AN ACT

To designate the elevated portion of Louisiana Highway 433 in Slidell, Louisiana as the "Emile 'Uncle Tobe' Galatas Memorial Bridge"; to designate a portion of United States Highway 11 in Pearl River, Louisiana as the "Captain Steven Gaudet, Jr. Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1174—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(o), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Transportation and Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1232— (Substitute for House Bill No. 647 by Representative Bourriaque)
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:3471(6) and (7), 3472(Section heading), (A), and (D), 3473, 3475(A), 3477(Section heading), (A), and (D), and 3478 and to repeal R.S. 34:3474, relative to waterways; to provide for the Waterway Assistance Program and Fund; to provide for timelines for submitting applications for funding of any waterway projects by a governmental entity; to provide for an annual basis for application submissions; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK CONNICK
Chair

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
on Second Reading
Reported by Committees**

SENATE BILL NO. 131—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:21, relative to professions and occupations; to provide relative to limiting recovery of attorney fees and costs in disciplinary proceedings initiated by professional or occupational licensing boards; to provide relative to licensees; to provide relative to negotiations; to provide relative to suspension and probationary periods; to provide relative to monetary fees; to provide relative to certain offers of judgments; to provide relative to consent order negotiations; to provide relative to attorney fees and costs incurred by the board; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 145—
BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2166.11, relative to adult residential care providers; to provide for generators or alternative electrical power sources; to provide for requirements; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Department of Health; provide for waivers; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for duties of the office of the state fire marshal; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 145 by Senator Womack

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:
"§2166.11. Generator; alternative electrical power source"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 10, delete "**Louisiana Department of Health approved**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 12, after "**Section.**" insert the following:
"Alternative electrical power source" shall include mobile generators, shared campus systems, contracted generators, or other engineered emergency power solution.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 9 through 18 and insert the following:
"(9) Systems necessary to maintain a clinically safe indoor temperature sufficient to protect residents from heat- or cold-related harm."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 19, after "**shall**" insert "**either**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete lines 20 through 24 and insert the following:
"installed permanently onsite at the adult residential care provider facility or provided through an alternative method, including mobile, shared, or temporary systems. The adult residential care provider shall have an adequate supply of fuel to operate the generator or alternative electrical power source under full load for a minimum of seventy-two hours. The fuel shall be stored onsite at the adult residential care provider facility, delivered to the provider prior to the emergency event

through contracted fuel delivery agreements or shared fuel resources, or any combination thereof."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 26, after "**there is**" insert "**a direct municipal gas line or**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, line 1, after "**load**" delete the remainder of the line and on line 2, delete "**of one hundred sixty eight hours for**" and insert "**for the duration of**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, delete lines 6 through 21 and insert the following:

"E. Each adult residential care provider that does not have a permanently installed onsite generator or alternative electrical power source, shall:

(1) Have a rapid connect system for any contracted or mobile generators and electrical power.

(2) Annually update its emergency operations plan to include provisions for the health and safety of the provider's residents in the event of a power loss. The plan shall include information on the mobile generators, shared campus systems, contracted generators, other engineered power solutions, rapid connect systems, and fuel arrangements and agreements. The provider's emergency operations plan, or specific information contained in the plan, shall be submitted to the Louisiana Department of Health upon request."

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, line 23, change "**December**" to "**July**"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, delete line 11 and insert the following: "**documentation, may conduct on-site inspections, and may determine that an alternative electric power source is not compliant or not able to safely operate to meet the requirements of this Section. Any noncompliance shall**"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 4, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

"Section 2. The Louisiana Department of Health shall convene a stakeholder advisory workgroup, including representatives of the Louisiana Assisted Living Association and LeadingAge Southeast, to discuss implementation, compliance progress, potential barriers, and rulemaking of the provisions provided for in this Act. The stakeholder advisory workgroup shall be convened for its first meeting no later than October 1, 2026, by the department and shall terminate no later than July 1, 2028."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 4, line 13, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

On motion of Senator Jackson-Andrews, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 237—

BY SENATORS BARROW AND MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:525(C)(5), (6), and (13) and (D) through (G), R.S. 46:56(F)(1), (2), (8), (9)(e) and (g), and (10)(a), Children's Code Arts. 508, 511(D), 609(A)(3), the introductory paragraph of 610(A), the introductory paragraph of 610(A)(1), the introductory paragraph of 610(A)(2), 610(A)(3) and (4)(a), and (D) through (H), 612(A), (B), and (C), 619(A)(1), 620(A), and 725.5(A), to enact R.S. 17:15.1, R.S. 24:525(C)(14) and (H), R.S. 42:17(A)(12), R.S. 46:51(17), Children's Code Arts. 512(E), 524(B)(13), and 603(17)(p), and to repeal Children's Code Arts. 509 and 610(I), relative to child welfare; to require schools to report allegations of child abuse by school employees; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the state child ombudsman; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide for exceptions to public meetings;

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to provide for confidentiality; to provide for multidisciplinary investigative teams; to provide for forensic interviews; to provide for definitions; to provide for mandatory reporter training; to provide for child abuse and neglect reporting procedures; to provide for the assignment of reports for investigation and assessment; to provide for instant custody orders; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 237 by Senator Barrow

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "(9)(e) and (g)," to "(9)(a), (e), and (g),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, delete "R.S. 46:51(17)," and insert "R.S. 46:1(7), 51(17) and (18), 52.2, and 52.3, and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "employees;" insert "to provide for false reporting;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 13, after "confidentiality;" insert "to provide for public reporting of fatalities and near fatalities; to provide for a critical incident review team;"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 22 and 23 and insert the following:
"F. The immunity provided for in Subsection E of this Section shall not be extended to any person who makes a report known to be false or with reckless disregard for the truth of the report. Any person who makes a false report to the state Department of Education shall be subject to the penalties provided for in R.S. 14:126.1."

G. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Employee" means any temporary, part-time, or permanent administrator, teacher, substitute teacher, bus operator, substitute bus operator, or janitor or any person providing cafeteria, transportation, janitorial, maintenance, or student services through a contract with a school or school system.

(2) "School" means a public school, nonpublic school, or charter school."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 9, change "gender" to "biological sex"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 5, line 28, after "databases" insert a comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, line 1, after "state," insert "The child ombudsman shall not have the ability to add to, edit, delete, or otherwise alter any document in any departments' system."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 7, line 1, change "(9)(e) and (g)," to "(9)(a), (e), and (g),"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 7, line 2, delete "R.S. 46:51(17) is" and insert "R.S. 46:1(7), 51(17) and (18), 52.2, and 52.3 are"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 7, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"§1. Definitions
As used in this Title, the following definitions shall apply:
* * *

(7) "Near fatality" means an act as certified by the physician who examined the child which placed the child in serious or critical condition.
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AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 7, delete line 12 and insert the following:

"(18) Designate the chief medical director as the employee primarily responsible for all matters regarding child fatalities and near fatalities, including but not limited to child death notification to the state child ombudsman in accordance with R.S. 24:525 and for management of the public website on incidents involving a child fatality or near fatality in accordance with R.S. 46:52.2.
* * *

§52.2. Incidents involving fatality or near fatality; public website

The Department of Children and Family Services shall promptly provide information to the public regarding a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect that has resulted in a fatality or near fatality on its public website as follows:

(1) The department shall provide the following preliminary information:

(a) The age, biological sex, parish, and general location of the residence of the child who has suffered a fatality or a near fatality.

(b) The fact that a child suffered a fatality or near fatality as the result of abuse or neglect.

(c) The name, city, town, or general location of the residence of the alleged perpetrator, if available, unless the disclosure would violate any privacy laws of this state.

(d) Whether there have been reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator.

(e) Actions taken by the department in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child.

(f) A detailed synopsis of prior reports or cases of abuse or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator and of the actions taken or determinations made by the department in response to these reports or cases.

(2) Each fatality or near fatality shall be reviewed by a critical incident review team in accordance with R.S. 46:52.3.

(3) Within one hundred twenty days after the date of the report for a case involving a fatality or a near fatality, the department shall provide to the public a summary report that includes any actions taken by the department in response to the case, any changes in policies or practices that have been made to address any issues raised in the review of the case, and any recommendations made by the critical incident review team for further changes in policies, practices, rules, or statutes to address those issues.

§52.3. Critical incident review

A. Each case of child abuse or neglect received by the department that has resulted in a fatality or near fatality, whether substantiated or unsubstantiated by the department, shall be reviewed by a multidisciplinary critical incident review team as provided for in this Section.

B. The team shall consist of the following members:

(1) A representative of the Department of Children and Family Services designated by the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

(2) The chief medical director of the Department of Children and Family Services, or his designee.

(3) A representative of the Department of Justice designated by the attorney general.

(4) A representative of the office of state police designated by the superintendent of state police.

(5) A representative of the Louisiana Department of Health designated by the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

(6) A coroner or forensic pathologist appointed by the president of the Louisiana Coroner's Association.

(7) A representative of a child advocacy center designated by the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers.

(8) The state child ombudsman, or his designee.

C. The department shall provide to the review team the following within thirty days of reaching a disposition in a fatality or near fatality case:

(1) The investigation report and all evidence collected or generated as part of the investigation of the fatality or near fatality.

(2) All prior reports of suspected abuse or neglect received by the department concerning the child, the child's caretakers, or the alleged perpetrator.

(3) All prior investigation reports concerning the child, the child's caretakers, and the alleged perpetrator.

(4) Any additional records requested by the review team that the review team deems relevant after reviewing the materials provided in Paragraphs (1) through (3) of this Subsection.

D. The review team shall do all of the following:

(1) Evaluate means by which the death might have been prevented.

(2) Report its findings to appropriate agencies and make recommendations that may help to reduce the number of child deaths caused by abuse or neglect.

(3) Make specific recommendations to the Department of Children and Family Services of any changes in policies or practices needed to address any issues raised in the review of the case and any recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules, or statutes to address those issues.

E. The attorney general shall be responsible for coordinating meetings of the review team. The review team shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly and shall hold special meetings if determined necessary by the attorney general.

F.(1) The review team, in order that it may perform its functions and duties as provided in this Section, shall have access to any information, documents, or records in the possession of the Department of Children and Family Services involving a child abuse and neglect investigations which are pertinent as decided by the review team to the alleged child abuse or neglect that led to the death of the child.

(2) All such records obtained by the review team in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection, shall be confidential and shall not be available for subpoena nor shall such information be disclosed, discoverable, or compelled to be produced in any civil, criminal, administrative, or other proceeding nor shall such records be deemed admissible as evidence in any civil, criminal, administrative, or other tribunal or court for any reason.

(3) In no instance shall the name or identifying information of the reporter in a case of abuse or neglect be disclosed to the review team.

(4) The furnishing of confidential information, documents, and reports in accordance with this Section by any person, agency, or entity furnishing such information, documents, and reports shall not expose such person, agency, or entity to liability and shall not be considered a violation of any privileged or confidential relationship, provided the participant has acted in good faith in the reporting as required in this Section.

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 9, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

"(a) When there has been a child fatality or near fatality in which abuse or neglect was medically determined by an examining physician to be a contributing factor in the cause of death or near fatality. For purposes of this Paragraph, "near fatality" means an act as certified by the physician who examined the child which placed the child in serious or critical condition."

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 18, line 14, after "perpetrator" insert "is a child"

On motion of Senator Jackson-Andrews, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE BILL NO. 333—
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To enact Children's Code Art. 710.1, relative to child in need of care proceedings; to provide relative to disposition and permanency hearings; to provide relative to a caregiver providing care to a child in need of care proceedings in certain circumstances; to provide relative to notice requirements and right to be heard; to provide relative to civil procedure and evidence; to provide relative to written reasons for judicial findings; to provide for termination of parental rights in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to rights, conditions, and limitations of a caregiver in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 333 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "enact Children's Code Art. 710.1," and insert the following: "amend and reenact Children's Code Arts. 603(24) through (32), 623(A), (B), and (E), 679(D) and (F), 695(A) and (D), 705(A) and (D), 710(A)(2), and 1004.2 and to enact Children's Code Arts. 581.1 through 581.4 and 603(33)."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 17, and insert the following:
"Section 1. Children's Code Arts. 603(24) through (32), 623(A), (B), and (E), 679(D) and (F), 695(A) and (D), 705(A) and (D), 710(A)(2), and 1004.2 are hereby amended and reenacted and Children's Code Arts. 581.1 through 581.4 and 603(33) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 581.1. Contractual agreement; Title IV-E eligible legal representation costs; claims

A. Definitions

For purposes of this Article:

(1) "Department" means the Department of Children and Family Services.

(2) "Legal representation agency" includes the office of the state public defender, office of the district attorney, Louisiana Bar Foundation, Mental Health Advocacy Service, and any other entity providing legal representation to children, parents, or caregivers eligible for Title IV-E eligible legal representation costs.

(3) "Title IV-E eligible legal representation costs" refers to federal financial participation for the legal representation costs necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the Title IV-E plan as provided in 45 C.F.R. 1356.60(c).

Art. 581.2 Contractual agreement; duty to negotiate

A.(1) The department shall, in good faith, negotiate contractual agreements with legal representation agencies operating within the state to allow the agencies to claim reimbursement for Title IV-E eligible legal representation costs as provided for in this Article.

(2) The department shall provide technical assistance to a legal representation agency to ensure compliance with federal requirements to make a claim for Title IV-E eligible legal representation costs.

(3) The department shall have the right to incorporate a reasonable administrative fee in the agreement as needed.

(4) A legal representation agency seeking initial Title IV-E reimbursement shall submit notice to the department by August first of each year for inclusion in the next fiscal year. A new agreement shall not take effect before July first of the following fiscal year. The department shall exercise good faith in limiting the number of new agencies receiving Title IV-E reimbursement each year based on capacity.

B. The contractual agreement shall include provisions for the following:

(1) Title IV-E eligible legal representation cost reimbursement methodology and rates consistent with standard legal representation billing.

(2) A process by which the legal representation agency shall submit the billing for reimbursement.

(3) A requirement that the legal representation agency provide documentation to substantiate the billing reimbursement claim.

(4) A procedure for processing and disbursing the funds received as reimbursement.

(5) A requirement that the legal representation agency timely complete orders to determine Title IV-E eligibility of the client.

(6) A requirement that the legal representation agency remain in full compliance with all of the Title IV-E program requisites.

(7) The right of any state or federal partner agency to audit the performance or billing of the legal representation agency pursuant to the agreement.

Art. 581.3. Reimbursement; legal representation costs; retention
A. A legal representation agency that obtains Title IV-E eligible legal representation costs pursuant to Article 581.2 shall retain all of the funds.

B. The funds received as reimbursement shall not be subject to reallocation or reduction by the department or any other state agency and shall remain available to the legal representation agency to support and enhance legal representation services provided for children, parents, caregivers, or the state in foster care and adoption proceedings.

Art. 583.4. Promulgation of rules
The department shall promulgate policies and rules necessary to implement the provisions of Articles 581.1 through 581.3 no later than July first of the year following its enactment.

Art. 603. Definitions

As used in this Title:

(24) "Pre-adoptive parent" means an individual who has been identified in the child's case plan or permanency plan as the prospective adoptive parent or to whom a court has granted custody of the child when the child's permanency plan is adoption pursuant to an order of a court.

(25) "Prenatal neglect" means exposure to chronic or severe use of alcohol or the unlawful use of any controlled dangerous substance, as defined by R.S. 40:961 et seq., or in a manner not lawfully prescribed, which results in symptoms of withdrawal in the newborn or the presence of a controlled substance or a metabolic thereof in his body, blood, urine, or meconium that is not the result of medical treatment, or observable and harmful effects in his physical appearance or functioning.

(26) "Protective capacity" means the cognitive, behavioral, and emotional knowledge, abilities, and practices that prevent or control threats of danger to children.

(27) "Reasonable efforts" means the exercise of ordinary diligence and care by the department throughout the pendency of a case pursuant to the obligations imposed on the state by federal and state law to provide services and supports designed and intended to prevent or eliminate the need for removing a child from the child's home, to reunite families after separation, and to achieve safe permanency for children. Reasonable efforts shall be determined by the particular facts and circumstances of each case, including the individualized needs of each child and the family, the imminence and potential severity of the threat of danger, the strengths of each child and the family, and the community of support available to the family. In making reasonable efforts, the health, welfare, and safety of the child shall be the paramount concern.

(28) "Relative" means an individual with whom the child has established a significant relationship by blood, adoption, or affinity.

(29) "Removal" means placing a child in the custody of the state or with someone other than the parent or caretaker during or after the course of an investigation of abuse and neglect to secure the child's health, welfare, and safety.

(30) "Safe" and "safety" mean the condition of not being unsafe. Whether a child is unsafe shall be determined by the particular facts and circumstances of each case, including consideration of the threat of danger to the child, whether the child is vulnerable to the threat, and the parent's or caretaker's protective capacity to manage or control the threat.

(31) "Safety plan" means a plan for the purpose of assuring a child's health, welfare, and safety by imposing conditions for the child to safely remain in the home, or, after a child has been removed from the home, for the continued placement of the child with a custodian and terms for contact between the child and the child's parents or other persons.

(32) "Threat of danger" exists when the behavior of a parent or caretaker or the family situation indicates serious harm, in the near future, to the child's physical, mental, or emotional health, welfare, and safety.

(33) "Vulnerable" means the inability to protect oneself from identified threats of danger.

Art. 623. Notice; presence at hearing; right to be heard

A. (1) The department shall give notice of any order regarding the child issued in accordance with Article 619(C) or 620 to the child's parents, the district defender or other entity designated for the jurisdiction by the Indigent Parents' Representation Program for representing parents, the entity designated for the jurisdiction by the Louisiana Supreme Court to provide qualified, independent counsel for the child, and other parties.

(2) The department shall also give written notice regarding any child in foster care to any foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, and relative providing care.

(3) The department shall notify the court of each party's address and shall have a continuing duty to provide current information to the court about each party's whereabouts.

B. (1) The notice shall state the date, time, and place of any scheduled hearing and inform the recipient of the right to attend and be heard.

(2) The notice to the district defender and the entity designated for the jurisdiction by the Louisiana Supreme Court to provide qualified, independent counsel for the child shall also include a copy of the verified complaint, the affidavit required in Article 620(B), and any order issued by the court.

E. (1) The court shall solicit and consider information regarding the care and treatment of the child from any foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child who appears for the hearing. The court shall provide any foster caregiver, pre-adoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child who appears at the hearing a reasonable opportunity to be heard regarding the care and treatment of the child and may receive evidence from each person. The court shall consider this information in conjunction with all other admissible evidence.

(2) The information provided by the foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or relative shall be limited to personal knowledge, defined as firsthand observations of the daily care, functioning, development, behavior, activities, health, education, and interactions of the child, including visitation, communication with parents as it relates to the child, sibling relationships, and any needs for services or support in the home of the caregiver.

Art. 679. Notice; presence at disposition hearing; right to be heard

D. The department shall give written notice of the right to appear at the disposition hearing to any foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child. The notice shall state the date, time, and place of any scheduled hearing and inform the recipient of the right to attend and be heard.

F. (1) The court shall solicit and consider information regarding the care and treatment of the child from any foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child who appears for the hearing. The court shall provide any foster caregiver, pre-adoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child who appears at the hearing a reasonable opportunity to be

heard regarding the care and treatment of the child and may receive evidence from each person. The court shall consider this information in conjunction with all other admissible evidence.

(2) The information provided by the foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or relative shall be limited to personal knowledge, defined as firsthand observations of the daily care, functioning, development, behavior, activities, health, education, and interactions of the child, including visitation, communication with parents as it relates to the child, sibling relationships, and any needs for services or support in the home of the caregiver.

Art. 695. Notice; foster parents, pre-adoptive parents, relatives providing care; presence at case review hearing; right to be heard

A. The department shall give written notice of the right to appear at each case review hearing to any foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child.

D. (1) The court shall solicit and consider information regarding the care and treatment of the child from any foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child who appears for the hearing. The court shall provide any foster caregiver, pre-adoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child who appears at the hearing a reasonable opportunity to be heard regarding the care and treatment of the child and may receive evidence from each person. The court shall consider this information in conjunction with all other admissible evidence.

(2) The information provided by the foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or relative shall be limited to personal knowledge, defined as firsthand observations of the daily care, functioning, development, behavior, activities, health, education, and interactions of the child, including visitation, communication with parents as it relates to the child, sibling relationships, and any needs for services or support in the home of the caregiver.

Art. 705. Notice; presence at permanency hearing; right to be heard

A. The department shall give written notice of the right to appear at each permanency hearing to any foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child.

D. (1) The court shall solicit and consider information regarding the care and treatment of the child from any foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child who appears for the hearing. The court shall provide any foster caregiver, pre-adoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child who appears at the hearing a reasonable opportunity to be heard regarding the care and treatment of the child and may receive evidence from each person. The court shall consider this information in conjunction with all other admissible evidence.

(2) The information provided by the foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or relative shall be limited to personal knowledge, defined as firsthand observations of the child's daily care, functioning, development, behavior, activities, health, education, and interactions of the child, including visitation, communication with parents as it relates to the child, sibling relationships, and any needs for services or support in the home of the caregiver.

Art. 710. Order; appeal
A. In a written judgment, the court shall make findings of fact regarding:

(2) The permanent plan that is most appropriate and in the best interest of the child in accordance with the priorities of Article 702 (C), including the basis for the permanent plan determination of the child.

Art. 1004.2. Termination of rights; children in state custody

The department shall file and pursue to judgment in the trial court a petition to terminate the parental rights of the parent or parents if the child has been in state custody for seventeen fifteen of the last twenty-two months, unless the department has documented in the case plan a compelling reason why filing is not in the best interest of the child.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3
Delete pages 2 and 3

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 464—
BY SENATOR BARROW AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1047(B), relative to coverage for severe obesity treatment; to provide for cost calculations; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Department of Insurance; to provide for legislative appropriations; to provide for changes to minimum coverage standards; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Original Senate Bill No. 464 by Senator Barrow

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 3, delete "Louisiana"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 17, delete "Louisiana"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 2, at the end of line 4, after "commissioner" delete "of insurance"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 2, at the end of line 13, delete "Louisiana"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 2, at the end of line 16, delete "Louisiana"

On motion of Senator Talbot, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 466—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 19:2, relative to expropriation of property by foreign entities; to provide for foreign powers; to provide for majority ownership; to provide for identification of foreign adversaries; to provide for geographic limitations; to provide for military bases; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 466 by Senator Seabaugh

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 5, after "bases;" insert "to provide relative to aircraft, airports, and other navigation and aerospace facilities;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 4, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:
"(13) Any domestic corporation, any foreign corporation organized or incorporated under the laws of another state and authorized or registered to do business in this state, any limited liability company, or any other legal entity that is created for the purpose of, or that engages in, any activity involving the research, development, testing, operation, manufacture, or construction of aircraft, airports, or related aviation facilities,

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including but not limited to spaceflight activities, landing fields, landing strips, and navigation facilities, when the property utilized for such purposes consists of not less than twenty thousand contiguous acres and contains no residential structures."

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 500—
BY SENATOR CONNICK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1231.8(A)(1), relative to the medical review panel; to provide relative to the Patient's Compensation Fund; to provide for certificates of merit; to provide for certain affidavits; to provide for certain expert testimony; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 29—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:783.2, relative to the payment of group insurance premiums for retired clerks of court and employees; to create the Ascension Parish Clerk of Court Retired Employees Insurance Fund; to provide for deposits in the fund; to provide for investment of deposits in the fund; to provide for payments from the fund; to provide for an investment advisory board; to provide for the membership and terms of the members of the investment advisory board; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 39—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT, EDMONSTON, GALLE, HEBERT, MACK, ORGERON, OWEN, VENTRELLA, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR CARTER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2402(5) and 2404.4, relative to the qualification of peace officers in Louisiana; to provide for definitions; to provide that peace officers shall be United States citizens; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Engrossed House Bill No. 39 by Representative Firment

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "enact R.S. 40:2402(5) and 2404.4," and insert "amend and reenact R.S. 40:2402(3)(a) and to enact R.S. 40:2402(5),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "Section 1." delete "R.S. 40:2402(5) and 2404.4 are" and insert "R.S. 40:2402(3)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:2402(5) is"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

"(3)(a) "Peace officer" means any employee of the state, a municipality, a sheriff, or other public agency, who is a United States citizen and whose permanent duties actually include the making of arrests, the performing of searches and seizures, or the execution of criminal warrants, and is responsible for the prevention or detection

of crime or for the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of this state, but not including any elected or appointed head of a law enforcement department.

* * *

(5) "United States citizen" means any individual who is a citizen of the United States either by law, birth, or naturalization."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 13 through 17

On motion of Senator Reese, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 58—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 312(E) through (H) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 312(I), relative to bail; to prohibit bail after conviction for certain offenders; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 67—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:11.2(J), relative to the personal information of protected individuals; to provide for the publication of information of a protected individual in certain instances; to provide for the records of a district clerk of court; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 73—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA AND JACKSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:14(C), relative to voting in public meetings; to provide for voting by electronic voting machine; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 76—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:715(C) and to enact R.S. 15:549(J) and 715(D), relative to notification of releases from parish prisons or jails or state correctional facilities; to provide for notification of improperly released inmates; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 77—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:783(F)(13) and (14), relative to group insurance expenses of the office of the clerk of court; to provide for the payment of group insurance premiums for certain retirees of the Lincoln Parish Clerk of Court; to provide for the payment of group insurance premiums for certain retirees of the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 82—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:98.2(D)(introductory paragraph), 98.3(A)(1) and (C), and 98.4(A)(1), (C), and (D) and to enact R.S. 14:98.3(D) and 98.4(E), relative to driving while intoxicated; to provide enhanced penalties for offenders with previous driving-related offenses; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 112—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:355.2, relative to the relocation of a child; to specify how miles are measured for relocation of a child; to provide for technical changes; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 121—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOMANGUE, BAGLEY, BAYHAM, BROUSSARD, COATES, CHANCE HENRY, TRAVIS JOHNSON, MCMAHEN, AND ST. BLANC
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:4749.1(B)(7), relative to imported seafood; to expand the powers and authority of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to include seizure and destruction of seafood that violates state law; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 125—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:543(A) and 543.1 and to enact R.S. 15:561.7(C) and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 611(F), relative to the supervised release of sex offenders; to provide relative to sex offender registration and notification procedures; to provide for duties of the court; to provide for venue; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 132—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:33, relative to battery; to provide that intentionally directing sound at a person in close proximity under circumstances capable of causing pain or hearing injury constitutes battery; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 134—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL AND EDMONSTON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2717.2.1, relative to material harmful to minors, to provide relative to interactive computer services that enter into a contract with a minor; to provide relative to the delivery or display of material harmful to minors; to provide relative to algorithmic systems and the delivery of material harmful to minors; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 151—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER
AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 978.1, relative to expungement; to provide for submission of documents to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information with a motion to expunge; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 154—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:315.1(C)(8) and to enact R.S. 9:315.1(C)(9) and 405.1 through 405.3, relative to acknowledgment of paternity and collection of child support; to provide for deviation from the child support guidelines; to provide for acknowledgment of paternity for minors; to provide with respect to judicial authorization of acknowledgment of paternity for minors; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 155—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:337(A)(1)(b), relative to the unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system; to provide relative to locations where the use of an unmanned aircraft system is prohibited; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 161—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 320(J)(1) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 320(J)(4), relative to bail conditions; to provide relative to bail conditions for certain defendants; to provide for the duties of the court; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 166—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1109(A) and 1109.1(A)(introductory paragraph), (9), and (10) and to repeal R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(11), relative to the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District; to remove Vermilion Parish as a member of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District; to remove a member of the board of commissioners for the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 187—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 13:981, relative to court reporter pools; to repeal provisions establishing a court reporter pool employed by the Louisiana Supreme Court; and to repeal provisions relative to rules, procedures, and guidelines with respect to the court reporter pool.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Engrossed House Bill No. 187 by Representative Muscarello

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" delete the remainder of the line and insert the following: "amend and reenact R.S. 13:981(A) and (D) and to enact R.S. 13:961(J), relative to court reporter pools; to provide concerning stenographer-reporters of the Board of Tax Appeals; to revise provisions establishing a"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 3, after "and to" change "repeal" to "revise"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert the following: "R.S. 13:981(A) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 13:961(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§961. Court reporters, generally * * *

J. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a stenographer-reporter of the Board of Tax Appeals as authorized pursuant to R.S. 47:1404 and 1416 shall prepare, certify, and charge for a transcript in accordance with the board's rules. The stenographer-reporter shall be considered to have the authority of an official reporter for the board in the same manner as if appointed by the district court for the parish of the board's domicile and shall be considered a certified digital reporter during his or her continued employment in that capacity. * * *

§981. Court reporter pools

A. There is hereby established a court reporter pool of thirty emergency court reporters employed or approved by the supreme court from which said court reporters may be assigned from time to time to any of the various district courts in the state as the need arises in order that transcripts for criminal appeals and other necessary purposes may be timely lodged in the appellate courts. * * *

D. In addition to all fees for court reporters provided for in R.S. 13:961, each court reporter in the pool shall be paid an annual salary by the state in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars. The supreme court shall provide for the salaries, related costs, and travel expenses of the court reporters in its annual budget for operations of the court. Reimbursement for travel expenses of pool court reporters shall not exceed the amount allowed other state employees. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an emergency court reporter appointed pursuant to the authority of this Section shall prepare, certify, and charge for a transcript in accordance with rules duly adopted by the Supreme Court for that purpose. An emergency court reporter under this Section shall be considered to have the authority of an official reporter for a district court in the same manner as if appointed by it. * * *

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 Senator Reese, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 191—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 880(F) and (G), relative to credit for time served in actual custody; to provide for limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 207—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3111(B) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Auctioneers Licensing Board; to provide for board membership; to provide for board member qualification; to provide for the domicile of the board; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 211—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(6) and to enact Chapter 33-D of Title 13 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 13:5381 through 5386, R.S. 14:107.6, and Part IV of Chapter 3 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:581.1 through 582, relative to the Homelessness Court program; to provide for the creation of the program; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; to provide for the goals of the program; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Homelessness Court probation program; to create the crime of unauthorized camping on public property; to provide for penalties; to prohibit public camping and temporary outdoor habitation; to provide for exceptions; to provide for notification requirements; to provide for minimum standards and procedures; to provide for enforcement; to provide for housing; to establish regulations that promote sanitary conditions; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Department of Health and office of the state fire marshal; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Reengrossed House Bill No. 211 by Representative Villio

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 16, delete lines 1 through 7 and insert: "C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both."

On motion of Senator Morris, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 224—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 603(4)(a), (14), (15), (17)(l), and (20), 616(F), 622(B)(4), 623(A), (D), and (E), 624(B) and (C), 631(B), 646(A) and (C), 672.3(C)(3), 679(B) through (F), 690(B)(3), 694(A), 695(A), (C), and (D), 696(B), 702(D)(2)(c), 704(A), 705(A), (C), and (D), 706(B), 740, 1004(G), 1112(B), 1269.1, 1269.2(B) and (C), 1269.7, 1279.6(A)(1), (B), and (C), 1404(1), and 1427(C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a), to enact Children's Code Articles 603(33), 646(F), 658.1, and 1003(15), and to repeal Children's Code Articles 650, 697, and 707, relative to the continuous revision of the Children's Code; to provide for definitions; to provide for a change in terminology; to provide with respect to absent parents, children, foster caregivers, pre-adoptive parents, and relatives providing care to a child; to require written findings of facts; to provide for intervention; to require notice to intervenors; to provide for the exclusion of

intervenors; to provide for advising children and parents of their rights; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 238—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 42:1123(31)(c), relative to the Louisiana Code of Ethics; to provide relative to exceptions authorizing the employment of a former school board member as a certified classroom teacher or certified school psychologist by his former school board; to repeal the population limitation placed on the exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 241—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:333(A)(12)(g) and (D), relative to the organization and operation of state banks; to provide for definitions; to provide for service of disclosure demands; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 242—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2583.8, relative to constables in St. Tammany Parish; to authorize a constable of a justice of the peace in St. Tammany Parish to appoint a deputy; to require certain training; to provide for the filing of certain oaths of office; to provide for compensation; to provide for qualifications of office; to provide for residency requirements; to provide for prohibitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 250—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1124.2(C)(9)(e) and 1124.2.1(C)(7)(a) and to enact R.S. 42:1114(F) and 1114.3(F), relative to financial disclosure requirements; to provide for the disclosure requirements for individuals serving on certain boards and commissions; to provide for the disclosure requirements for immediate family members of such individuals; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 260—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1102(20)(b)(iv), relative to reasonable transportation; to provide for the acceptance of complimentary reasonable transportation by legislators; to provide for travel to a foreign country under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 265—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:283(C) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a), to enact R.S. 14:283(A)(4), (D), and (E), and to repeal R.S. 14:283(F) through (H), relative to video voyeurism; to provide for additional conduct that constitutes the crime of video voyeurism; to provide for exceptions; to provide for redesignation of certain citations; to provide relative to sex offender registration; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 275—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:34.9(I) and 35.3(I), relative to battery of a dating partner and domestic abuse battery; to provide for penalties when a child is present; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 291—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1828(D) and (E) and to enact R.S. 22:1828(F), relative to health insurance; to provide for the payment of claims; to prohibit adverse actions by insurers; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 300—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:243(C)(1) and (2), relative to powers and functions of state banks; to provide for price thresholds for required residential appraisals; to increase the thresholds; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 320—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:541(24)(a) and to enact R.S. 14:406, relative to offenses affecting law enforcement; to create the crime of unlawful exposure by an inmate; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide with respect to sex offender registration and notification requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 338—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:191(4) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(n), relative to certain agencies within the office of the governor, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of such agencies; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 339—
BY REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION, BOYD, LYONS, NEWELL, THOMAS, WALTERS, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:11.2(A)(10) and (11), relative to the personal information of protected individuals; to provide for the protection of the personal information of law enforcement officers and administrative law judges; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 349—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:5.10.1(B), relative to the Imported Seafood Safety Fund; to provide for the purpose and use of appropriated funds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 379—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:425(B)(5), relative to election commissioners; to provide relative to the qualifications of election commissioners; to authorize a person who is seventeen years old and who is enrolled in the eleventh grade at a high school or participating at the eleventh grade level in a home study program to serve as an election commissioner under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 399—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:833.2(A), relative to temporary release of an inmate for limited purposes; to provide for the number of days in which death is expected for purposes of authorizing temporary release; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 427—
BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, EDMONSTON, MIKE JOHNSON, AND LARVADAIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2717.4(B)(3) through (10), (C)(4), and (5)(a), relative to material harmful to minors; to provide for definitions; to make technical changes; to provide relative to settings on minor accounts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Engrossed House Bill No. 427 by Representative Schlegel

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 2, change "through (10), (C)(4), and (5)(a)" to "through (10) and (C)(1), (4), and (5),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 7, change "through (10), (C)(4), and (5)(a)," to "through (10) and (C)(1), (4), and (5)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 3, delete lines 17 through 27, and insert the following:
"(1) Prohibit an adult from connecting to a minor without express consent from the minor's legal representative or enable the legal representative of a minor to access a list of the connections of the minor, including a list of contacts with whom the minor has exchanged direct messages through the parental supervision tools of the covered platform.

(4) Restrict the visibility of the minor's account to only connected accounts Set minor accounts to private mode in a manner in which only users to whom the minor is connected on the covered platform may view or respond to content posted by the minor.

(5) Allow the legal representative of a minor to choose to be informed Inform the legal representative of a minor via text, voice, email, through the legal representative's linked account or through the covered platform's parental control interface within a reasonable time, if any of the following occur:

(a) A minor is exposed to sexually explicit material harmful to minors on a covered platform.

(b) A connection is made between a minor and any other user on a covered platform unless the legal representative of the minor is connected to the account of the minor through the covered platform's parental supervision tools."

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 4, line 4, after "effective" delete the remainder of the line, and insert "on January 1, 2027."

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 4, delete lines 5 through 8 in their entirety

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 463—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9109(C)(2), relative to communications districts; to provide relative to commercial mobile radio services; to provide relative to emergency telephone service charges; to increase the maximum allowable emergency telephone service charge; to provide for an annual report; to provide for requirements to levy a service charge; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 464—
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.17(A), relative to mandatory reporting of damage to utilities; to provide for notification from excavators or demolishers; to provide for notification from the regional notification center; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 468—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:1431 (35) through (37) and 1448.5, relative to the wholesale of residential real properties; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to wholesalers; to provide for disclosures from a wholesaler; to provide for written agreements and contracts; to provide for written notice; to provide for enforcement; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 468 by Representative Hebert

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 14, after "without" and before "the" insert "the purchaser providing all funds needed to close the sale transaction with the original owner and seller and without"

On motion of Senator Mizell, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 545—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:3530(A)(1), relative to maximum charges by lenders; to provide for maximum origination fees on a consumer loan or revolving account; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 550—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1314(E), relative to parish board commissioners; to provide for the compensation of parish board commissioners; to provide for the amount of compensation; to provide relative to approval of compensation by the secretary of state; to provide for compensation during a recount; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 551—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BILLINGS AND CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1309(J)(1), relative to use of commissioners by the registrar of voters to assist the registrar during the early voting period; to provide for assistance in conducting the nursing home early voting program; to provide for the duties of the registrar of voters relative to the use of commissioners; to provide for an oath of office to be taken by a commissioner; to provide for an affidavit to be completed by a commissioner; to provide for compensation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 565—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1563(C)(1) and (4), relative to powers and duties of the fire marshal; to provide for fire prevention and safety inspections of early learning centers and child day care centers; to provide relative to the application of fire safety requirements to early learning centers or child day care centers; to require written notice of a violation or required action; to provide relative to appeals of determinations by the fire marshal; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 588—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:5.5.3(D)(15) through (18), relative to the Seafood Safety Task Force; to add members to the task force; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 639—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1463.1(D) and (E) and R.S. 42:1132(D) and to enact R.S. 18:1463.1(F) and (G), relative to required disclosures in telephone campaign communications; to provide for disclosures related to the use of artificial intelligence; to provide for the administration and enforcement of the regulation of telephone campaign communications by the Board of Ethics; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 639 by Representative Bayham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "(F) and (G)" to "(F), (G), and (H)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 10, change "(F) and (G)" to "(F), (G), and (H)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

"F. The provisions of this Section shall not impose liability on any of the following entities as a result of content provided by another person:

(1) An interactive computer service as defined in 47 U.S.C. §230.

(2) An internet service provider, cloud provider, cybersecurity provider, communications service provider, or telecommunications network.

(3) A radio or television broadcaster, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, or producer."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 14, change "F." to "G."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 18, change "G." to "H."

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 725—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:4749.4, relative to records for seafood purchases; to require retailers who purchase seafood to retain the records of purchases for at least six months; to require purchase records be made available for inspection by the department; to prohibit false or fraudulent records; to provide for civil penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 782—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRASS, BACALA, BERAULT, BILLINGS, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, FISHER, GALLE, GREEN, HEBERT, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, MACK, MARTINEZ, MURRAY, NEWELL, ORGERON, SPELL, STAGNI, WILEY, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26: 901(introductory paragraph), (1)(introductory paragraph), and (32)(introductory paragraph), 903(1) through (4), 911(B)(2), 916(B), 918(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and (3) and 926.1(J) and (K) and to enact R.S. 26:901(36), 918(E), and 926, relative to vapor and alternative nicotine products; to provide for the definitions of an alternative nicotine product, a vapor product, and a nicotine analogue; to provide for an increase in permit fees; to require a wholesale dealer to verify that a retail dealer has a valid permit; to provide for the suspension or revocation of permits; to provide for the seizure and forfeiture of alternative nicotine and vapor products; to provide for the prohibition of remote sales of alternative nicotine products; to provide for penalties; to provide for submission of marketing approval of alternative nicotine products to the commissioner of the alcohol and tobacco commission; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Reengrossed House Bill No. 782 by Representative Brass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "and (K)" insert ", and R.S.47:843(B),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "26:901(36)," insert "901.1(D), 911(F),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 5, after "and 926," insert " and R.S. 47:841(B)(8),"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the end of line 5, after "products" and before the semicolon ";" insert "and modified risk tobacco products"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 7, after "analogue;" insert "to provide for facts and findings;"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 13, after "commission;" insert "to provide for imposition of tax; to provide for use of stamps;"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, line 18, after "26:901(36)," insert "901.1(D), 911(F),"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following: "§901.1. Facts and findings

* * *

D. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to lawful activities authorized pursuant to R.S. 40:1046 et seq. or R.S. 40:966(F), and regulated by the Louisiana Department of Health.

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AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following: "F. No person shall sell, give, serve, deliver, or furnish to a person in this state a product that contains a nicotine analogue.

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AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 6, below line 27, add the following: "Section 2. R.S. 47:843(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:841(B)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows: §841. Imposition of tax

There is hereby levied a tax upon the sale, use, consumption, handling, or distribution of all cigars, cigarettes, smoking and smokeless tobacco, and vapor products and electronic cigarettes as defined herein, within the state of Louisiana, according to the classification and rates hereinafter set forth:

* * *

B. Cigarettes.

* * *

(8) Any tax imposed under this Subsection shall be reduced by eighty five percent for any product the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services determines to be a modified risk tobacco product pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 387k, as amended from time to time.

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§843. Use of stamps or meter impression required; limitations

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B. Discounts. The secretary of the Department of Revenue shall allow wholesale tobacco dealers of other states who have a direct purchasing contract with a manufacturer and serving a trade area of retail dealers in this state to purchase Louisiana stamps with benefit of a five and one-half percent discount. Wholesale tobacco dealers qualified to purchase Louisiana stamps with benefit of the discount described in this Subsection shall receive the additional benefit of a ten percent discount on the purchase of Louisiana stamps to be applied to those products the United States Food and Drug Administration has determined it to be a modified risk tobacco product.

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On motion of Senator Reese, the committee amendment was adopted.

On motion of Senator Womack the amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 805—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:351, relative to wines, distilled spirits, and powdered alcohol; to provide for approved containers for wines and distilled spirits; to provide for case configuration for wines and distilled spirits; to provide for application of federal regulations; to provide for exceptions; to prohibit the sale or shipment of powdered alcohol; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 808—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:43.5 and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 726.1, relative to the crime of intentional exposure to HIV; to provide for elements; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to affirmative defenses; to provide relative to notice for medical conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 834—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:2467, relative to designation and operation of animal shelters; to provide for the care, holding, and disposition of lost, stray, or at-large domestic animals; to authorize certain governing authorities to designate animal shelters; to require shelters to comply with minimum standards of care and applicable hold periods; to provide for owner notification and acquisition of unclaimed animals; to provide for the powers, authority, and discretion of local governmental subdivisions regarding animal control and shelter operations; to promote

humane treatment of animals; to provide for limitations and liability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 847—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1206(A) and 1207(C) and (G) and to enact R.S. 3:1206(C), relative to the election of district supervisors for the state soil and water conservation commission; to establish the method and administration of elections; to provide for supervisor terms, the filling of vacancies, and eligibility requirements for reappointment or reelection; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 853—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:391, relative to misleading solicitations by nongovernment entities; to provide for what qualifies as a misleading solicitation; to provide for disclosure requirements; to provide for remedies and penalties; to provide for civil damages; to provide for an unfair or deceptive act or practice; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 853 by Representative McMakin

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 3, line 7, after "black" delete the remainder of the line and insert "font:"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 3, line 27, change "under" to "pursuant to"

On motion of Senator Mizell, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 858—
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:4(65), relative to global positioning data for individual animals; to establish a public records exemption for Department of Wildlife and Fisheries data that identifies the location of individual animals; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 861—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BEAULIEU, BOUDREAUX, BUTLER, CARLSON, DICKERSON, EGAN, FREIBERG, HORTON, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:782(J)(2)(a) and (b), R.S. 15:574.21(D), R.S. 25:521(A), R.S. 30:521(A)(1), R.S. 41:1501, R.S. 49:214.5.4(G)(8) and 966(B)(3)(b), and R.S. 56:1948.4(B) and to repeal Section 3 of Act No. 323 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 2 of Act No. 427 of the 2015

Regular Session of the Legislature, R.S. 13:782(J)(1), Chapter 1-A of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 15:321 through 324, Chapter 13-A of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 15:1441 and 1442, R.S. 17:1875, 3398.2(B) through (E), and 3883(A)(6), Subpart J of Part III of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 22:1201 through 1220, Chapter 13 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 23:2021 through 2024, Chapter 23-A of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 25:1021 through 1027, Part I of Chapter 6 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 30:401 through 403, R.S. 36:4(B)(18) and (34) and (D)(1), 209(A)(10) and (D)(1), 610(C)(2), and 651(K)(2), R.S. 38:90.2 and 90.5(A), Subpart F-1 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:99.26 through 99.46, Part XI-A of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:332.1, and Chapter 17-F of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:1800.21 through 1800.35, R.S. 40:600.91(A)(28)(b), 1730.28.4, and 1730.28.5(C), R.S. 43:111(A)(9), Part VII of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:220.31 through 220.33, 966(B)(23), and Chapter 19 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:1221 through 1223, Chapter 10-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:1317 through 1319, and Part XIII-A of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:699.21 and 699.22, R.S. 56:1948.4(A)(2), Part III-A of Chapter 9 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:1948.11 through 1948.13, Part VII of Chapter 9 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:1950.21 through 1950.26, and 1681, relative to boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities, districts, like entities, and funds related thereto; to provide relative to the functional organization of state government by abolishing certain boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities, districts, like entities, and funds related thereto; to remove references to, provisions for, and the powers, functions, and duties of the Advisory Commission for Louisiana's Energy, Environment, and Restoration, Advisory Subcommittee of the Accountability Commission, Byways Commission, Centers of Excellence Financing Corporation, Centers of Excellence Program Advisory Board, Clerks of Court Certification Program Committee, Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Corporation, ENCORE Louisiana Commission, Energy Code Commission, Equal Pay Commission, Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission, Louisiana Health Plan, Housing and Transportation Planning and Coordinating Commission, Hunting and Fishing Advisory Education Council, Latino Commission, Louisiana Juvenile Jurisdiction Planning and Implementation Committee, Louisiana Music Trail Commission, Louisiana Quincentenary Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Process Technology Advisory Board, Rural Water Infrastructure Committee, Louisiana Sentencing Commission, State Buildings and Lands Highest and Best Use Advisory Group, and Waste Tire Task Force; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 861 by Representative Mike Johnson

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, at the end of line 15, after "(D)(1)," insert "508.4,"

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 29, after "Force" change the semicolon ";" to a comma "," and add "and Multimodal Commerce Advisory Commission;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, line 13, delete "State Archives and Records Commission" and replace with "the Department of State"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 10, below line 7 add the following: "Section 26. R.S. 36:508.4 is hereby repealed in its entirety."

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 883—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:90.3(B), (C)(introductory paragraph), (1), (9), and (10), and (D) through (K) and to enact R.S. 14:90.3(C)(11) and (12) and (L) through (R) and R.S. 27:19.1 and 19.2, relative to restrictions against illegal online gambling; to provide for penalties for violations thereof; to provide for enforcement; to provide for remedies; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 916—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:754(F)(3), relative to recordation of documents with the clerk of court; to provide for a fee for recording documents; to provide for the deposit of the funds; to authorize cooperative agreements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 937—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE AND SENATOR KLEINPETER AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1484.2(A), 1484.3(6), (7), (8), and (14) through (25), 1484.4(A), (B)(introductory paragraph) and (3), (C)(1), and (D), 1484.5(A), (B)(1) and (3), 1484.6(B) through (E), 1484.8, 1484.9, 1484.11, 1484.13(A), (B)(3) through (7), (C)(2) and (3), 1484.14(A) and (D), 1484.16(7) and (10), 1484.18, 1484.19(1) through (3), 1484.20(1) through (4), 1484.22, 1484.23(A) and (B), 1484.24(C), 1484.25(introductory paragraph) and (2), 1484.26, 1484.27, and 1484.28 and to repeal R.S. 40:1484.3(26) and (27), 1484.6(F), 1484.7, 1484.13(B)(8), 1484.15, 1484.21, and 1484.23(E), relative to the regulation and safety of amusement rides and devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for registration of amusement rides; to repeal relative to inflatable amusement devices; to provide for third-party inspection; to provide for operation; to provide for penalties; to provide for set-up inspection by the fire marshal; to provide for licensing of inspectors; to provide for licensing of operators; to provide for firm licensing; to provide for application procedures; to provide for duties of the state fire marshal; to provide for licensing fees; to provide for prohibited acts; to provide for cease-and-desist orders; to provide for insurance requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 937 by Representative LaCombe

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 11, delete line 6, and insert "one million dollars and lists the office of state fire marshal as"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 11, line 22, delete "one two" and insert "one"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 16, line 26, change "one" to "one"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 16, delete line 27, and insert "million dollars listing the state fire marshal as the certificate"

On motion of Senator Mizell, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 977—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Chapter 20-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to enact Part II of Chapter 20-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:1771 through 1775, and to repeal Act No. 481 of the 2025 Regular Session, relative to minors' use of applications; to provide for definitions; to provide for application store requirements; to provide for developer requirements; to provide for protections; to provide for liability; to provide for applicability; to provide for enforcement; to provide for penalties; to provide for severability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1012— (Substitute for House Bill No. 843 by Representative Boyd)

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, DANA HENRY, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, TAYLOR, AND WILEY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:11.2(A)(10) and (K), relative to public records; to limit access to the personal information of a victim of a sex offense; to provide for definitions; to create the Sexual Assault Survivor Empowerment and Privacy Protection Act; to provide relative to time delays related to the removal of published personal information; to provide for criminal penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1027—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1581(F), relative to real estate appraiser liability in certain circumstances; to provide relative to smoke and carbon dioxide detectors in one- or two-family dwellings; to provide for licensed real estate appraiser liability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1044—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2801.3, relative to classification of separate property; to provide relative to future earnings as it relates to the community property regime; to provide relative to unearned portions of employment contracts; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1054—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To enact Code of Evidence Article 902.1, relative to evidence; to provide for self-authentication of certain evidence; to provide relative to certain footage; to provide for time periods; to provide for applicable proceedings; to provide for notice; to provide for certificates; to authorize the filing of a demand for certain testimony; to provide for service; to provide relative to the extension of time periods; to provide for duties of the court; to provide relative to the admissibility of certain evidence; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1071—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:3.7, relative to public records; to provide an exception for certain records of critical infrastructure of aerospace facilities or aerospace activities; to provide conditions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1091—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUDREAUX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1567(A)(1)(a) and (B), relative to local fire departments; to require a fire department to obtain an identification number from the National Emergency Response Information System; to require reporting of all incidents; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1117—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:868(B), relative to certain insurer contractual payments; to provide for prescriptive periods; to provide for payment under terms of contracts; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Engrossed House Bill No. 1117 by Representative Firmment

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, at the end of line 18, delete "its"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, at the beginning of line 19, delete "contract" and insert in lieu thereof "a policy of insurance classified and defined in R.S. 22:47(6), (10), (11), (12), (13), (15), and (19)"

On motion of Senator Talbot, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1235— (Substitute for House Bill No. 477 by Representative Hebert)

BY REPRESENTATIVES HEBERT, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BOUDREAUX, BOYD, BRASS, CHASSION, COX, FISHER, FREIBERG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MELERINE, MOORE, NEWELL, SPELL, TAYLOR, WALTERS, AND WILEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1049 and to enact Part IX of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1259.11, relative to health insurance; to require coverage for prosthetic and orthotic devices and associated services; to establish criteria for medical necessity determinations; to delineate coverage standards, encompassing multiple devices, materials, components, repair, and replacement; to provide requirements for prior authorization and cost-sharing; to provide nondiscrimination provisions; to provide for network adequacy standards; to set reporting requirements; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 1235 by Representative Hebert

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 16, after "H" change "J" to "K"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, delete lines 3 through 29 and insert the following:
"B.(1)(a) Eligibility and limits of coverage for prosthetic and orthotic devices and prosthetic services shall be determined by the health coverage plan, in consultation with the enrollee's medical providers and their assessment of based on medical necessity.
(b) In determining medical necessity, the health coverage plan shall consider the recommendations by the insured's physician or advanced practice provider. Such recommendations shall be based on the most appropriate prosthesis or orthosis that adequately meets the medical needs of the insured to restore or maintain the ability to perform activities of daily living and essential job-related functions.
(2) The coverage shall, at a minimum, equal the coverage and prevailing payment rate for prosthetic and orthotic devices provided under federal laws and regulations for the aged and disabled pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395k, 1395l, and 1395m and 42 CFR 414.202, 414.210, 414.228, and 410.100.
(3) In accordance with Subsection C of this Section, covered benefits shall be provided for more than one prosthesis or orthosis when determined by the health coverage plan to be medically necessary and may not exclude coverage for prosthetic or orthotic devices designed for physical activity or showering and bathing pursuant to blanket exclusions of items used for recreation or leisure, athletic or sports purposes, or luxury or convenience.
(4)(a) Any denial or limit of coverage based on lack of medical necessity may be appealed in accordance with R.S. 22:1121 R.S. 22:2391 et seq.
(b) With respect to claim denials based on medical necessity, such denials shall be in writing and include clear reasoning and descriptions of how and why the request or claim does not meet medical necessity standards.
(c) Such medical necessity determination shall consider information and recommendation from the treating physician in consultation with the insured, including but not limited to information in the medical record of the treating prosthetist or orthotist and the results of a functional limit test assessment. Such test assessment shall consider but not be limited to the following factors:"

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 5 and insert in lieu thereof:
(1) (i) The insured's past history, including prior use of prosthetic or orthotic devices if applicable.
(2) (ii) The insured's current condition, including the status of the residual limb and the nature of other medical problems.
(3) (iii) The insured's desire to ambulate; with respect to lower limb prosthetic"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 7, after "an" and before "to" delete "orthosis or prosthesis" and insert "prosthesis or orthosis"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 15, between "showering," and "bathing" insert "or"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 4, after "D." insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, line 7, after "manner" delete the remainder of the line and insert a period "."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, at the beginning of line 8, insert "(2) Utilization review procedures shall not"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4, at the beginning of line 10, insert "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, line 17, after "plan." delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, delete lines 18 through 20

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 4, at the beginning of line 21, change "F." to "F."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 5, line 17, after "prosthetic" insert "and orthotic"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 5, line 18, after "prosthetic" insert "and orthotic"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 7, delete lines 18 through 22 and insert in lieu thereof:
(4) (7) "Prosthetic services" means the science and practice of evaluating, measuring, designing, fabricating, assembling, fitting, aligning, adjusting, or servicing of a prosthesis through the replacement of external parts of a human body lost due to amputation or congenital deformities to restore function, cosmesis, or both. It shall also include any medically necessary clinical care."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 8, line 21, after "delivery" and before "or" insert a comma ","

On motion of Senator Talbot, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

Rules Suspended

Senator Talbot asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—

BY SENATOR CONNICK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to ensure that all individuals implicated in the Jeffrey Epstein files, including those involved in alleged criminal activities such as child sex trafficking, blackmail, and bribery are fully disclosed, investigated, prosecuted, and held responsible through every available legal process.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

The resolution was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—

BY SENATOR STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to amend the National Voter Registration Act to reflect current voter registration practices and remove outdated requirements to ensure that voter rolls are current and accurate.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Stine moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing names of senators voting 'YEAS': Allain, Bass, Cathey, Cloud, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack. Total - 24

NAYS

Table listing names of senators voting 'NAYS': Barrow, Barthelemy, Boudreaux, Duplessis, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Luneau, Selders. Total - 8

ABSENT

Table listing names of senators who were 'ABSENT': Mr. President, Abraham, Carter, Connick, Harris, McMath, Price. Total - 7

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and formulate proposed legislation to amend the "Remote Online Notarization Act" and related laws, as necessary, to authorize the use of remote online notarization for executing authentic acts as defined in Civil Code Article 1833, excluding those

instruments prohibited in R.S. 35:623(B), and to report its findings and proposed legislation to the Louisiana Legislature.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35 by Senator Foil

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, change "necessary" to "it deems appropriate"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, change "R.S. 35:623(B)," to "R.S. 35:623(B) or authentic acts deemed inappropriate for remote online notarization,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 25, change "necessary" to "it deems appropriate"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 27, change "R.S. 35:623(B)," to "R.S. 35:623(B) or authentic acts deemed inappropriate for remote online notarization,"

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Foil moved to adopt the amended Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain Hensgens Myers
Barrow Hodges Owen
Barthelemy Jackson-Andrews Pressly
Bass Jenkins Reese
Boudreaux Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Cathey Lambert Selders
Cloud Luneau Stine
Duplessis Miguez Talbot
Edmonds Miller Wheat
Fesi Mizell Womack
Foil Morris
Total - 32

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President Connick Price
Abraham Harris
Carter McMath
Total - 7

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the amended Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it engrossed and sent to the House.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37—

BY SENATOR FESI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the surgeon general to review Louisiana's informed consent laws and submit a report to the legislature on whether any gaps exist in current laws relative to vaccinations.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37 by Senator Fesi

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "laws" delete "relative to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, delete "vaccinations"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 15 and insert the following:

"WHEREAS, the Medical Disclosure Panel has not met since 2018, leaving the state without a mechanism to update medical and surgical procedures that require disclosure."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 18, after "law" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 19 and insert "and any recommendations for updates to Louisiana's informed consent process."

On motion of Senator Jackson-Andrews, the committee amendment was adopted.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Fesi moved to adopt the amended Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain Kleinpeter Reese
Bass Lambert Seabaugh
Cathey Miguez Selders
Cloud Miller Stine
Edmonds Mizell Talbot
Fesi Morris Wheat
Foil Myers Womack
Hensgens Owen
Hodges Pressly
Total - 25

NAYS

Barrow Boudreaux Jenkins
Barthelemy Jackson-Andrews
Total - 5

ABSENT

Mr. President Connick Luneau
Abraham Duplessis McMath
Carter Harris Price
Total - 9

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the amended Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it engrossed and sent to the House.

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

Bagneris Rule

Senator Barrow moved to invoke the rule to temporarily pass over controversial Senate Bills on Third Reading and Final Passage with the intention of taking them up later, in their regular order and to suspend the rules to specifically start with Senate Bill No. 251.

Without objection, so ordered.

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SENATE BILL NO. 251—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To enact Part B of Chapter 51 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3081 through 3089, and to designate R.S. 51:3071 through 3080 as Part A of Chapter 51 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, relative to critical infrastructure protection; to provide for critical infrastructure that needs protection from foreign adversaries accessing state critical infrastructure; to provide for assessing the state's vulnerability to sanctioned communications equipment; to prohibit use of adversary cameras and laser sensor technologies in Louisiana transportation systems; to provide enforcement of protected activities; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Pressly proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Pressly to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 251 by Senator Pressly

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 4, before "assessing" insert "by"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 5, before "prohibiting" insert "and by"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, line 18, delete "country"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, line 19, delete "country"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, line 24, delete "country"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 25, delete "country"

On motion of Senator Pressly, the amendments were adopted.

The amended bill was read by title. Senator Pressly moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Hodges	Owen
Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Barthelemy	Jenkins	Reese
Bass	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Edmonds	Miller	Wheat
Fesi	Mizell	Womack
Foil	Morris	
Hensgens	Myers	

Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Connick	McMath
Abraham	Duplessis	Price
Carter	Harris	

Total - 8

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered re-engrossed and sent to the House. Senator Pressly moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 252—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:410(B), relative to anatomical gifts; to provide for clarification relative to anatomical gift authorization; to provide for refusal of donation of anatomical gifts; to provide for procedures relating to anatomical gifts; to provide for record keeping by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, relative to anatomical gifts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Pressly moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Hensgens	Myers
Barrow	Hodges	Owen
Barthelemy	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	Lambert	Selders
Cloud	Luneau	Stine
Duplessis	Miguez	Talbot
Edmonds	Miller	Wheat
Fesi	Mizell	Womack
Foil	Morris	

Total - 32

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Connick	Price
Abraham	Harris	
Carter	McMath	

Total - 7

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Pressly moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 353—
BY SENATOR SELDERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3351(H), relative to student identification cards; to authorize each postsecondary system management board to make student identification cards available as a digitized credential; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Selders moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Hensgens	Myers
Barrow	Hodges	Owen
Barthelemy	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Bass	Jenkins	Reese

Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	Lambert	Selders
Cloud	Luneau	Stine
Duplessis	Miguez	Talbot
Edmonds	Miller	Wheat
Fesi	Mizell	Womack
Foil	Morris	
Total - 32		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Connick	Price
Abraham	Harris	
Carter	McMath	
Total - 7		

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Selders moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 367—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:3310, relative to the Watershed Restoration and Conservation Fund; to provide for establishment of the fund; to provide for a purpose; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the fund; to provide with respect to the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Edmonds moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Barthelemy	Jenkins	Reese
Bass	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	
Foil	Myers	
Total - 31		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Connick	McMath
Abraham	Harris	Price
Carter	Hodges	
Total - 8		

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Edmonds moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 433—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.38, relative to Medicaid coverage of certain medications; to require Medicaid coverage of FDA-approved weight loss medications; to provide for qualifying patients; to provide for coverage restrictions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Boudreaux moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Barthelemy	Jenkins	Reese
Bass	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	
Foil	Myers	
Total - 31		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Connick	McMath
Abraham	Harris	Price
Carter	Hodges	
Total - 8		

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Boudreaux moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 461—
BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:808(A)(12), relative to the office of group benefits; to provide for eligibility in group programs; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Luneau moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Foil	Morris
Barrow	Hensgens	Myers
Barthelemy	Hodges	Owen
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	Lambert	Selders
Cloud	Luneau	Stine
Duplessis	Miguez	Talbot
Edmonds	Miller	Wheat
Fesi	Mizell	Womack
Total - 33		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Connick	McMath
Abraham	Harris	Price
Total - 6		

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The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Luneau moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage, Subject to Call

Called from the Calendar

Senator Pressly asked that Senate Bill No. 171 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 171— BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S.38:5.1(A), 20(A) and (B), 84(A) and (B), 2351(A) and (B), 2352, 2353(B), 2354(A)(1), (B)(1) and (4), (D)(1), and (E)(1), 2355(A)(1) through (4), (B)(6) and (10), and (C), the introductory paragraph of 2356(A), 2356(A)(2), and (B)(2) and (5), and (C), 2358, 2359(B), (D)(2), and (E)(1)(a), and 2360(C) and to repeal R.S. 38:2353(D), relative to public works; to provide for realigning of agencies and responsibilities; to provide for the technical changes relative to the Department of Transportation and Development's members of the authority; to provide for Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 171 by Senator Pressly

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 12, between lines 4 and 5 insert "* * *

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Pressly proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Pressly to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 171 by Senator Pressly

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 15, delete "Department of Conservation and Energy" and insert "Department of Transportation and Development"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 24, delete "Conservation and Energy" and insert "Transportation and Development"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 28, delete "Transportation and" and on line 29, delete "Development Conservation and Energy" and insert "Transportation and Development"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, at the beginning of line 15, delete "Advisory" and insert "Authority" and after "Board" insert "pursuant to R.S. 49:214.5.1,"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, line 22, after "members" delete "nominated from a levee district" and insert "from levee districts"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 7, line 4, after "shall" insert "be appointed by the governor and"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 8, line 20, delete "meeting jointly"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 9, line 24, delete "meeting jointly,"

On motion of Senator Pressly, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Pressly moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing names of members voting YEAS: Allain, Barrow, Barthelemy, Bass, Boudreaux, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Selders, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

Total - 33

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table listing names of members voting ABSENT: Mr. President Abraham, Connick Harris, McMath Price.

Total - 6

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Pressly moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Justice to compile and publish an annual report regarding anonymized outcomes for juveniles who are subject to electronic monitoring conditions in Louisiana.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Duplessis moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing names of members voting YEAS: Allain, Barrow, Barthelemy, Foil, Hensgens, Jackson-Andrews, Owen, Pressly, Reese.

Bass	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Selders
Carter	Lambert	Stine
Cathey	Luneau	Talbot
Cloud	Miller	Wheat
Duplessis	Mizell	Womack
Edmonds	Morris	
Fesi	Myers	

Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Harris	Miguez
Abraham	Hodges	Price
Connick	McMath	

Total - 8

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study filiation proceedings and the presumption of paternity and to report its findings to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2027.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Duplessis moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Fesi	Myers
Barrow	Foil	Owen
Barthelemy	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	Miller	Talbot
Duplessis	Mizell	Wheat
Edmonds	Morris	Womack

Total - 30

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Harris	McMath
Abraham	Hodges	Miguez
Connick	Jackson-Andrews	Price

Total - 9

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

Bagneris Rule

Senator Barrow moved to invoke the rule to temporarily pass over controversial House Bills on Third Reading and Final Passage with the intention of taking them up later, in their regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

Motion

Senator Kleinpeter moved to suspend the rules to take up House Bill No. 258 out of its regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 258—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:66(A)(11) and (Q), relative to exceptions to the dual officeholding and dual employment laws; to provide an exception for volunteer firefighters; to provide a limited exception for employees in the judicial branch to serve on boards and commissions; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Reese proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Reese to Engrossed House Bill No. 258 by Representative Beaulieu

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, below line 18, insert the following: "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 in 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 Senator Reese, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Kleinpeter proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Kleinpeter to Engrossed House Bill No. 258 by Representative Beaulieu

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 42:66(A)(11)" to "R.S. 42:63(G) and 66(A)(11)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, change "R.S. 42:66(A)(11)" to "R.S. 42:63(G) and 66(A)(11)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, between lines 7 and 8 insert the following:
"§63. Prohibitions

* * *

G. No person holding a full-time appointive office or full-time employment in the government of this state or of a political subdivision thereof as defined in R.S. 15:152, shall at the same time serve on any board, commission, or committee not specifically required by law for the performance of his duties.

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On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Kleinpeter moved the final passage of the amended bill.

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ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain Hensgens Owen
Barrow Hodges Pressly
Barthelemy Jenkins Reese
Bass Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Boudreaux Lambert Selders
Carter Luneau Stine
Cathey Miguez Talbot
Cloud Miller Wheat
Edmonds Mizell Womack
Fesi Morris
Foil Myers
Total - 31

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President Duplessis McMath
Abraham Harris Price
Connick Jackson-Andrews
Total - 8

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Kleinpeter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 356— BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE AN ACT

To designate the elevated portion of Louisiana Highway 315, commonly referred to as the Bayou Dularge Bascule Bridge, over the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Terrebonne Parish, city of Houma, as the "Elward T. Brady, Jr. Memorial Bridge"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Allain moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain Foil Myers
Barrow Hensgens Owen
Barthelemy Hodges Pressly
Bass Jenkins Reese
Boudreaux Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Carter Lambert Selders
Cathey Luneau Stine
Cloud Miguez Talbot
Duplessis Miller Wheat
Edmonds Mizell Womack
Fesi Morris
Total - 32

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President Harris Price
Abraham Jackson-Andrews
Connick McMath
Total - 7

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Allain moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 576— BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:141 and to enact Chapter 5-S of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 25:380.161 through 380.166, relative to the Old Governor's Mansion; to transfer the Old Governor's Mansion to the Department of State; to provide for the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the secretary of state and the department; to provide relative to operations and funding; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Womack moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain Foil Myers
Barrow Hensgens Owen
Barthelemy Hodges Pressly
Bass Jenkins Reese
Boudreaux Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Carter Lambert Selders
Cathey Luneau Stine
Cloud Miguez Talbot
Duplessis Miller Wheat
Edmonds Mizell Womack
Fesi Morris
Total - 32

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President Harris Price
Abraham Jackson-Andrews
Connick McMath
Total - 7

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Womack moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 587— BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle prestige license plates; to establish the "PANS/PANDAS" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; to provide for the deposit of royalty proceeds into the state general fund; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Wheat moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain Foil Myers
Barrow Hensgens Owen
Barthelemy Hodges Pressly

Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	

Total - 32

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Harris	Price
Abraham	Jackson-Andrews	
Connick	McMath	
Total - 7		

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Wheat moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 629—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, BOYD, BRASS, BRAUD, BROUSSARD, CHASSION, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, GREEN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MURRAY, SPELL, TAYLOR, WALTERS, AND WILEY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Krewe of Athena" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Carter moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Foil	Myers
Barrow	Hensgens	Owen
Barthelemy	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	

Total - 32

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Harris	Price
Abraham	Jackson-Andrews	
Connick	McMath	
Total - 7		

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Carter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 801—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARTINEZ, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOYER, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARPENTER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, FISHER, FREIBERG, GREEN, HEBERT, HENRY, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, LACOMBE, JACOB LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MENA, MURRAY, NEWELL, SPELL, TURNER, WALTERS, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Classic Black" special prestige license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to the license plate; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Kleinpeter proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Kleinpeter to Reengrossed House Bill No. 801 by Representative Martinez

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "Black" insert "We Will Never Forget: Caroline and Maggie"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, after "Black" insert "We Will Never Forget: Caroline and Maggie"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, after "Black" insert "We Will Never Forget: Caroline and Maggie"

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Kleinpeter moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Foil	Myers
Barrow	Hensgens	Owen
Barthelemy	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	

Total - 32

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Harris	Price
Abraham	Jackson-Andrews	
Connick	McMath	
Total - 7		

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Kleinpeter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 854—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.73(A) and (G) and to enact R.S. 47:463.243 through 463.247, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Alzheimer's Awareness" specialty license plate; to establish the "Lupus Awareness" specialty plate; to establish the "Krewe of Sobek", the "Mystic Krewe of Imani", and the "Krewe of Harambee" specialty plates; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; to establish the "Huntington High School", "Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School", "Lincoln Preparatory School", and the "Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy" specialty plates; to provide for the creation and application of existing issuance, design, implementation, fee, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to Louisiana parochial, public, and private high school license plates; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Jenkins moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Foil	Myers
Barrow	Hensgens	Owen
Barthelemy	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	

Total - 32

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Harris	Price
Abraham	Jackson-Andrews	
Connick	McMath	

Total - 7

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Jenkins moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 891—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.46(B) and (C), 463.53(C) and (D), to enact R.S. 47:463.243, and to repeal R.S. 56:10(B)(8) and (10), relative to reallocation of fees and creation of special prestige license plates associated with wildlife; to provide for the reallocation of fees to the Louisiana Quail Forever organization; to provide for the reallocation of funds to the Louisiana Ducks Unlimited organization; to establish the "Conserve Louisiana" special license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to the license plate; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Fesi moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Foil	Myers
Barrow	Hensgens	Owen
Barthelemy	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	

Total - 32

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Harris	Price
Abraham	Jackson-Andrews	
Connick	McMath	

Total - 7

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Fesi moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 633—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:118(C)(1), (D)(introductory paragraph), (1)(introductory paragraph) and (b), and (2), 287.655(C)(1), (D)(2) and (3), and (G)(introductory paragraph) and (1), and 287.656(A)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal R.S. 47:118(D)(1)(c), relative to estimated income tax; to calculate the period of underpayment; to assess penalties for an excessive adjustment; to modify requirements to apply for an adjustment for overpayment; to repeal certain calculations for exemptions from a penalty for an underpayment; to provide for applicability; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Reese proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Reese to Reengrossed House Bill No. 633 by Representative Bacala

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S." and before "(D)(introductory paragraph)" delete 47:118(C)(1)," and insert "47:118(B), (C)(1),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 11, after "R.S." and before "(D)(introductory paragraph)" delete 47:118(C)(1)," and insert "47:118(B), (C)(1),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, between lines 16 and 17 insert the following:
"B. Amount of underpayment. (1) For purposes of Subsection A, the amount of the underpayment shall be the excess of:
(a) The amount of the installment which would be required to be paid if the estimated tax were equal to ~~ninety~~ sixty-six and two-thirds percent ~~in the case of individuals referred to in R.S. 47:117(B), relating to income from farming~~ of the tax shown on the return for the taxable year or, if no return was filed, ~~ninety~~ sixty-six and two-thirds percent ~~in the case~~

of individuals referred to in R.S. 47:117(B), relating to income from farming) of the tax for such year, over

(b) The amount, if any, of the installment paid on or before the last date prescribed for such payment.

(2) For the purposes of determining the amount of underpayment, the amount of the required installment shall be:

(a) Except as provided in Subparagraph (b), the amount of any required installment shall be twenty-five percent of the required annual payment.

(b) For purposes of Subparagraph (a), the term "required annual payment" means the lesser of:

(i) ~~Ninety~~ Seventy percent of the tax shown on the return for the taxable year (or, if no return is filed, ~~ninety~~ seventy percent of the tax for such year), or

(ii) One hundred percent of the tax shown on the return of the individual for the preceding taxable year.

(3) For purposes of this Subsection and Paragraph (D)(1) of this Section, in the case of individuals referred to in R.S. 47:117(B) and 117.1(B), relating to income from farming and fishing, the percentage to be applied in lieu of seventy percent shall be sixty-six and two-thirds percent."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 19, after "equal to" and before "percent" change "ninety" to "seventy"

On motion of Senator Reese, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Reese moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Barthelemy	Jenkins	Reese
Bass	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Lambert	Selders
Carter	Luneau	Stine
Cathy	Miguez	Talbot
Cloud	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	
Foil	Myers	
Total - 31		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Duplessis	McMath
Abraham	Harris	Price
Connick	Jackson-Andrews	
Total - 8		

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Reese moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

Rules Suspended

Senator Edmonds asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to the Morning Hour.

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

April 29, 2026

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HB No. 978	HB No. 985	HB No. 1005
HB No. 1077	HB No. 1095	HB No. 1104
HB No. 1187	HB No. 1220	

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 978—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:168(B)(1)(a), relative to the judicial district indigent defender fund; to provide an exception for municipalities with certain populations; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 985—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:412(I) and R.S. 40:1321(J), relative to sex offenders; to provide relative to identification procedures for sex offenders; to provide relative to duties of sex offenders; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1005—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.16, R.S. 11:1902(introductory paragraph) and (12)(c) and 1903(A)(2), R.S. 13:996.43(C), 1381.5(B)(2)(d), 2081.3, and 5951(E)(1)(b), R.S. 15:146, 148(B)(introductory paragraph) and (1)(c), 161(Section heading) and (E)(introductory paragraph) and (12), 162(D), 165(B)(1)(b) and (2) and (E), 169(B), 174(C), 176(C)(1), 185.2(introductory paragraph), (5), and (8), 185.3(A)(2) and (B)(introductory paragraph), (11), (14)(b)(introductory paragraph) and (iii), and (19)(introductory paragraph) and (g), 185.4(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph), (2)(b), (8), and (10), 186.3(A)(2), (B)(introductory paragraph), (10), (13)(introductory paragraph) and (c), and (18)(introductory paragraph) and (c), 186.4(A), 186.6, 571.11(L)(introductory paragraph), (1)(a)(iv), (b)(iv), and (c)(iv), and (3)(d) and (M)(3), 1202(A)(14), and 1442(C)(introductory paragraph) and (7), R.S. 22:822(B)(1)(d) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (d), R.S. 36:4(B)(introductory paragraph) and (21), R.S. 42:1121(I), R.S. 46:2168(B)(1) and 2605.4(C)(1)(h), Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 895.1(B)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and 953, Children's Code Articles 574, 575(A) and (B), 581(A)(introductory paragraph) and (7), and 608(B), to enact R.S. 15:145 and 161(J), and to repeal R.S. 15:161(H), relative to the office of the state public defender; to provide consistent

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terminology; to provide for the correction of cross-references; to provide relative to district public defenders; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1077—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARTINEZ
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:271.1(A)(1), relative to microbreweries; to provide relative to permits; to authorize a permit for the sale of manufactured beverages at special events; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1095—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2009.24(C)(1)(introductory paragraph), relative to alternative power sources at nursing facilities; to require nursing facilities to have fuel or an alternative power generation source to power nursing facilities; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1104—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DANA HENRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:406, relative to the manufacture, transfer, or sale of motor vehicle key programming or emulating devices or relay attack devices; to prohibit the manufacture, transfer, or sale of such devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1187—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SAWYER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:2297(D)(2), 2307(G), and 2317 and to enact R.S. 22:2292(A)(13), relative to emergency assessments of the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; to provide for definitions; to provide for the disposition of certain monies; to provide for deposit authorization of certain monies; to provide for certain prerequisites; to provide for administrative costs; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1220—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1263(B)(1) through (7), (C)(1)(a) and (2)(b), and (D)(1), 1266, and 1270(A)(introductory paragraph) and (9) and to enact R.S. 37:1263(C)(3) and (D)(4) and (5), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; to provide for membership of the board; to provide for the duties of the board; to provide for qualifications of the members of the board; to establish a procedure for filling vacancies of the board; to provide for the president of the board; to provide for executive staff of the board; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION**

Senator Rick Edmonds, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—
BY SENATOR MYERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To create and provide for the Work-Based Learning Coordination Task Force.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 338—
BY SENATOR BARROW
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:416.14(D)(3)(e)(iii), relative to prevention of bullying in schools; to prevent bullying in schools; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 488—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:416.16.2, relative to school crisis management and response plans; to provide for the School Safety Drone Response Pilot Program; to establish eligibility to participate in the pilot program; to provide for administration of the program; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 520—
BY SENATOR REESE
AN ACT

To enact Subpart A-4 of Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:189.1 through 189.21, and to repeal R.S. 183.1 through 184, relative to high school career option; to provide for a high-quality K-12 career and technical education pathway system; to provide for; and to provide for related matters.

Reported by substitute.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, AMEDEE, CARLSON, EDMONSTON, OWEN, AND SCHLEGEL AND SENATOR EDMONDS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express support for federal efforts to eliminate the United States Department of Education and to memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to cooperate fully with these efforts.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 201—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:273.5, relative to high school diplomas; to create a State Seal of Fine Arts; to provide for academic eligibility criteria; to provide for requirements of the state superintendent of education, participating school governing authorities, and the

State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 268—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BRYANT, COX, DEWITT, EGAN, FREEMAN, GLORIOSO, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, NEWELL, SAWYER, THOMPSON, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:183.2(A), 2925(B)(1), and 3005(C)(8) and to enact R.S. 17:2926(A)(5) and 3996(B)(24), (30), (44), and (51), relative to public school students; to provide relative to career-related activities for certain students; to provide relative to Individualized Graduation Plans; to require Louisiana Works to provide information about workforce priorities annually to public school governing authorities; to provide for alignment of student activities with these priorities; to provide for the advisement policy developed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide relative to elementary school counselors; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 285—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, BROUSSARD, CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARVER, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, TERRY LANDRY, MARTINEZ, AND TAYLOR

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:81(B), relative to the use of school buildings; to provide relative to the powers of local public school boards; to authorize a school board to engage in a cooperative endeavor with a credit union or bank to operate a branch at a high school; to provide for the integration of the operation of the branch into a required financial literacy course; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 445—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG, BERAULT, CARPENTER, EGAN, FREEMAN, ILLG, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, TAYLOR, THOMAS, THOMPSON, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4071(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (E), (F), (H)(1), (2), (5), (6), (7), and (10), and (J) and 4072, to enact R.S. 36:309(E)(3), and to repeal R.S. 17:4071(B)(11), (15), (23), and (24) and R.S. 36:651(K)(6), relative to the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council; to transfer the council from the Department of Education to Louisiana Works; to provide for the powers, duties, and functions of the council; to provide for the membership of the council; to authorize the council to meet via electronic means; to provide relative to the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Fund; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of the commissioner of higher education, the Board of Regents, and Louisiana Works relative to the council; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 649—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2943, relative to dual enrollment; to provide for the responsibilities of the Board of Regents, public postsecondary education institutions, and public postsecondary education management boards; to require a uniform, statewide application process for all high school students; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 987—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1492 and R.S. 36:358(E)(2) and (G), relative to the Louisiana State University Energy Institute; to provide for the unification of energy-related programs by moving the Louisiana Geological Survey under the Louisiana State University Energy Institute; to provide for the responsibilities of the Louisiana Geological Survey; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1078—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG, CARLSON, CARPENTER, EDMONSTON, ST. BLANC, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3351.17(A) and (B), relative to tuition and fees at public postsecondary education institutions; to authorize public postsecondary education management boards to impose tuition and attendance fees for certain distance education courses; to authorize proportional amounts for certain academic periods; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1132—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:350.21(A)(1), relative to the funding of laboratory schools; to provide for the funding of a school operated by any institution under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System through the minimum foundation program; to provide for the allocation of funds to the board for the operation of the school; to provide relative to applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
RICK EDMONDS
Chair

**Privileged Report of the Committee on
Senate and Governmental Affairs**

ENROLLMENTS

Senator Kleinpeter, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

April 29, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Bills have been properly enrolled:

SENATE BILL NO. 66—

BY SENATOR HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVES CHENEVERT, EDMONSTON AND LARVADAIN
AN ACT

To enact Subpart I of Part III of Chapter 1 of Code Title V of Code Book I of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:360 through 360.1, relative to child custody; to provide relative to testimony of medical experts in certain circumstances; to provide relative to trial procedure in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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SENATE BILL NO. 73—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To repeal Section 4 of Act No. 774 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana and Section 5 of Act No. 411 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to the assessment, payment, and allocation of ad valorem taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 127—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 4566(C) and to enact R.S. 9:1026 and 2374, relative to donations; to provide relative to management of affairs of the interdict; to provide relative to donations made by a curator on behalf of an interdict; to provide relative to the net worth of an interdict; to provide relative to donations inter vivos and testamentary and charitable dispositions; to provide with respect to limitations and exceptions on donations and testamentary and charitable dispositions in certain circumstances; to provide with respect to tax exclusions, exemptions, and maximum limits in certain circumstances; to provide relative to forced heirs with disabilities; to provide relative to forced portion in certain circumstances; to provide relative to the net worth of a forced heir with disabilities; to provide for certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 128—
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 47:818.52(D), the introductory paragraph of 1516.1(B), 1562(A), 1565(A), 1566(B), and the introductory paragraph of 1602(D)(2), relative to certain notices sent by the Department of Revenue; to provide relative to authorized changes of address by the Department of Revenue; to provide for private entities from which addresses may be obtained; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5112(C), relative to suits against the state or a political subdivision; to provide relative to the accrual rate of legal or judicial interest on any claim for personal injury or wrongful death; to provide relative to requirements, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 238—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:2121, relative to the assessment, payment, and collection of ad valorem taxes; to provide for the collection of delinquent statutory impositions; to provide for tax notice requirements; to provide relative to notice and enforcement requirements for certain tax sales; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 244—
BY SENATORS ALLAIN, BARROW, BASS, CARTER, CATHEY, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, MILLER, MIZELL, MYERS, OWEN, SELDERS AND STINE AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOYER, BROUSSARD, BUTLER, CARLSON, COATES, DEVILLIER, EGAN, FISHER, FONTENOT, HORTON, LACOMBE, MARTINEZ, MCFARLAND, MELERINE, OWEN, RISER, VENTRELLA, WYBLE AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:256, relative to recreational alligator hunting; to provide for a special season; to provide for taking alligators; to provide for possession; to provide for quotas; to provide for season modifications; to provide for residency; to provide for methods of taking; to provide for harvest hours; to provide for licenses; to provide for tags; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for violations; to provide for Louisiana Wildlife

Commission authority; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:438.9 and 438.10, relative to civil actions; to provide relative to the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law; to provide relative to civil investigative demand, deposition, and subpoena; to provide with respect to conditions and requirements; to provide relative to contempt of court; to provide for terms and definitions; to provide relative to discovery; to provide with respect to written interrogatories and production and inspection of documents and things; to provide relative to civil proceedings and legal delays; to provide with respect to civil procedure; and to provide for related matters.

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BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

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BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 1201(D), 1672(C), and 3955(D) and to enact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 1201(E) and (F) and 3955(E) and (F), relative to service of process; to provide with respect to service of citation; to provide relative to payment of fees for service of citation in civil actions; to provide relative to a statement of the initial fees and of additional fees for request for service of citation; to provide relative to civil procedure; to provide relative to legal delays; to provide relative to payment of fees for service of citation in certain circumstances; to provide with respect to involuntary dismissal; to provide for prospective application; and to provide for related matters.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

Message to the Governor

SIGNED SENATE BILLS

April 29, 2026

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SENATE BILL NO. 349—

BY SENATOR CATHEY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(k), relative to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective

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termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

and they are hereby presented for executive approval.

Respectfully submitted,
YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate
FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE
Journal Clerk

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 29, 2026

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD AND LAFLEUR
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate February 27, 2025, as Caleb Wilson Day in Louisiana.

and asked that the President of the Senate affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

YEAS

Allain	Foil	Morris
Barrow	Harris	Myers
Barthelemy	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Carter	Jenkins	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cloud	Lambert	Selders
Connick	Luneau	Stine
Duplessis	Miguez	Talbot
Edmonds	Miller	Wheat
Fesi	Mizell	Womack

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. President	Abraham	McMath
Total - 3		

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Mr. President	1 Day	Abraham	1 Day
McMath	1 Day		

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 4:10 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Monday, May 4, 2026, at 3:30 o'clock P.M.