The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:00 P.M., by the Honorable Joe R. Salter, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Erdey    McDonald    Winston
Fannin   McVea       Wooton
Farrar   Montgomery
Total - 104

ABSENT

Total - 0

The Speaker announced that there were 104 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Badon.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Reading of the Journal

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


On motion of Rep. Jackson, and under a suspension of the rules, the Journal of February 12, 2006, was corrected to reflect him as voting yea on final passage of House Bill No. 32.


Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY REPRESENTATIVE QUEZAIRE
A RESOLUTION
To commend Toby Gerhold upon the occasion of his retirement from Rubicon after twenty-eight years of service to the company.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BRUCE AND MONTGOMERY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Brian Joseph Toups of Mansfield for his outstanding accomplishments which include earning appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FRITH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission not to reduce the current creel limit for spotted seatrout.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend the Public Administration Institute Student Association (PAISA) at Louisiana State University and to recognize April 13, 2006, as the eighth annual PAISA Day in the state of Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—
BY SENATOR JONES
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To create a task force to identify and locate displaced Louisiana citizens and to aid in their return to Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—
BY SENATOR ROMERO
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To memorialize the Congress of the United States to authorize the prompt construction of hurricane and tidal water protection for southwest Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—
BY SENATOR BAJOIE AND REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND AND SENATORS BROOME, CRAVINS, DUPLESSIS, FIELDS, JACKSON, JONES, MURRAY AND SHEPHERD AND REPRESENTATIVES BADON, BARROW, BAYLOR, BURRELL, K. CARTER, CRAVINS, CURTIS, DORSEY, GALLOT, GLOVER, GRAY, E. GUILLORY, HARRIS, HUNTER, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, LAFONTA, MARCHAND, MORRELL, PIERRE AND QUEZAIRE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend the Bermuda Department of Tourism for their significant contribution to the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus’ Katrina Fund.

Read by title.

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred

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

SENATE BILL NO. 36—
BY SENATORS MOUNT AND NEVERS
AN ACT
To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 47:293(3)(b)(i) and to enact R.S. 47:293(6)(f), relative to individual income tax; to provide for the taxable periods covered by the tax benefits granted in Act 23 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2005 and other Acts of the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

SENATE BILL NO. 37—
BY SENATORS MOUNT AND NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1978.1(A)(1)(b), (B)(1) and (2), (C)(1)(a), and (D), relative to ad valorem property tax; to provide for a limitation on the authority of certain parishes to prorate certain taxes; to authorize taxpayers to elect the treatment of certain ad valorem property taxes for certain tax purposes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

SENATE BILL NO. 48—
BY SENATOR SHEPHERD
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 11:323, relative to provisions affecting more than one retirement system; to provide with respect to participation in Deferred Retirement Option Plans by certain employees of city, parish, and other public elementary and secondary school systems; to allow such employees furloughed or terminated to adjust the periods applicable to their participation in the plan under certain circumstances; to provide for participation in the plan upon reemployment by a city, parish, or other public elementary or secondary school system within one year of such termination; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Gray, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage at this time.

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

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

Regular Calendar

SENATE BILL NO. 1—
BY SENATORS NEVERS, HINES, JACKSON AND SCHEDLER
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 23:1552 (B)(6) and (7), relative to unemployment compensation; to provide with respect to contributions; to provide for reimbursement of unemployment compensation benefits charged to state and local governments and eligible nonprofit organizations during a gubernatorially declared
disaster or emergency; to provide for deferment of payments; to provide for the waiver of penalty and interest; to provide for extended payment terms; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 14—**

BY SENATOR CAIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1382(B)(7)(c), 1430.2(C), 1430.3(C), 1430.6(D)(5), 1430.16(G), and 1430.17 and to enact R.S. 22:1430.3(A)(12), 1430.3(E), 1430.6(E), 1430.19, 1430.20 and 1430.21, relative to the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, to prohibit the rehabilitation, liquidation or dissolution of the corporation; to authorize the corporation to assign and grant a security interest in assessment, insurance and reinsurance recoverable as security for loans or bonds; to clarify that any future statutory amendment or amendments to the plan of operation may not impair the obligation to any bond holders; to prohibit the corporation from filing bankruptcy; to authorize the corporation to borrow money from the Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association; to reaffirm severability; to provide for an additional member to the board of directors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Representative K. Carter to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Cain

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Delete House Floor amendments 1 through 24 proposed by Representative Carter and adopted by the House on February 10, 2006.

Rep. Bowler asked for a ruling from the Chair as to whether the above amendments were germane to the subject matter contained in the bill as introduced.

**Point of Order**

Rep. Bowler asked for a ruling from the Chair as to whether the above amendments were germane to the subject matter contained in the bill as introduced.

**Ruling of the Chair**

The Chair ruled that the above amendments were germane to the subject matter contained in the bill as introduced.

**Motion**

Rep. Bowler moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Insurance.

As a substitute motion, Rep. Karen Carter moved that the bill be returned to the calendar.

Which motion was agreed to.

**SENATE BILL NO. 5—**

BY SENATOR N. GAUTREAUX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.24(B), relative to state building codes; to provide for certain inspections and inspectors; to allow commercial and residential contractors to establish agreements with certain licensed contractors to conduct plan review and inspections; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Representative Hebert to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator N. Gautreaux

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Delete the set of House Floor Amendments proposed by Representative Hebert and adopted by the House of Representatives on February 12, 2006.

Rep. Hebert moved the adoption of the amendments.


By a vote of 100 yeas and 0 nays, the amendments were adopted.

**Acting Speaker Cazayoux in the Chair**

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

**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Representative Crowe to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator N. Gautreaux

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, line 7, after "registration." insert the following:

"No architect, contractor, or engineer shall inspect the work of a contractor who is an ‘immediate family member’ during the duration of the emergency provisions. For the purposes of this Section, an ‘immediate family member’ is a parent, child, sibling, or spouse of the architect, contractor, or engineer."

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

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Alario Geymann Odinet
Ansardi Glover Pierre
Arnold Gray Pinac
Badon Greene Pitre
Baudoin Guillory, E. Powell, M.
Baylor Guillory, M. Quezaire
Bowler Hammett Richmond
Bruce Harris Ritchie
Bruneau Heaton Robideaux
Burns Hebert Romero
Burrell Hill Scalise
Carter, K. Honey Schneider
Carter, R. Hopkins Smiley
Cayzouk Hunter Smith, G.
Crane Hutter Smith, J.D.–50th
Cravins Jackson Smith, J.H.–8th
Crowe Jefferson Smith, J.R.–30th
Curtis Johns St. Germain
Damico Katz Strain
Dartez Kennard Thompson
DeWitt Kenney Toomy
The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 14—
BY SENATOR CAIN
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1382(B)(7)(c), 1430.2(C), 1430.3(C), 1430.6(D)(5), 1430.16(G), and 1430.17 and to enact R.S. 22:1430.3(A)(12), 1430.3(E), 1430.6(E), 1430.19, 1430.20 and 1430.21, relative to the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, to prohibit the rehabilitation, liquidation or dissolution of the corporation; to authorize the corporation to assign and grant a security interest in assessment, insurance and reinsurance recoverable as security for loans or bonds; to clarify that any future statutory amendment or amendments to the plan of operation may not impair the obligation to any bond holders; to prohibit the corporation from filing bankruptcy; to authorize the corporation to borrow money from the Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association; to reaffirm severability; to provide for an additional member to the board of directors; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by Representative K. Carter to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Cain

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 3, change "1430.16(G) and 1430.17" to "and 1430.16(G)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 14, after "1430.6(D)(5)," and before "1430.16(G)" insert "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 15, at the beginning of the line delete "and 1430.17"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 5, after line 14 delete the remainder of page in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 6, delete lines 1 through 11, both inclusive and in their entirety.

On motion of Rep. Karen Carter, the amendments were adopted.


ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Alario
Alexender
Ansardi
Arnold
Badon
Baldone
Baudoin
Baylor
Beard
Baudoin
Baylor
Beard
Bowler
Bruce
Brunel
Burns
Burrell
Carter, K.
Carter, R.
Cazayoux
Cran
Cravins
Crowe
Curtis
Damico
Daniel
Dartez
DeWitt
Doerge
Dorsey
Dove
Downs
Durand
Erdey
Fannin
Farrar

Total - 102

NAYS

Total - 0
The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 31—
BY SENATOR SCHEDLER
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 6:337 and to repeal R.S. 10:9-211, relative to insurance settlement monies paid for damages to residential property; to require placement of such monies in interest-bearing accounts to the benefit of the residential property owner; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Crowe to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 31 by Senator Schedler

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 11, after “more than” delete “sixty” and insert “thirty”

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Alario Fauchoeux
Alexander Frith
Ansardi Gallot
Arnold Geymann
Badon Glover
Baldone Gray
Barrow Greene
Baudoin Guillory, E.
Bayor Guillory, M.
Beard Harris
Bowler Heaton
Bruce Hebert
Bruneau Hill
Burns Honey
Burrell Hopkins
Carter, K. Hunter
Carter, R. Hutter
Cazayoux Jefferson
Crane Johns
Cravins Katz
Crowe Kentnand
Curts Kenney
Damico Kleckley
Daniel LaBruzzo
Dartez LaFonta
DeWitt Lambert
Doerge Lancaster
Dove Marchand
Downs Martiny
Durand McDonald
Erdey McVea
Fannin Montgomery
Farrar Morrell

Total - 99

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Mr. Speaker
Dorsey

Total - 5

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

Rep. Karen Carter moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on her own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.
SENATE BILL NO. 1—
BY SENATORS NEVERS, HINES, JACKSON AND SCHEDLER
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 23:1552 (B)(6) and (7), relative to unemployment compensation; to provide with respect to contributions; to provide for reimbursement of unemployment compensation benefits charged to state and local governments and eligible nonprofit organizations during a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency; to provide for deferment of payments; to provide for the waiver of penalty and interest; to provide for extended payment terms; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Rep. Gray moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Alario Frith Morrish
Alexander Gallot Odinet
Ansardi Geymann Pierre
Arnold Glover Pinac
Badon Gray Pitre
Baldone Greene Powell, M.
Barrow Guillory, E. Powell, T.
Baudoin Guillory, M. Quezaire
Bayor Hammett Richmon
Beard Harris Ritchie
Bowler Heaton Robideaux
Bruce Hebert Romero
Bruneau Hill Scalise
Burns Honey Schneiter
Burrell Hopkins Smiley
Carter, K. Hunter Smith, G.
Carter, R. Hutter Smith, J.D.–50th
Cauxy Jackson Smith, J.H.–8th
Craze Jefferson Smith, J.R.–30th
Cravins Johns St. Germain
Crowe Katz Strain
Curtis Kennard Thompson
Darmo Kenney Toomy
Daniel Kleeckley Townsend
Dartez LaBruzzo Trahan
DeWitt LaFleur Triche
Doerge LaFonta Tucker
Dorsey Lambert Waddell
Dove Lancaster Walker
Downs Marchand Walsworth

NAYS

Fannin McVea Wooton
Farrar Montgomery
Fauchey Morrell

Total - 103

ABSENT

Mr. Speaker Frith Odinet

Total - 3

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 1—
BY SENATORS NEVERS, HINES, JACKSON AND SCHEDLER
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 23:1552 (B)(6) and (7), relative to unemployment compensation; to provide with respect to contributions; to provide for reimbursement of unemployment compensation benefits charged to state and local governments and eligible nonprofit organizations during a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency; to provide for deferment of payments; to provide for the waiver of penalty and interest; to provide for extended payment terms; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

Rep. Gray moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Alario Frith Morrish
Alexander Gallot Odinet
Ansardi Geymann Pierre
Arnold Glover Pinac
Badon Gray Pitre
Baldone Greene Powell, M.
Barrow Guillory, E. Powell, T.
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Cauxy Jackson Smith, J.H.–8th
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Daniel Kleeckley Townsend
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DeWitt LaFleur Triche
Doerge LaFonta Tucker
Dorsey Lambert Waddell
Dove Lancaster Walker
Downs Marchand Walsworth

NAYS

Fannin McVea Wooton
Farrar Montgomery
Fauchey Morrell

Total - 103

ABSENT

Mr. Speaker Frith Odinet

Total - 3

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

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

Speaker Salter in the Chair

Recess

On motion of Rep. Pinac, the Speaker declared the House at recess upon the call of the House.

After Recess

Speaker Salter called the House to order at 5:55 P.M.

Petitions, Memorials and Communications

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

Message from the Senate

SENATE BILLS
February 14, 2006

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

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

Senate Bill Nos. 8, 9, and 45

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on first reading were taken up, read, and, under a suspension of the rules, referred to the committees as follows:

SENATE BILL NO. 8—
BY SENATORS BOASSO, ADLEY, AMDEEE, BAOIE, BARHAM, BROOME, CAIN, CHAISON, CHER, CRAYNIS, DARDENNE, DUPLESSIS, DUPERE, ELLINGTON, FONTENOT, B. GAUTREAUX, N. GAUTREAUX, HEITMEIER, HINES, HOLLIS, JACKSON, JONES, KOSTELKA, LENTINI, MALONE, MARONNEAUX, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, ROMERO, SCHEDLER, SHEPHERD, SMITH AND THEUNISSEN AND REPRESENTATIVES K. CARTER, DORSEY, JACKSON, SALTER AND SCALISE
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(D)(1), (G)(2), (K)(2), (L)(1), and (R)(2), 301(B), 304(A) and (B), 305, and 313(C), R.S. 42:808(A)(10), and R.S. 49:213.1(C), 213.4(A)(2), 213.5(A)(10), and 213.6(A)(2)(b), to enact, R.S. 38:291(V), (W), (X), and (Y), and Part 3-A of Chapter 4 of Title 38
of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 38:330.1 through 330.12, and to repeal R.S. 38:291(D)(3), 304.2, and 304.3, relative to flood protection; to establish the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority; to provide for its powers, duties, jurisdiction, and members; to provide for appointments to the board of commissioners of the authority; to provide for qualifications of commissioners; to provide for meetings of the board; to establish regions within the authority and provide for its governance, powers, and duties; to provide for the management of certain levee districts in areas of southeast Louisiana; to retain the territorial limits of such levee districts; to terminate the terms of commissioners on certain levee boards and to reorganize the governance of such levee districts; to transfer authority, duties, powers, functions, and responsibilities from such levee boards to the authority; to provide for obligations, tax proceeds, and property of the district; to provide for a regional director; to create and provide for the Livingston Levee District; to create and provide for the St. Tammany Levee District; to create and provide for the Tangipahoa Levee District; to create and provide for the West Lake Pontchartrain Levee District; to create and provide for the Mississippi River East Region within the authority; to create and provide for the Mississippi River West Region within the authority; to provide for funding; to transfer and provide for the management and control of certain facilities and improvements of levee districts within the authority that are not related to flood protection and to provide for the allocation of revenue derived therefrom; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 9—
BY SENATORS BAJOIE AND MURRAY AND REPRESENTATIVE DORSEY AND SALTER
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Section 38(A) and Section 39(A) and to add Section 38.1 of Article VI of the Constitution of Louisiana and to redesignate the title to Part III of said Article, relative to flood protection; to provide for the establishment of a regional flood protection authority and its governing authority, powers, duties, functions; to provide for the governing authority of levee districts within the territorial jurisdiction of the regional flood protection authority; to provide for the establishment of regions within the authority; to provide for taxing authority; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Read by title.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 45—
BY SENATORS BAJOIE AND MURRAY AND REPRESENTATIVE DORSEY
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 3-C of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:600.71 through 600.75, relative to housing recovery centers; to provide for definitions; to provide for the creation, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of such centers; to provide for a termination date; to provide for an effective date, and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

Message from the Senate

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS
February 14, 2006

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

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12
Respectfully submitted,
GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

February 14, 2006

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

Senate Bill No. 2, by Theunissen
Reported favorably. (9-0) (Regular)

Senate Bill No. 16, by Jones
Reported with amendments. (9-0) (Regular)

Senate Bill No. 22, by Shepherd
Reported with amendments. (5-4) (Regular)

Senate Bill No. 50, by Jones
Reported with amendments. (9-0) (Regular)

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES D. LANCASTER, JR.
Chairman

The above Senate Bills reported favorably or with amendments were referred to the Legislative Bureau.
Report of the Committee on Judiciary
February 14, 2006

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

Senate Bill No. 3, by Fields
Reported favorably. (8-0-1) (Regular)

Senate Bill No. 42, by Lentini
Reported with amendments. (8-0-1) (Regular)

JOSEPH F. TOOMY
Chairman

The above Senate Bills reported favorably or with amendments were referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Report of the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs
February 14, 2006

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

House Bill No. 98, by Dorsey
Reported with amendments. (10-0-1) (Regular)

House Bill No. 99, by Gallot
Reported with amendments. (10-0-1) (Regular)

Senate Bill No. 32, by Mount
Reported favorably. (6-0-1) (Regular)

ERNEST BAYLOR, JR.
Chairman

The above Senate Bills reported favorably or with amendments were referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Baylor, the rules were suspended in order to take up House Bills contained in the above committee reports at this time.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committee

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 98—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DORSEY AND SENATOR BAJOIE
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 40:600.75, relative to housing recovery centers; to provide for the creation, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of such centers; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to Original House Bill No. 98 by Representative Dorsey

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 3, after "centers;" and before "to provide" insert "to provide for a termination date;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, at the end of line 14, after "shortage" and before "throughout" insert "for both homeowners and renters".

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 18, delete "United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or the"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 2, line 12, after "programs," delete "advising on"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 2, line 14, after "displaced persons" and before "and property" insert a comma "," and "who were homeowners or renters;"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 2, delete lines 18 and 19 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 2, at the beginning of line 20, change "(2)" to "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 2, at the end of line 21, delete "as a community housing" and delete line 22 in its entirety, and at the beginning of line 23, delete "subdivision"

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 2, at the beginning of line 26, change "(3)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 2, at the beginning of line 27, change "(4)" to "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 11
On page 2, at the beginning of line 28, change "(5)" to "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 12
On page 3, between line 22 and 23, insert the following:

"F. The provisions of this Section shall be null and void and of no effect on and after June 30, 2011."

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.
HOUSE BILL NO. 99—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLOT
AN ACT
To enact Chapter 3-C of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:600.50 through 600.62, relative to the Louisiana Housing and Land Trust; to create and provide for such trust and its board of directors and their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to Original House Bill No. 99 by Representative Gallot

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 3 after "Trust" and before the semi-colon ";" insert "Corporation"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 10, after "TRUST" insert "CORPORATION"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 2, line 7, after "properties" and before "The Louisiana" delete the period "." and insert "and help resettle displaced residents."

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 2, line 7, after "Trust" insert "Corporation"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 2, line 11, delete "trust" and insert "the Louisiana Housing and Land Trust Corporation"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 2, delete lines 12 through 16 in their entirety and insert the following:

"A. There is hereby created the Louisiana Housing and Land Trust Corporation, referred to in this Chapter as the 'trust', a nonprofit corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Louisiana, domiciled in the parish of East Baton Rouge, state of Louisiana. The corporation shall apply for tax-exempt status under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. The primary mission and purpose of the corporation is the economic stabilization and redevelopment of areas within Louisiana that were devastated or significantly distressed by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita."

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 2, delete line 20 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 2, delete lines 21 through 26 in their entirety and insert the following:

"C. The activities of the trust shall be limited to the parishes designated for individual assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita. The parishes shall be divided into the following areas:

(1) Southwest Region, which shall include the parishes of Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion, and Vernon.

(2) Southeast Region, which shall include the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Terrebonne, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

(3) North Shore Region, which shall include the parishes of Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington.

(4) Orleans Region, which shall include the parish of Orleans."

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 2, line 29, change "seven" to "eleven"

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 3, delete lines 2 and 3 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 11
On page 3, line 4, change "(3)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 12
On page 3, line 5, change "(4)" to "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 13
On page 3, line 6, change "(5)" to "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 14
On page 3, at the end of line 6, delete the period "." and insert "who, by virtue of his education, training, or experience in banking, mortgage financing, housing development, or land use or urban planning, is especially qualified to serve on the board."

AMENDMENT NO. 15
On page 3, line 7, change "(6)" to "(5)"

AMENDMENT NO. 16
On page 3, at the end of line 7, delete the period "." and insert "who, by virtue of his education, training, or experience in banking, mortgage financing, housing development, or land use or urban planning, is especially qualified to serve on the board."

AMENDMENT NO. 17
On page 3, line 8, change "(7)" to "(6)"

AMENDMENT NO. 18
On page 3, at the end of line 8, delete "each"

AMENDMENT NO. 19
On page 3, line 9, after "the" delete the remainder of the line and insert "colleges or schools of urban and public affairs at any Louisiana college or university"

AMENDMENT NO. 20
On page 3, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

"(7) One person appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Association of General Contractors of individuals who, by virtue of their education, training, or experience in banking, mortgage financing, housing development, or land use or urban planning, are especially qualified to serve on the board."
On page 4, at the end of the line 21, insert "The chief executive officer and the chief financial officer shall be subject to Senate confirmation."

AMENDMENT NO. 28
On page 5, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"(8) Acquire and alienate real property and interest therein."

AMENDMENT NO. 29
On page 5, line 8, change "(8)" to "(9)"

AMENDMENT NO. 30
On page 5, at the end of line 20, insert "However, when the policy of a local or regional planning authority that provides for rebuilding and recovery allows for rebuilding in an area that has been determined by the Louisiana Recovery Authority to be unsafe due to safety, flood control, or environmental restoration, then the trust shall adhere to the policy guidelines of the Louisiana Recovery Authority."

AMENDMENT NO. 31
On page 5, at the end of line 26, insert "The trust shall utilize Chapter 16 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 in procuring services pursuant to this Subsection."

AMENDMENT NO. 32
On page 5, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

"(F) A plan of operation shall be adopted by the board of the trust and shall be filed with and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget may reject or order that a portion of the plan be rewritten to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Chapter. Any amendment to the plan of operation adopted by the governing board of the trust shall be filed with and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget."

AMENDMENT NO. 33
On page 5, at the beginning of line 28, insert "A."

AMENDMENT NO. 34
On page 5, line 29, after "trust" and before "and the" insert a comma ",," and "the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Appropriations,"

AMENDMENT NO. 35
On page 6, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"B. The board of directors shall solicit and receive an external audit on an annual basis. The board of directors shall issue a request for proposals to prospective accounting firms who are qualified to perform such an audit of the trust. The name and qualifications of the accounting firm chosen shall be submitted to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Appropriations along with a copy of the report. The report shall also be made to the board of directors, Louisiana Recovery Authority, and the legislative auditor pursuant to R.S. 24:513."

AMENDMENT NO. 36
On page 6, delete lines 7 through 9 in their entirety
On page 6, line 10, change "C." to "B."

AMENDMENT NO. 38
On page 6, line 14, after "shall" and before "negotiate" insert "have the power to"

AMENDMENT NO. 39
On page 6, line 20, after "property" insert a colon ";" and delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 40
On page 6, delete lines 25 through 29 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 41
On page 7, line 1, change "D." to "C."

AMENDMENT NO. 42
On page 7, line 4, change "E." to "D."

AMENDMENT NO. 43
On page 7, line 6, after "(1)" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 7 and 8, and insert the following:

"The seller of the property was the owner, heir of the owner, mortgagee, or primary lienholder of the property on August 28, 2005, for those properties located in the Southeast Region, the North Shore Region, or Orleans Region, or on September 23, 2005, for those properties located in the Southwest Region.

AMENDMENT NO. 44
On page 7, at the beginning of line 12, insert "A."

AMENDMENT NO. 45
On page 7, line 15, at the end of the line insert the following:

"The packaging of property shall be approved by the board of directors prior to the package being sold. The board shall receive testimony from any supporters or opponents of any package."

AMENDMENT NO. 46
On page 7, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

"B.(1) The trust may designate the local redevelopment authority in any parish in the area specified in R.S. 40:600.52(C) to perform the activities specified in this Section within the parish, provided such local redevelopment authority is authorized by or pursuant to general or local law to perform such activities.

(2) If there exists more than one local redevelopment authority in any such parish, the governing authority of the parish shall designate the local redevelopment authority in the parish responsible for carrying out the provisions of this Section.

(3) A local redevelopment authority designated pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall perform the activities specified in this Section pursuant to the general oversight and supervision of the board of the trust.

AMENDMENT NO. 47
On page 8, line 12, after "below" delete the period ";" and insert "in the jurisdiction where the property is located and fifteen percent of residential units on trust-recovered land be affordable housing to residents earning above sixty percent of such average median income."

On page 8, line 15, change "shall" to "may"

AMENDMENT NO. 48
On page 8, after "its" and before "properties" insert "real estate"

AMENDMENT NO. 49
On page 8, line 16, delete "not-for-profit and faith-based organizations" and insert "as authorized by the Louisiana Constitution."

AMENDMENT NO. 50
On page 8, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

"D.(1) The trust may designate the local redevelopment authority in any parish in the area specified in R.S. 40:600.52(C) to perform the activities specified in this Section within the parish, provided such local redevelopment authority is authorized by or pursuant to general or local law to perform such activities.

(2) If there exists more than one local redevelopment authority in any such parish, the governing authority of the parish shall designate the local redevelopment authority in the parish responsible for carrying out the provisions of this Section.

(3) A local redevelopment authority designated pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall perform the activities specified in this Section pursuant to the general oversight and supervision of the board of the trust."

On page 8, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

"D.(1) The trust may designate the local redevelopment authority in any parish in the area specified in R.S. 40:600.52(C) to perform the activities specified in this Section within the parish, provided such local redevelopment authority is authorized by or pursuant to general or local law to perform such activities.

(2) If there exists more than one local redevelopment authority in any such parish, the governing authority of the parish shall designate the local redevelopment authority in the parish responsible for carrying out the provisions of this Section.

(3) A local redevelopment authority designated pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall perform the activities specified in this Section pursuant to the general oversight and supervision of the board of the trust."

AMENDMENT NO. 51
On page 8, line 16, delete "not-for-profit and faith-based organizations" and insert "as authorized by the Louisiana Constitution."

AMENDMENT NO. 52
On page 9, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

"Section 2. The board provided herein shall be seated no later than sixty days after the effective date of this Act. No later than June 30, 2006, the board shall submit its plan for implementation of the Louisiana Housing and Land Trust Corporation to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget for approval and funding. The board shall adhere to the following principles in developing its plan:

A. Staff and expertise shall be selected from existing state agencies. If particular expertise cannot be found within the state agencies, then the trust may hire or contract with individuals outside of state government.

B. The plan shall ensure the involvement of local officials in carrying out the activities of the trust. The trust must adhere to local ordinances in carrying out its activities.

C. The plan should ensure uniformity in the method of appraising property.

D. The trust should partner with and avoid competition with private sector businesses whenever it is feasible."

AMENDMENT NO. 53
On page 9, line 10, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."
Privileged Report of the Legislative Bureau
February 14, 2006

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:
I am directed by your Legislative Bureau to submit the following report:

Senate Bill No. 3
Reported without amendments.

Senate Bill No. 42
Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES MCDONALD
Chairman

Privileged Report of the Legislative Bureau
February 14, 2006

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:
I am directed by your Legislative Bureau to submit the following report:

Senate Bill No. 2
Reported without amendments.

Senate Bill No. 16
Reported without amendments.

Senate Bill No. 22
Reported without amendments.

Senate Bill No. 32
Reported without amendments.

Senate Bill No. 50
Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES MCDONALD
Chairman

Suspension of the Rules

Rep. Dorsey moved for a suspension of the rules in order to take up and act upon the Senate Bills just returned from the Legislative Bureau at this time.


By a vote of 55 yeas and 27 nays, the rules were suspended.

Senate Instruments on Second Reading
Returned from the Legislative Bureau

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2—
BY SENATOR THEUNISSEN
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 17:65, relative to the election of and terms of service of school board members governing certain public school systems; to provide for the election of members in 2007 instead of 2006; to provide for the term of members effected by the change in election schedules; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.
Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 3—
BY SENATOR FIELDS
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 13:992.1(D), relative to the judicial building fund; to provide for an extension of the deadline for letting public bids for construction of a new facility for the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.
Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary.
Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 16—
BY SENATORS JONES, BAJOIE AND MURRAY
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 18:401.3(B) and to enact R.S. 18:401.4, relative to the conduct of elections impaired as a result of a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency; to provide relative to the registration of voters; provide for early voting by mail for persons who registered by mail; to provide for the authority of a voter who has registered by mail who has not previously voted in the parish in which he is registered during certain emergencies; to require an affidavit attesting to the voter’s eligibility; to provide for the effectiveness of such provisions; and to provide for related matters.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Recengrossed Senate Bill No. 16 by Senator Jones

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "enact" delete "amend and reenact R.S. 18:401.3(B) and to enact R.S. 18:401.4," and insert "enact R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(d),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, delete lines 4 through 7 and insert "to provide for absentee by mail voting for certain persons who registered by mail; to require an affidavit attesting to the voter’s"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, delete line 11 and insert the following:
"Section 1.  R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(d) is hereby"
AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 1, delete lines 13 through 17, and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 29, and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 10 and insert the following:

§115. Registration by mail

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(2) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply in the case of the following:

* * *

(d)(ii) The Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that due to a recent common disaster and state of emergency in the state, an unprecedented number of persons have been temporarily displaced from their parishes of residence for an indefinite period of time. Because the right to vote is a right that is essential to the effective operation of a democratic government, the legislature finds that the state has a compelling interest in securing the right to vote for any person temporarily displaced by a disaster or emergency who may experience greater difficulty exercising his right due to his displaced status. The legislature, therefore, enacts this Subparagraph, which shall apply to any person temporarily displaced from his parish of residence by a gubernatorially declared state of emergency who registered to vote by mail on or after October 5, 2004, prior to September 25, 2005, when he submits with the application to vote by mail an affidavit attesting that he is temporarily displaced from his parish of residence due to a state of emergency which has been declared by the governor, that he is eligible to vote in his parish of residence, and that he expects to be out of his parish of registration during early voting and on election day. He shall sign such affidavit before a notary public or two witnesses. If signed before two witnesses, the witnesses shall also sign the affidavit and such affidavit shall be made under penalty of perjury for providing false or fraudulent information. The provisions of this Item shall be effective until July 16, 2006.

(ii) Upon expiration of the effectiveness of Item (i) of this Subparagraph, any voter who has voted absentee by mail pursuant to this Subparagraph who has not voted during early voting or at the polls on election day shall not be considered to have previously voted this Subparagraph who has not voted during early voting or at the polls on election day shall not be considered to have previously voted.

Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 22—
BY SENATOR SHEPHERD
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 18:1319, relative to early voting in an election conducted pursuant to an emergency plan; to require providing for early voting in the office of any registrar of voters in the state under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of such requirement; to provide for reporting; to provide relative to the effectiveness of this provision; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported without amendments by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 22 by Senator Shepherd

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 2, after "To enact" and before "relative to early voting" change "R.S. 18:1319," to "R.S. 18:401.4,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 3, after "plan;" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 4 and 5 and insert the following:

"to allow certain registered voters of an affected area to vote during early voting in the offices of the registrars in certain parishes for certain elections; to provide relative to the manner of conducting the early voting in other parishes; to require the secretary of state to assist the registrars of voters in conducting early voting; to provide relative to the effectiveness"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 8, after "Section 1," and before "is hereby enacted" change "R.S. 18:1319" to "R.S. 18:401.4"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 1, delete lines 9 through 17, and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 18, and insert the following:

"§401.4. Early voting in other parishes

A. For an election in an affected area for which the secretary of state has submitted an emergency plan to the legislature pursuant to R.S. 18:401.3(C), and such plan has been approved by the legislature pursuant to R.S. 18:401.3(D), any registered voter of the affected area, who has registered to vote on or before the date of the gubernatorially declared emergency or disaster, may vote during the early voting period for such election at any office of the registrar in any parish that has a population of one hundred thousand or more according to the most recent federal decennial census.

B. The registrars of voters shall conduct the early voting authorized by this Section in the same manner as provided in R.S. 18:1309(A). The secretary of state shall assist each registrar of voters, as necessary, in the preparation for and conduct of early voting authorized by this Section. Any expenses associated with compliance with the provisions of this Section shall be borne by any local or municipal entity for which a local or municipal candidate or a local bond, debt, or tax proposition or other question appears on the ballot for such election.

C. The provisions of this Section shall be effective until July 16, 2006."

Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.
SENATE BILL NO. 32—
BY SENATOR MOUNT
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1395.4, relative to the organization or
reorganization of local governmental subdivisions; to provide
for amending a home rule charter; to provide for an effective
date; and to provide for related matters.
Read by title.
Reported favorably by the Committee on Municipal, Parochial
and Cultural Affairs.
Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.
On motion of Rep. Baylor, the bill was ordered passed to its
third reading.
Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 42—
BY SENATOR LENTINI
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 13:61(E), relative to judicial districts and judgeships;
to authorize the Judicial Council to review and make certain
recommendations to the legislature concerning certain matters;
and to provide for related matters.
Read by title.
Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary.
The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to
Engrossed Senate Bill No. 42 by Senator Lentini
AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 9, after "shall" and before "conduct" inert "have the
authority to"
AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, at the end of line 9, delete the comma ","
AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 10, at the beginning of line 10, delete "not later than
February 1, 2007," and insert "to"
Reported with amendments by the Legislative Bureau.
The Legislative Bureau amendments were read as follows:

LEGISLATIVE BUREAU AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 42 by Senator Lentini
AMENDMENT NO. 1
In House Committee Amendment No. 1 proposed by the House
Committee on Judiciary and adopted by the House of Representatives
on February 14, 2006 on line 2, change "inert" to "insert"
AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, delete lines 11 through 18 and insert the following:
"(2)(a) The legislature, therefore, additionally enacts this
Paragraph to provide for the following provisions, applicable to
members of the United States service or persons residing outside the
United States, to apply to any registered voter who has not previously voted
in his parish of residence either during early voting in the office of
the registrar or at the precinct in which he is registered to vote."
AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 2, delete lines 11 through 18 and insert the following:
(2)(a) The legislature, therefore, additionally enacts this
Paragraph to provide for the following provisions, applicable to
members of the United States service or persons residing outside the
United States, to apply to any registered voter, who registered to vote
by mail on or after October 5, 2004 but prior to September 25, 2005, who
is temporarily displaced from his parish of residence when he submits
with an application to vote by mail an affidavit attesting that he is temporarily displaced from his parish of residence by reason of the state of emergency, that he is eligible to vote in his parish of residence, and that he expects to be out of his parish of registration during early voting and on election day: R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(a), 1307(C), and 1311(D)(1)(a), except that the application to vote by

On motion of Rep. Toomy, the amendments were adopted.
On motion of Rep. Toomy, the bill, as amended, was ordered
passed to its third reading.
Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 50—
BY SENATOR JONES
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 18:1308.3, relative to absentee voting by mail by
temporarily displaced persons; to provide for the application to
such persons of certain provisions relative to absentee voting by
mail by United States service members and persons residing
outside the United States; to require an affidavit attesting to the
voter's eligibility; to provide for the effectiveness of the
provisions; and to provide for related matters.
Read by title.
Reported with amendments by the Committee on House and
Governmental Affairs.
The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and
Governmental Affairs to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 50 by Senator
Jones
AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 17, after "displaced status." and before "The
legislature," insert "(1)"
AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 17, change "Section" to "Paragraph"
AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 2, at the end of line 2, change "person" to "registered voter"
AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 2, at the beginning of line 8, delete "18:115(F)(2)(a),
1303(B), and 1307(C)" and insert "18:1307(C) and 1311(D)(1)(a)"
AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 2, line 10, after "Section." insert "The provisions of this
Paragraph shall not apply to any person who has not previously voted
in his parish of residence either during early voting in the office of
the registrar or at the precinct in which he is registered to vote."
AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 2, delete lines 11 through 18 and insert the following:
"(2)(a) The legislature, therefore, additionally enacts this
Paragraph to provide for the following provisions, applicable to
members of the United States service or persons residing outside the
United States, to apply to any registered voter who registered to vote
by mail on or after October 5, 2004 but prior to September 25, 2005, who
is temporarily displaced from his parish of residence when he submits
with an application to vote by mail an affidavit attesting that he is temporarily displaced from his parish of residence by reason of the state of emergency, that he is eligible to vote in his parish of residence, and that he expects to be out of his parish of registration during early voting and on election day: R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(a), 1307(C), and 1311(D)(1)(a), except that the application to vote by
mail shall be valid for a period of one year following the effective
date of this Section.

(b) Upon expiration of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, any
voter who has voted absentee by mail pursuant to Subparagraph (a)
who has not voted during early voting at the registrar’s office or at the
polls on election day shall not be considered to have previously voted
in the parish in which he is registered for purposes of R.S.
18:1130(F)(1) and shall be subject to the requirements of R.S.
18:1130(F)(1).

B. The provisions of R.S. 18:1308(A)(2) shall not apply to
absentee by mail voting conducted pursuant to this Section. The
provisions of Subsection B, Paragraph (A)(1), and Subparagraph
(A)(2)(a) of this Section shall be effective for a period of one year
following the effective date of this Section.

Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

Suspension of the Rules

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

Introduction of Resolutions,

House and House Concurrent

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Jerry Jones, Paul Tagliabue, Tom Benson, and other
National Football League leaders who are involved in planning
a preseason game between the New Orleans Saints and the
Dallas Cowboys to benefit Hurricane Katrina relief efforts and
to show support for the Saints as the team prepares to return to
New Orleans.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend the National Basketball Association, Kenny Smith, and
Nike for their contributions to the hurricane relief effort.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Mrs. Otis Dolton Whiten Emanuel of Shreveport for
her outstanding accomplishments.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To urge and request the United States Postal Service, particularly the
Postmaster of New Orleans, to take necessary measures to
restore regular mail service to the citizens of New Orleans,
including regular home delivery.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as
are necessary to reduce by twenty-five percent the amount of
outstanding federal student loan debt of any college graduate
who resides in certain areas of Louisiana most affected by
Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita for at least five consecutive
years immediately following graduation and to memorialize
congress to provide for the establishment of conditions and
requirements for such debt reduction.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PINAC
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Guy T. Williams upon being named a Community
Banker of the Year.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

Petitions, Memorials and
Communications

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

Message from the Senate

HOUSE BILLS

February 14, 2006

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

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

House Bill No. 6
Returned with amendments
The following House Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30**—
**BY REPRESENTATIVE DORSEY**
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to amend the No Child Left Behind Act to provide that paraprofessionals who were employed in Title I schools prior to the enactment of the No Child Left Behind Act shall be deemed to have met the definition of "highly qualified" for purposes of such legislation due to such employment and the experience gained as a result of such employment.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31**—
**BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA**
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend the banks of Louisiana for their extremely effective and able assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32**—
**BY REPRESENTATIVES HUTTER, BADON, LAFONTA, AND MARCHAND**
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to close the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD RAY KENNARD
Chairman

The above House Concurrent Resolutions contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken to the Secretaries of the House and Senate.

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The following House Bills have been properly enrolled:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 22**—
**BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY**
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 47:635(A)(3) and 640(B), relative to the severance tax on oil and gas; to provide that the one-time severance tax payment required by R.S. 47:635(A)(3) or 640(B) due on or before November 25, 2005, may be credited to the taxpayer's future liabilities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD RAY KENNARD
Chairman

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

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Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Quezaire, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to...
meet and consider the following legislative instruments without giving the notice required by House Rule 14.24(A):

Senate Bill Nos. 8 and 9

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Kenney, at 6:09 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at 2:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 15, 2006.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House