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OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Thirty-sixth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Sunday, February 10, 2008

The House of Representatives was called to order at 6:00 P.M., by the Honorable Jim Tucker, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Geymann	Mills
Abramson	Gisclair	Monica
Anders	Greene	Montoucet
Armes	Guillory, E.	Morrell
Arnold	Guillory, M.	Morris
Aubert	Guinn	Norton
Badon, A.	Hardy	Nowlin
Badon, B.	Harrison	Pearson
Baldone	Hazel	Perry
Barras	Henderson	Peterson
Barrow	Henry	Ponti
Billiot	Hill	Pope
Burford	Hines	Pugh
Burns, H.	Hoffmann	Richard
Burns, T.	Honey	Richardson
Burrell	Howard	Richmond
Carter	Jackson G.	Ritchie
Cazayoux	Jackson M.	Robideaux
Champagne	Johnson	Roy
Chandler	Jones, R.	Schroder
Chaney	Jones, S.	Simon
Connick	Katz	Smiley
Cortez	Kleckley	Smith, G.
Cromer	LaBruzzo	Smith, J.
Danahay	LaFonta	Smith, P.
Doerge	Lambert	St. Germain
Dove	LeBas	Talbot
Downs	Leger	Templet
Edwards	Ligi	Trahan
Ellington	Little	Waddell
Fannin	Lopinto	White

Foil	Lorusso	Williams
Franklin	Marchand	Willmott
Gallot	McVea	Wooton
Total - 102		

ABSENT

Dixon	Hutter
Total - 2	

The Speaker announced that there were 102 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Dr. Ken Ward.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Committee from the Senate

A special committee from the Senate notified the House that the Senate has convened and is prepared to transact business.

The Speaker thanked and dismissed the committee.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Peterson, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Governor that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. Katz, Wooton, Richmond, Baldone, and Hutter.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Peterson, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Senate that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. Waddell, Doerge, Gary Smith, McVea, and Honey.

**Petitions, Memorials and
Communications**

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

Message from the Secretary of State

The following message from the Secretary of State was received and read:

SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Louisiana

February 4, 2008

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to hand you herewith a certified copy of the Proclamation by his Excellency, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, dated February 1, 2008, designating certain objects to be considered at the Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Sunday, the 10th day of February, 2008, and ending no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, the 1st day of March, 2008.

Sincerely,

JAY DARDENNE
Secretary of State

**United States of America
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State**

As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that the attached pages contain a true and correct copy of the Proclamation by His Excellency, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, dated February 1, 2008, designating certain objects to be considered at the Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the tenth day of February, 2008, and adjourn not later than 6:00 p.m. on the first day of March, 2008.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on this, the 4th day of February, 2008.

JAY DARDENNE
Secretary of State

**State of Louisiana
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

PROCLAMATION NO. 3 BJ 2008

**CONVENING OF LEGISLATURE
INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Paragraph B of Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, HEREBY CALL AND CONVENE THE LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION to convene at the State Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during twenty-one (21) calendar days beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the 10TH day of February, 2008, and ending no later than 6:00 p.m. on the 1st day of March, 2008. The power to legislate at such session shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the following specifically enumerated objects:

ITEM NO. 1 - Financial Disclosure

To legislate relative to financial disclosure for all elected officials and certain appointed officials by:

(1) amending the gubernatorial disclosure requirements of R.S. 42:1124 to include board affiliations, the identity of clients, job titles and descriptions, and value ranges for real property;

(2) applying the gubernatorial disclosure requirements of R.S. 42:1124 (as amended) to all statewide elected officials, executive branch department heads, legislators, all officials elected from voting districts with a population of five thousand or more, all members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and all members of the Ethics Board and its administrator, with an opt-out provision for judges at such time as the Judiciary Commission implements equivalent disclosure standards;

(3) requiring all officials elected from a voting district with a population of less than five thousand and all appointees to statewide boards and commissions with authority to administer public funds of \$10,000 per fiscal year to file a disclosure form with the Ethics Board stating:

a) Neither I, my spouse, nor any business enterprise in which I or my spouse have a 10% interest or greater has received income in excess of \$250 from the state of Louisiana or any local governmental entity or political subdivision thereof, or from services performed for or in connection with a gaming interest;

b) I or my spouse did receive income in excess of \$250 from the state of Louisiana or local government entities, or political subdivisions or gaming interest (identify sources and value ranges for each);

c) I certify that I have filed my federal income tax return for the previous year. I certify that I have filed my state income tax return for the previous year;

Or

I certify that I have filed for an extension of my federal income tax return for the previous year. I certify that I have filed for an extension of my state income tax return for the previous year; and

(4) requiring that candidates for public offices make the same disclosures as required for office holders.

ITEM NO. 2 - Conflicts of Interest

To legislate relative to conflicts of interest by statewide elected officials, legislators and statewide appointed boards and commissions by:

(1) prohibiting legislators, their spouses, and businesses in which they own any interest from entering any contracts that are authorized or renewed during the legislator's term of office and for one year thereafter, excluding retail transactions for less than \$2,500;

(2) prohibiting negotiated (i.e., non-competitively bid) contracts between the state and the adult children, siblings and parents of legislators and their spouses authorized or renewed during the legislator's term of office and for one year thereafter, excluding retail transactions for less than \$2,500, and requiring greater disclosure for all competitively bid contracts between the state and these individuals;

(3) providing for an exception to the contract prohibitions during gubernatorial declared disasters and authorizing the Governor to waive the retail transactions limitation by executive order;

(4) prohibiting statewide elected officials, legislators, their spouses, and enterprises in which they own any interest from receiving recovery-related contracts, excluding retail transactions for less than \$2,500, during their term of office and for one year thereafter;

(5) prohibiting statewide elected officials, heads of executive departments, and legislators from representing clients before any executive or legislative state agency, with an exception for "ministerial matters";

(6) prohibiting legislators from receiving any compensation for assisting with the execution or funding of any judgment against the state;

(7) prohibiting lobbying by immediate family members of statewide elected officials, executive branch department heads, and legislators of the official's or office-holder's staff;

(8) prohibiting legislators from performing lobbying services as a "consultant" or otherwise;

(9) requiring non-governmental entities to submit a supplemental information form to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, and requiring the Senate and House to make these forms readily available;

(10) repealing the gift exception for elected officials for cultural and sporting events in R.S. 42:1123(13);

(11) requiring a two-thirds vote of the legislature to enact or re-enact exceptions to the Ethics Code; and

(12) repealing the written statement exception to the recusal rule of R.S. 42:1120.

ITEM NO. 3 - Transparency for Lobbyists

To legislate relative to increased transparency for lobbyists and lobbying activities by:

(1) requiring that lobbyists' registration forms include compensation ranges, subject matter of lobbying activity, and business relationships with statewide elected officials, executive department heads, legislators and their spouses;

(2) requiring that lobbyists' expenditure reports include spending on spouses and dependant children of executive branch elected and appointed officials and legislators, subject matter of lobbying activities, and expenditure totals by category;

(3) requiring that lobbyists' reports be filed monthly;

(4) requiring all lobbyists' filings to be electronic and posted in an online, search-able database;

(5) prohibiting contingency fee contracts for lobbyists;

(6) restricting lobbyists' spending on public servants to \$50 per meal on food and beverages per public servant;

(7) requiring that lobbyists disclose aggregate monthly expenditures in excess of \$50 per public servant;

(8) increasing penalties for inaccurate or incomplete reporting by lobbyists; and

(9) establishing penalties for lobbyists who file reports filed "with knowledge of its falsity" consistent with R.S. 14:133.

ITEM NO. 4 - Improving Ethics Education and Enforcement

To legislate relative to improving the education and training of public servants concerning the obligations and prohibitions of the Ethics Code and to improve procedures for enforcement of ethical standards for all public servants by:

(1) requiring annual ethics training for all public servants, with testing and certification upon completion;

(2) requiring annual ethics training for all lobbyists;

(3) requiring orientation and training for Ethics Board members prior to performing any function for the Board;

(4) requiring that at least three members of the Ethics Board be attorneys;

(5) requiring greater separation between the Ethics Board's advisory, investigatory and prosecutorial functions;

(6) providing for a confidential advisory process and requiring that opinions be sterilized before publication to preserve the confidentiality of public servants requesting opinions;

(7) requiring the Ethics Board to expedite the process for, and maintain confidentiality during, the initial screening of complaints;

(8) requiring that all complaints not warranting investigation be summarily dismissed and expunged;

(9) requiring the Ethics Board to offer consent judgments for expedited compliance following investigation but before charges are filed, with all final consent judgments made public;

(10) separating the prosecutorial and adjudicatory process by utilizing administrative law judges to preside over hearings and to rule on charges and penalties;

(11) creating objective criteria for the Ethics Board's current authority to issue waivers and grant penalty reductions;

(12) mandating the prompt referral of unpaid fines to the Attorney General's office for collection proceedings;

(13) requiring the Ethics Board to maintain certain records for seven years, to file an annual performance report online, and to post "as soon as possible" all disclosure forms and reports of candidates, public officials, and lobbyists on the Ethics Board website in a search-able database;

(14) providing criminal penalties for willful and fraudulent violations of the Ethics Code;

(15) requiring the suspension of public servants charged with a crime related to his or her public office;

(16) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana establishing the power of electors to exercise the legislative power of the state to propose a new law or amend existing law requiring that public servants convicted of a crime related to their public office forfeit the taxpayer portion of their pension; and

(17) prohibiting indicted legislators from serving on committees, subject to waiver by either chamber by a two-thirds vote.

ITEM NO. 5 - Transparency and Public Access to Information

To legislate relative to improving access to public information and records by:

(1) requiring the online posting of reports of all state spending by agency and function;

(2) requiring all legislative floor proceedings and committee hearings to be broadcast free of charge over the internet and archived for at least three years;

(3) prohibiting legislators from changing votes after completion of floor action;

(4) providing for an expedited and efficient administrative appeals process to resolve disputes over access to public records;

(5) authorizing the termination of public employees who willfully violate the public records law and the open meeting law; and

(6) prohibiting the use of counter letters to circumvent the Ethics Code.

ITEM NO. 6 - Further Combating Fraud and Abuse

To legislate relative to other public officers and private citizens participating in the prevention of fraud and abuse by:

(1) enabling the Office of Inspector General by statute;

(2) granting authority to local inspector generals and ethical governing bodies to issue and enforce subpoenas in state court and providing for confidentiality during investigations by such;

(3) expanding whistleblower protection to prohibit threats of reprisal to public servants; and

(4) authorizing *qui tam* incentives and standing to citizens to pursue public fraud cases when the state refuses to act.

ITEM NO. 7 - Improve Campaign Finance Laws

To legislate relative to improving campaign finance laws by:

(1) requiring that Section 527 political groups disclose all contributors, contributions and expenditures;

(2) requiring third party political advertisements to disclose the identity of the group sponsoring the advertisement on or within the advertisement itself;

(3) prohibiting candidates for elected offices from using campaign funds to pay family members;

(4) prohibiting candidates for statewide and legislative offices from fundraising during regular legislative sessions;

(5) requiring candidates to successfully complete ethics training as a condition of qualifying;

(6) prohibiting individuals with outstanding ethics fines from qualifying as a candidate for elected office;

(7) requiring candidates to request that contributors above \$250 disclose the identity of their employers and to disclose such information on campaign reports; and

(8) establishing a \$10,000 limit for individuals and entities contributing to gubernatorial transition teams.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of February, 2008.

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor of Louisiana

ATTEST BY THE GOVERNOR

JAY DARDENNE
Secretary of State

Message from the Secretary of State

The following message from the Secretary of State was received and read:

SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Louisiana

February 6, 2008

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to hand you herewith a certified copy of the Proclamation by his Excellency, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, dated February 4, 2008, amending and supplementing certain items to be considered at the Extraordinary Session of the

Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Sunday, the 10th day of February, 2008, and ending no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, the 1st day of March, 2008.

Sincerely,

JAY DARDENNE
Secretary of State

**United States of America
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State**

As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that the attached pages contain a true and correct copy of the Proclamation by His Excellency, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, dated February 4, 2008, amending and supplementing certain items to be considered at the Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the tenth day of February, 2008, and adjourn not later than 6:00 p.m. on the first day of March, 2008.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on this, the 6th day of February, 2008.

JAY DARDENNE
Secretary of State

**State of Louisiana
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NO. 4 BJ 2008**

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the state of Louisiana, HEREBY AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN ITEMS IN THE PROCLAMATION ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 1, 2008, TO CALL AND CONVENE THE LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION to convene at the State Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during twenty-one calendar days, to begin at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Sunday, the tenth day of February, 2008, and ending no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the 1st day of March, 2008, as follows:

ITEM NO. 2:

(1) prohibiting legislators, their spouses, and businesses in which they own any interest from entering negotiated and competitively bid contracts with the state that are authorized or renewed during the legislator's term of office and for one year thereafter, excluding retail transactions for less than \$2,500; [and]

(8) prohibiting statewide elected officials, executive branch department heads, and legislators from performing lobbying services as a "consultant" or otherwise during their term of service and for one year thereafter.

ITEM NO. 4:

(16) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana requiring that public servants convicted of a crime related to their public office forfeit the tax-payer portion of their pension.

ITEM NO. 6:

To legislate relative to:

(1) enabling the Office of Inspector General by statute;

(2) granting authority to local inspectors general and ethical governing bodies to issue and enforce subpoenas in state court and providing for confidentiality during investigations by such;

(3) expanding whistleblower protection to prohibit threats of reprisal to public servants; and

(4) authorizing *qui tam* incentives and standing to citizens to pursue public fraud cases when the state refuses to act.

ITEM NO. 7

(9) identifying the permissible sources for the payment of fines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 4th day of February, 2008.

Bobby Jindal
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE GOVERNOR

Jay Dardenne
SECRETARY OF STATE

**State of Louisiana
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NO. 5 BJ 2008**

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the state of Louisiana, HEREBY AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN ITEMS IN THE PROCLAMATION ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 1, 2008, TO CALL AND CONVENE THE LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION to convene at the State Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during twenty-one calendar days, to begin at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Sunday, the tenth day of February, 2008, and ending no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the 1st day of March, 2008, as follows:

ITEM NO. 3

(6) restricting spending on public servants by lobbyists and prohibited sources to \$50 per meal on food and beverages per public servant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 4th day of February, 2008.

Bobby Jindal
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE GOVERNOR

Jay Dardenne
SECRETARY OF STATE

**STATE OF COLORADO
House Joint Resolution 08-1004**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Todd, Fischer, Kefalas, Balmer, Benefield, Borodkin, Buescher, Butcher, Carroll M., Carroll T., Casso, Curry, Ferrandino, Frangas, Gagliardi, Gallegos, Garcia, Gardner B., Gardner C., Garza-Hicks, Green, Hodge, Jahn, Judd, Kerr A., Kerr J., King, Labuda, Lambert, Levy, Liston, Looper, Lundberg, Madden, Marostica, Marshall, Massey, May M., McFadyen, McGihon, McKinley, McNulty, Merrifield, Mitchell V., Peniston, Pommer, Primavera, Rice, Riesberg, Roberts, Ramanoff, Rose, Scanlan, Solano, Sonnenberg, Soper, Stafford, Stephens, Summers, Swaim, Vaad, Weissmann, White, and Witwer; also SENATOR(S) Williams, Bacon, Boyd, Brophy, Cadman, Gibbs, Gordon, Groff, Hagedorn, Harvey, Isgar, Johnson, Keller, Kopp,

McElhany, Mitchell S., Morse, Penry, Renfroe, Romer, Sandoval, Schultheis, Schwartz, Shaffer, Spence, Takis, Tapia, Taylor, Tochtrop, Tupa, Veiga, Wiens, and Windels.

CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE "LEGISLATORS STEP TO HEALTH" PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, As highlighted in a recent report by the Metro Denver Health and Wellness Commission, titled "Metro Denver 2007: A Report on the Health and Wellness of our Community", 55% of Metro Denver area adults and a like percentage of Colorado adults were overweight or obese in 2005, with the percentage of Metro Denver area adults at an unhealthy weight increasing by nearly 10% between 1995 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, Almost 29% of children in both the Metro Denver area and throughout Colorado were overweight or at risk of being overweight during this same time period; and

WHEREAS, Obesity-related medical expenditures in Colorado were estimated to be \$874 million in 2003, including \$158 million in state Medicaid expenditures and not including costs related to lost productivity and absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, Obesity is a preventable condition and is directly implicated in the diagnosis of chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer, hypertension, and asthma; and

WHEREAS, State legislators are role models for their communities and are charged with creating and passing policy measures to help ensure the health and wellness of those communities and, as such, should set good examples relating to diet and exercise; and

WHEREAS, The "Legislators Step to Health" program is a health and wellness program designed to meet the specific needs of Colorado legislators with regard to their environment, nutrition, and physical activity level; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the "Legislators Step to Health" program is to have legislators step up their own health by increasing physical activity, choosing to eat healthy foods, and making choices such as these that lead to adopting behaviors that are sustained throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, The program is a result of a partnership among the American Diabetes Association, AstraZeneca, America On the Move, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Kaiser Permanente, and Thrive; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

That Colorado legislators will be the leaders in encouraging health and wellness in their communities by challenging both themselves and their colleagues across the country to participate in the "Legislators Step to Health" program.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the legislatures of the other 49 states.

Andrew Romanoff
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

Peter C. Groff
PRESIDENT OF
THE SENATE

Marilyn Eddins
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

Karen Goldman
SECRETARY OF
THE SENATE

**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, pursuant to House Rule No. 7.2(E), referred to committee:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND CARTER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the LSU Tigers football team and Coach Les Miles upon winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national championship.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Centenary College of Louisiana upon the occasion of Founders' Day and the celebration of its first one hundred years of excellence in the Shreveport-Bossier community.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLS AND SENATOR HEBERT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Jefferson J. DeBlanc, Medal of Honor recipient, of St. Martinville.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Gustave Anthony "Gus" Piazza, Sr., of Baton Rouge.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
A RESOLUTION

To adopt House Rules 2.5(21) and 12.8 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide for audio and video broadcast of legislative proceedings and for the creation, nature, and maintenance of records thereof.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 11.6 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide for the submission of certain information required for appropriations to certain entities and provides that certain actions are not in order if such information is not submitted.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 10.8 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide relative to consent for a member to have his vote corrected.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER
A RESOLUTION

To adopt House Rule 7.2(F) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to require a request for legislation which is to be prefiled to be received by House Legislative Services staff not later than forty-eight hours prior to the prefiling deadline.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 6.4(D) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide for the removal of an elected member of the Committee on Appropriations if such member is under indictment.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LABRUZZO
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rules 14.32(B) and 14.51 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to require a person testifying before a committee to submit a sworn written statement affirming the truth of his testimony.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 14.32(B) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives; to require certain persons to disclose certain information prior to appearing or presenting information to a committee; and to provide for certain penalties for failure to disclose.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HINES

A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 1.2(G) and to adopt House Rule 1.4 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to prohibit registered lobbyists from causing the delivery of notes to House members on the House floor while the House is in session.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HINES

A RESOLUTION

To adopt House Rule 1.4 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives, relative to lobbyist identification badges; to provide for issuance of annual lobbyist identification badges and to require registered lobbyists to display such badges on their person while in the state capitol or attending House or joint committee meetings; to provide for enforcement; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HINES

A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 1.2(F) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to prohibit the access of lobbyists to certain sections of the House chamber at certain times.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

Reports of Special Committees

The special committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House had convened and was prepared to transact business reported that it had performed that duty.

The special committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House had convened and was prepared to transact business reported that it had performed that duty.

The Speaker thanked and discharged the committees.

Suspension of the Rules

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

Petitions, Memorials and Communications

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

Message from the Senate**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

February 10, 2008

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

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—

BY SENATOR BROOME

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To invite the Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor of Louisiana, to address a joint session of the legislature.

Read by title.

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

Recess

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

Joint Session of the Legislature

The joint session of the legislature was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by the Honorable Joel T. Chaisson, II, President of the Senate.

On motion of Sen. Broome, the calling of the roll on the part of the Senate was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Peterson, the calling of the roll on the part of the House was dispensed with.

The President of the Senate appointed the following special committee to escort the Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, to the joint session.

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On the part of the Senate: Senators Michot, Butch Gautreaux, Marionneaux, Nick Gautreaux, Amedee, and Dupree.

On the part of the House: Representatives Jane Smith, St. Germain, Robideaux, Austin Badon, and Ritchie.

A prayer was offered by Rev. Allen Robertson.

The Honorable Mitch Landrieu, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Louisiana, led the joint session in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The President of the Senate introduced the Honorable Bobby Jindal, who addressed the joint session of the legislature.

On motion of Sen. Broome, the Senate retired to its own chamber.

House Business Resumed

After Recess

Speaker Tucker called the House to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Gisclair	Monica
Abramson	Greene	Montoucet
Anders	Guillory, E.	Morrell
Armes	Guillory, M.	Morris
Arnold	Guinn	Norton
Aubert	Hardy	Nowlin
Badon, A.	Harrison	Pearson
Badon, B.	Hazel	Perry
Baldone	Henderson	Peterson
Barras	Henry	Ponti
Barrow	Hill	Pope
Billiot	Hines	Pugh
Burford	Hoffmann	Richard
Burns, H.	Honey	Richardson
Burrell	Howard	Richmond
Carter	Jackson G.	Ritchie
Cazayoux	Jackson M.	Robideaux
Champagne	Johnson	Roy
Chandler	Jones, R.	Schroder
Chaney	Jones, S.	Simon
Connick	Katz	Smiley
Cortez	Kleckley	Smith, G.
Cromer	LaBruzzo	Smith, J.
Danahay	LaFonta	Smith, P.
Doerge	Lambert	St. Germain
Dove	LeBas	Talbot
Downs	Leger	Templet
Edwards	Ligi	Trahan
Ellington	Little	Waddell
Fannin	Lopinto	White
Foil	Lorusso	Williams
Franklin	Marchand	Willmott
Gallot	McVea	Wooton
Geymann	Mills	
Total - 101		

ABSENT

Burns, T.	Dixon	Hutter
Total - 3		

The Speaker announced there were 101 members present and a quorum.

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. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 5 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide for audio and video broadcast of legislative proceedings and for the creation, nature, and maintenance of records thereof.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 17 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide for the submission of certain information required for appropriations to certain entities and to provide for the duties of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate relative to such information.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Gallot, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

Introduction of House Bills and Joint Resolutions

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER AND PETERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:463(B) and R.S. 42:1124, 1124.1(A)(2), 1157(A)(4)(a), and 1167, to enact R.S. 42:1124.2, and to repeal R.S. 42:1114.1, relative to financial disclosure; to require certain disclosures by certain public servants; to require certain disclosures by candidates for certain offices; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for certain actions by the Board of Ethics relative to such disclosures; to remove certain specific financial disclosure provisions applicable to members of the legislature; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to the application of certain provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 2—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:463(B) and R.S. 42:1124, 1124.1(A)(2), and 1157(A)(4)(a), to enact R.S. 42:1124.2, and to repeal R.S. 42:1114.1, relative to financial disclosure; to require certain disclosures by certain public servants; to require certain disclosures by candidates for certain offices; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for certain actions by the Board of Ethics relative to such disclosures; to remove certain specific financial disclosure provisions applicable to members of the legislature; to provide for penalties; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER AND PETERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:463(B)(2) and R.S. 42:1124.1(A)(2), 1157(A)(4)(a), and 1167 and to enact R.S. 18:463(B)(3) and R.S. 42:1124.2, relative to financial disclosure; to require certain disclosures by judges; to require certain disclosures by candidates for judge; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for certain actions by the Board of Ethics relative to such disclosures; to provide relative to the application of certain provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 4—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1134(M) and to enact R.S. 42:1144, relative to procedures of the Board of Ethics; to provide duties and responsibilities of the board relative to certain information concerning enforcement of laws under the jurisdiction of the board; to provide relative to effectiveness; to provide relative to reports filed with the board; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1157.3, relative to the collection of fines, fees, and penalties assessed pursuant to laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics; to remove certain provisions for contracting with outside counsel on a contingency fee basis for such purpose; to provide procedures for such collections; to provide for collection by the attorney general; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1170(A) and (E), relative to ethics education and training; to provide for the duties of the Board of Ethics relative to such education and training; to provide for the education and training required of public servants; to provide for the education and training required of registered lobbyists; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1125(A), relative to gubernatorial transition and inauguration; to provide contribution limits; to provide relative to contribution reports; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1169, relative to public employees who report acts of impropriety within governmental entities; to prohibit threats of reprisal against employees for disclosing such information; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1117.1, relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to prohibit the use of certain actions or methods to circumvent the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:51(2) and R.S. 49:72(5) and to repeal R.S. 42:1123(13), relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to repeal certain exceptions relative to the acceptance by an elected official of certain things of economic value for certain cultural or sporting events; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 11—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:31.2, relative to public records; to authorize the mediation of public records disputes; to provide for such mediation and the effect of such a mediation; to require participation by public bodies and officers in such a mediation; to provide for the promulgation of certain rules and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 12—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1120, relative to conflicts of interest; to remove authority and procedures for filing a statement rather than recusal from voting by elected officials; to require the filing of a statement of recusal; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 13—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 21 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide relative to exceptions to the code of ethics; to require the approval of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature to enact an exception to any provision of the code of ethics; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 14—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1115.1, relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to restrict the provision of food, drink, or refreshment to a public servant by certain prohibited sources; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 15—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:463(A)(2) and (C) and 491(C) and R.S. 42:1170(A) and to enact R.S. 18:492(A)(6) and (7), relative to qualifying as a candidate for elected office; to require a candidate for a primary election to certify that he does not owe any ethics fines, fees, or penalties as a condition of qualification; to require each candidate for elected office to receive training in the Code of Governmental Ethics and to certify that he has received such training as conditions of qualification for a primary election; to provide that the required ethics training fulfills the requirements for certain training for elected officials; to provide relative to objections to candidacy based on false

certification regarding ethics fines or based on failure to receive ethics training or falsely certifying receipt of such training; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 16—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1111(E)(1) and (2)(a), relative to conflicts of interest; to prohibit certain public servants from receiving or agreeing to receive any thing of economic value for assistance to persons in certain transactions related to lobbying; to prohibit certain former public servants from receiving or agreeing to receive any thing of economic value for assistance to persons in certain transactions related to lobbying; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 17—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1113(D)(1) and 1114.3 and to enact R.S. 42:1113(D)(2)(g) and (h), (3), and (4), relative to conflicts of interest; to provide relative to certain contracts involving certain public servants and certain affiliated persons and entities; to provide restrictions on certain contracts; to provide for disclosure relative to certain contracts; to provide exceptions and waivers; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 18—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:122.3 and R.S. 42:1156.1, relative to public intimidation by a public officer; to require the district attorney, upon finding any credible evidence of possible public intimidation by a public officer which could affect the criminal investigation or prosecution of such public officer, to seek from a court of competent jurisdiction an order to prevent such public intimidation and to prevent the occurrence of circumstances which would allow for such public intimidation; to require the Board of Ethics, upon finding any credible evidence of possible public intimidation by a public officer which could affect an investigation or hearing concerning whether such public officer violated any provision of law within the board's jurisdiction, to seek from a court of competent jurisdiction an order to prevent such public intimidation and to prevent the occurrence of circumstances which would allow for such public intimidation; to provide relative to the issuance of such orders; to require the board upon finding such evidence of possible public intimidation by a public officer to forward a copy of its findings to the district attorney; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 19—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 29(E)(5)(a) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide relative to state and statewide retirement systems and elected officials in such systems; to provide for the forfeiture of retirement benefits for such persons who are convicted of certain felonies; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 20—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:293, relative to retirement benefits; to provide relative to elected officials who are members of public retirement systems; to require the forfeiture of retirement benefits for such persons who are convicted of certain felonies related to their offices; to provide relative to the employer and employee contributions on behalf of such persons; to provide for repayment of benefits already received by such persons; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 21—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:463(A)(2)(a) and (C) and R.S. 42:1170(A) and to enact R.S. 18:492(A)(6), relative to training in the Code of Governmental Ethics; to require each candidate for elected office to receive certain such training in order to qualify for election; to require, as part of the notice of candidacy, certification by the candidate that required training has been received; to specify that failure to receive such training or falsely certifying receipt of such training shall be grounds for objection to candidacy; to provide that such training shall fulfill the requirements for certain training for elected officials; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 22—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1119(D), relative to nepotism; to provide relative to the persons who are subject to penalties in the enforcement of violations of the nepotism prohibitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 23—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1123(38), relative to governmental ethics; to allow certain public employees to accept certain free legal services relative to the preparation of wills; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 24—
BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1505.2(I)(4) and to repeal R.S. 18:1505.2(O), relative to the use of campaign funds to pay certain fines, fees, and penalties; to prohibit the use of such funds to pay fines, fees, and penalties assessed pursuant to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, ethics regulations, or Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 24 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, lobbying regulations; to provide for penalties; to repeal provisions that authorize the supervisory committee to prohibit the use of campaign funds to pay fines, fees, or penalties assessed for violations of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 25—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:51(2) and R.S. 49:72(5) and to repeal R.S. 42:1123(13), relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to repeal certain exceptions relative to the acceptance by an elected official of certain things of economic value for certain cultural or sporting events; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 26—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Articles 2025 and 2028, R.S. 9:2712 and 2941.1(A), R.S. 12:25(E)(1), 205(E)(1), and 304(11)(a), R.S. 13:3720 and 3888(A), and R.S. 42:1124(E), relative to counter letters; to provide for legislative intent; to prohibit the use of counter letters, including their use to circumvent the Code of Governmental Ethics; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 27—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WADDELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:5, relative to public records; to provide for the application of the laws relative to public records to the office of the governor; to provide that exemption from such laws applies solely to the executive office of the governor; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 28—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:57 and R.S. 49:77, to enact R.S. 18:1505.6(D), R.S. 24:58(E), R.S. 42:1124.1(D), and R.S. 49:78(E), and to repeal R.S. 42:1124.1(C), relative to criminal violations of laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics; to provide that conviction for the knowing filing of certain false documents pursuant to such laws makes the violator guilty of the crime of filing false public documents and subject to the penalties therefor; to require the board or panel to forward to the appropriate district attorney a copy of its findings when it finds probable cause to believe a criminal violation of laws under the board's jurisdiction has occurred and to provide for access to the board's records of such violations by the district attorney; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 29—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1132(B)(1)(a) and (4) and to enact R.S. 42:1132(B)(5), relative to the Board of Ethics; to provide for qualifications for selection and service on the Board of Ethics; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 30—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1116.1, relative to conflicts of interest; to prohibit a public servant from using any thing of economic value belonging to the state or any political subdivision for his personal use or the personal use of another under certain circumstances; to provide relative to penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 31—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:13, relative to penalties for violations of laws relative to meetings of public bodies; to provide relative to civil and criminal penalties for violations of laws relative thereto; to provide for discipline and termination or removal of

public employees and certain public officials for certain violations of such laws; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 32—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:37, relative to penalties for violations of laws relative to public records; to provide relative to civil and criminal penalties for violations thereof; to provide for discipline and termination or removal of public employees and certain public officials for certain violations of such laws; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 33—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1170(C), relative to ethics education; to provide for certain qualifications and requirements for ethics designees in certain agencies; to require certain training for such persons; to provide for the manner and procedure for designating such persons; to require certain notifications; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 34—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1113(D)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 42:1113(D)(2)(g) and (h) and (3), relative to the prohibition on certain contractual arrangements for legislators, persons elected to the legislature, their spouses, and certain entities in which any of them owns an interest; to remove an exception from such prohibition for contracts and subcontracts awarded through certain competitive processes; to provide certain exceptions; to provide for applicability of the prohibition after termination of the legislator's service; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 35—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY AND SENATOR SCALISE
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article I, Section 4(D) and Article X, Section 29(A), (B), and (E)(5)(a), of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to public retirement or pension benefits; to provide relative to the right to receive such benefits; to allow forfeiture of certain accrued benefits of an elected or appointed official or public employee who is a member of a Louisiana public retirement or pension system, plan, or fund and who is convicted of a felony associated with the public service for which benefits in such system, plan, or fund accrued as provided by law; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 36—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1134(E), 1141(B)(1)(a) and (C)(2) and (13)(a), and 1157.2, relative to the enforcement of laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics; to provide relative to the procedures of the board relative to such enforcement; to provide relative to penalties; to provide relative to advisory opinions; to provide relative to voting by the board; to provide relative to consent opinions; to provide relative to effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 37—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:6(C), relative to state expenditures; to require that certain reports relating to state expenditures be posted via the Internet; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 38—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1116(D), relative to conflicts of interest; to prohibit the governor from appointing certain persons to certain positions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 39—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1114.4, relative to ethics; to require certain financial disclosures by certain chief law enforcement officers; to provide for content; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 40—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1505.2(I)(4), relative to the use of campaign funds for payments or expenditures to family members of a candidate; to prohibit the use of a campaign contribution, loan, or transfer of funds by a candidate or the principal or any subsidiary political committee of a candidate to make any payment or expenditure to any immediate family member of the candidate; to provide definitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 41—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1141(C), (D), (E), and (F) and 1142(A) and to enact R.S. 49:992.1 and 994(E), relative to enforcement of laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics; to provide for proceedings related to such enforcement; to provide for the powers, functions, and duties of the board relative to such enforcement; to provide for the powers, functions, and duties of the division of administrative law relative to such enforcement; to provide for the conduct of hearings and procedures related thereto; to provide relative to appeals; to provide relative to effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 42—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1491.5(B)(1), 1491.6(C)(1)(a), 1491.7(B)(4)(a), 1495.3(B)(1), 1495.4(C)(1)(a), 1495.5(B)(4)(a), and 1501.1(C)(1), relative to campaign finance disclosure; to require that certain reports required by the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act include the name and address of the employer of persons who make campaign contributions in excess of certain amounts; to require maintenance of records in order to comply with such requirements; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 43—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1505.2(O), relative to campaign finance; to provide for the payment of campaign finance fines, fees, and penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 44—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LIGI
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:293, relative to retirement benefits; to provide relative to elected officials and public employees who are members of public retirement systems; to require the forfeiture of retirement benefits for such persons who are convicted of certain felonies related to their offices; to provide relative to the employer and employee contributions on behalf of such persons; to provide for repayment of benefits already received by such persons; to provide for confiscation of employee contributions to satisfy criminal fines and restitution; to require the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to report such office-related felonies; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 45—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY AND SENATOR SCALISE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:293, relative to public retirement or pension benefits; to provide relative to the loss of the right to receive payment of retirement or pension benefits; to provide circumstances under which certain retirement or pension benefits shall be forfeited; to provide that final conviction of certain felonies associated with public service shall operate to cause automatic forfeiture of such benefits; to specify the felonies for which such forfeiture is mandatory; to provide for notice of conviction, calculation of survivor benefits, and refund of employee contributions; to provide relative to the effect of pardons on such forfeiture; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 46—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LIGI
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 29(E)(5)(a) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide relative to state and statewide retirement systems and public officials and employees in such systems; to provide for the forfeiture of retirement benefits for such persons who are convicted of certain felonies; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 47—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1111(E), relative to conflicts of interest; to prohibit certain public servants from receiving or agreeing to receive any thing of economic value for assisting persons in certain transactions; to prohibit certain former public servants from receiving or agreeing to receive any thing of economic value for assisting persons in certain transactions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 48—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 29(E)(5)(a) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide relative to state and statewide retirement systems and public officials and employees in such systems; to provide for the forfeiture of retirement benefits for such persons who are convicted of certain felonies; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 49—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:293, relative to retirement benefits; to provide relative to elected officials and public employees who are members of public retirement systems; to require the forfeiture of retirement benefits for such persons who are convicted of certain felonies related to their offices; to provide relative to the employer and employee contributions on behalf of such persons; to provide for repayment of benefits already received by such persons; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 50—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 24:56(H), (I), (J), and (K) and R.S. 49:78.1(E), (F), and (G), relative to lobbying; to prohibit certain conduct by lobbyists; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 51—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY AND SENATOR SCALISE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:293, relative to public retirement or pension benefits; to provide relative to the loss of the right to receive payment of pension or retirement benefits; to provide circumstances under which certain retirement or pension benefits shall be forfeited; to provide that final conviction of certain felonies associated with public service shall operate to cause automatic forfeiture of such benefits; to specify the felonies for which such forfeiture is mandatory; to provide for notice of conviction, calculation of survivor benefits, and refund of employee contributions; to provide relative to the effect of pardons on such forfeiture; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 52—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1124.1(A)(2)(b) and 1157(A)(4)(a) and to enact R.S. 42:1124.2, relative to financial disclosure; to require certain disclosures by certain public servants; to require certain disclosures by members of the Board of Ethics and the ethics administrator; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for procedures by the Board of Ethics relative to such disclosures; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 53—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:293, relative to retirement benefits; to provide relative to elected officials and public employees who are members of public retirement systems; to require the forfeiture of retirement benefits for such persons who are convicted of certain felonies related to their offices; to provide relative to the employer and employee contributions on behalf of such persons; to provide for repayment of benefits already received by such persons; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 54—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1125(A), relative to gubernatorial transition and inauguration; to provide contribution limits; to provide relative to contribution reports; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 55—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:463(B) and R.S. 42:1114.1, 1124(A), 1124.1(A)(2)(b), and 1157(A)(4)(a) and to enact R.S. 42:1114.4, relative to financial disclosure; to require certain disclosures by members of the legislature; to require certain disclosures by candidates for the state legislature; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to require certain disclosures by statewide elected officials; to require certain disclosures by certain appointed officials; to require certain disclosures by members of the Board of Ethics; to require certain disclosures by candidates for statewide elective office; to require all other elected officials to file certain disclosures; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for the duties of the Board of Ethics relative to such disclosures; to provide for penalties; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 56—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(31) and to enact R.S. 36:4(I) and Part VI of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.21 through 220.25, relative to the creation of the office of the state inspector general; to provide for the appointment, powers, duties, and functions of the inspector general; to provide for the procedure for the appointment of the inspector general; to provide for staffing and funding of the office; to provide for the assistance and cooperation of entities in the executive branch of state

government and other covered entities; to provide for the confidentiality of certain records; to provide for referral of the results of investigations of criminal matters to the appropriate authorities for prosecution; to provide for reports by the inspector general; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 57—
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, AND GALLOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:51(2), 53(A), (G), and (H), 54(A)(2), 55(B), (C), (D)(1), (E), and (F)(1) and R.S. 49:72(5), 74(A), (E), and (F), 75(A)(2), and 76(B), (C), (D)(1), and (E) and to enact R.S. 24:55(H), 56(H), and 58(D)(3) and (4) and R.S. 49:74(H), 76(H), 77(4), 78(D)(3) and (4), and 78.1(E), relative to lobbying; to provide relative to the regulation of lobbyists; to provide relative to the registration of lobbyists; to provide relative to the reporting requirements of lobbyists; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**Introduction of House Bills
and Joint Resolutions**

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 58—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL
AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:1601 through 1603, relative to campaign finance; to provide relative to certain expenditures for certain political activities; to provide for certain required content; to provide for certain required reports; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 59—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1124.1(A)(2)(b) and 1157(A)(4)(a) and to enact R.S. 42:1124.2, relative to financial disclosure; to require certain disclosures by certain public servants; to require certain disclosures by members of state boards and commissions; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for procedures by the Board of Ethics relative to such disclosures; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 60—
BY REPRESENTATIVES EDWARDS AND BILLIOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1485(E), relative to certain campaign reporting requirements; to require certain reports to be filed electronically; to provide relative to procedures for the filing of such reports; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 61—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WOOTON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1141(C), (D), (E), and (F) and to enact R.S. 42:1142(E) and R.S. 49:992.1, relative to enforcement of laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics; to provide for proceedings related to such enforcement; to provide for the powers, functions, and duties of the board relative to such enforcement; to provide for the powers, functions, and duties of the division of administrative law relative to such enforcement; to provide for the conduct of hearings and procedures related thereto; to provide relative to appeals; to provide relative to effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 62—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HARDY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1155, relative to the Board of Ethics; to require the board to order the payment of certain penalties for certain violations of the Code of Governmental Ethics; to require the board to order the forfeiture of certain gifts and payments; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 63—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HARDY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1113(D)(1)(a), relative to the prohibition on certain contractual arrangements for legislators, persons elected to the legislature, their spouses, and certain entities in which any of them owns an interest; to remove an exception from such prohibition for contracts and subcontracts awarded through certain competitive processes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 64—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1114.4 and 1124.1(A)(2)(c), relative to financial disclosure; to require certain disclosures by certain elected officials; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 65—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:463(A)(2) and 491(C) and to enact R.S. 18:492(A)(6), relative to qualifying for primary elections; to require a candidate to certify that he does not owe any ethics fines as a condition of qualification; to provide relative to objections to candidacy based on false certification regarding ethics fines; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 66—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1505.2(U), relative to campaign finance; to provide for certain prohibited conduct; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 67—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1111.1, relative to conflicts of interest; to prohibit certain executive branch officials and certain affiliated persons from receiving compensation for certain assistance; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 68—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1141(C), (D), (E), and (F) and to enact R.S. 42:1142(E) and R.S. 49:992.1, relative to enforcement of laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics; to provide for proceedings related to such enforcement; to provide for the powers, functions, and duties of the board relative to such enforcement; to provide for the powers, functions, and duties of the division of administrative law relative to such enforcement; to provide for the conduct of hearings and procedures related thereto; to provide relative to appeals; to provide relative to effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 69—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER
AN ACT

To enact Part V of Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 42:1191 through 1202, relative to qui tam actions; to prohibit false or fraudulent claims or false or misleading statements in relation to obtaining funds, property, use of property, or other compensation from

state government; to provide for civil actions by the attorney general or by other persons to recover funds; to provide for damages, fines, penalties, and interest; to provide for an awards program for information on violations; to provide for protection for certain persons against reprisals by certain persons; to provide a prescriptive period; 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 Civil Law and Procedure.

HOUSE BILL NO. 70—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SAM JONES
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1123(38), relative to governmental ethics; to allow public servants to accept donated human organs for use in human transplantation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 71—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL JACKSON AND SENATOR LAFLEUR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:463(B) and R.S. 42:1114.1, 1124(A), 1124.1(A)(2)(b), and 1157(A)(4)(a), and to enact R.S. 42:1114.4 and 1124(G) and (H), relative to financial disclosure; to require certain disclosures by certain public servants; to require certain disclosures by members of the legislature; to require certain disclosures by candidates for the state legislature; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to require certain disclosures by statewide elected officials; to require certain disclosures by candidates for statewide elective office; to require certain disclosures by members and the ethics administrator of the Board of Ethics; to require certain other elected officials to file certain disclosures; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to require certain disclosures by candidates for certain other elective offices; to provide relative to certain powers, duties, and functions related to such disclosures; to provide for electronic filing; to provide for penalties; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 72—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1505.2(I)(4), relative to campaign finance; to allow for certain uses of contributions; to provide relative to penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 73—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1485(E), relative to certain campaign reporting requirements; to require certain reports to be filed electronically; to provide relative to procedures for the filing of such reports; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 74—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1141.1, relative to the Board of Ethics; to provide for a process of declaratory opinions of the board; to provide procedures for obtaining such opinions; to provide for matters on which the board may render declaratory opinions; to provide for circumstances in which the board may refuse to issue such decisions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 75—
BY REPRESENTATIVES JANE SMITH, CAZAYOUX, CHAMPAGNE,
CROMER, HINES, AND ST. GERMAIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:53(A), (G), and (H), 54(A)(2), and 55(C) and (D)(1), and R.S. 49:74(A), (E), and (F), 75(A)(2), and 76(B)(introductory paragraph), (C), and (D)(1), relative to lobbying; to provide relative to the regulation of lobbyists; to provide relative to the registration of lobbyists; to provide relative to the reporting requirements of lobbyists; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 76—
BY REPRESENTATIVES JANE SMITH, CHAMPAGNE, CROMER, HINES,
AND ST. GERMAIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:463(B) and R.S. 42:1114.1(A), (B), and (C) and 1124(A), relative to financial disclosure; to require certain financial disclosures to be made by statewide elected officials and members of the legislature; to require certain financial disclosures to be made by candidates for certain elected offices; to require certain financial disclosures to be made by members of the Board of Ethics; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for the content of such disclosures; to provide for the duties of the Board of Ethics with respect to financial disclosure; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

Suspension of the Rules

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

House Bill Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, 33, 39, 52, 55, 56, 59, 64, 71, and 76

Suspension of the Rules

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

House Bill Nos. 19, 35, 46, and 48

Leave of Absence

Rep. Dixon - 1 day

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Trahan, at 7:30 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Monday, February 11, 2008, at 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 4:00 P.M., Monday, February 11, 2008.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House