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Adoption of the Constitution of 1974

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 14, 2008

The House of Representatives was called to order at 10:00 A.M.
by the Honorable Wayne Waddell, Acting Speaker of the House of
Representatives.

Morning Hour
ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Downs
Edwards
Ellington
Fannin
Foil
Franklin
Gallot
Geymann

MONICA
Greene
Guillory, E.
Guillory, M.
Guinn
Hardy
Harrison
Hazel

Aubert
Arnold
Armes
Anders
Badon, A.
Badon, B.
Baldone
Burford
Barras
Barrow
Billsio
Burns, T.
Burns, H.
Burrell
Barras

LeBas
Hutker
Jackson M.
Jackson G.

Carter
Cavayoux
Champagne
Chandler
Chaney
Connick
Cortez
Crumer
Danahay
Dixon
Doerge
Dove

Leger
Ligi
Little
Lopinto
Lorusso
Marchand
McVea
Mills

TOTAL - 104

ABSENT

TOTAL - 0

The Acting Speaker announced that there were 104 members-elect present.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Dr. Ken Ward.

Pledge of Allegiance

Representative-elect Lorusso led the House in reciting the
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Thomas Tah Hyde sang The Star Spangled Banner.

Petitions, Memorials and Communications

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

SECRETARY OF STATE
State of Louisiana
January 7, 2008

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives
State of Louisiana
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with R.S.
18:573, the name of the persons who have received the greatest
number of votes cast for State Representative in the Legislature of
Louisiana from their respective Representative Districts, and who
have been duly proclaimed elected.

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 following candidates are declared elected by the people to the
office set above their names.

1st Representative District
James H. "Jim" Morris

2nd Representative District
Roy A. Burrell

3rd Representative District
Barbara Norton

4th Representative District
Patrick C. Williams

5th Representative District
Wayne Waddell

6th Representative District
"Mike" Powell

7th Representative District
Richard "Richie" Burford

8th Representative District
Jane H. Smith

9th Representative District
Henry Burns

10th Representative District
Jean Doerge

11th Representative District
"Rick" Gallot

12th Representative District
Hollis Downs
I hereby express my irrevocable intention to refuse to take the oath of office and to not accept the office of member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, District 6 for the term of office beginning on January 14, 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 January 7, 2008.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Powell
Honorable Joe Salter  
Speaker  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
P. O. Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, LA  70804-9062

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have received notice from Representative Mike Powell that he does not intend to take his elected office on January 14, 2008. Accordingly, a special election will be necessary.

After consulting with my staff, I would respectfully request that you schedule the election for February 9, 2008 with the runoff, if necessary, to be held on March 8, 2008. The qualifying dates should be January 7 through January 9, 2008.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about this matter, please feel free to call me at 922-2880.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State

The Chair called for the voicing of objections to the qualifications or elections of the members-elect.

Hearing no objections, the Chair declared each member-elect duly qualified and elected.

Oath of Office

The membership-elect presented themselves before the bar of the House and took the following oath of office administered by Mr. Alfred W. Speer, Clerk of the House of Representatives:

"I, ..., do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution and laws of the United States and the constitution and laws of this state and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God."

Personal Privilege


Election of the Clerk of the House

Rep. Michael Jackson placed in nomination the name of Mr. Alfred W. Speer for Clerk of the House.

Rep. Katz seconded the nomination of Mr. Speer.

Rep. Doerge moved that the nominations be closed.

There being but one nominee, Mr. Alfred W. Speer was duly elected Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Alfred W. Speer by the Honorable Major General Hunt Downer, Assistant Adjutant General, Louisiana National Guard.

Election of the Speaker of the House


Rep. Doerge moved that the nominations be closed.

There being but one nominee, Rep. Tucker was duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Jim Tucker by the Honorable Stephen Windhorst, District Judge, 24th Judicial District Court.

Speaker Tucker in the Chair

Election of the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House


Rep. Doerge moved that the nominations be closed.

There being but one nominee, Rep. Karen Carter Peterson was duly elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Karen Carter Peterson by Mr. Kenneth M. Carter.

Appointment of the Sergeant at Arms of the House

Pursuant to House Rule 2.11, the Speaker appointed Mr. Clarence R. Russ Sergeant at Arms of the House.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Clarence R. Russ by the Honorable Alfred W. Speer, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Petitions, Memorials and Communications

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:
State of Louisiana
January 14, 2008

Mr. Speaker:

In 2007 I was reelected to represent District No. 93 in the Louisiana House of Representatives using my legal name at the time, Karen Carter. Since that time, I have changed my surname to that of my husband. Accordingly, I request that from this date forward, please have all records of the House of Representatives reflect my legal name of Karen Carter Peterson.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Carter Peterson
State Representative, District 93

LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Office of the Clerk
January 2, 2008

To: All Members of the House of Representatives

From: Alfred W. Speer

Re: Appropriations Committee Election

The following members were elected to the Appropriations Committee in accordance with House Rule 6.4:

Congressional District 1 - Representative-Elect Anthony V. Ligi - Elected. Election results: Anthony V. Ligi - 16 votes; John Schroder - 0 votes.

Congressional District 2 - Representative J. P. Morrell - Elected without opposition.

Congressional District 3 - Representative-Elect Simone Champagne - Elected. Election results: Damon Baldone - 0 votes; Taylor Barras - 0 votes; Simone Champagne - 8 votes; Jerry Gisclair - 0 votes; Joseph A. Harrison - 1 vote; Sam Jones - 6 votes; Jerome "Dee" Richard - 0 votes; Gary L. Smith, Jr. - 0 votes.

Congressional District 4 - Representative Jim Morris - Elected without opposition.


Congressional District 7 - Representative Brett F. Geymann - Elected. Election results: Bobby Badon - 0 votes; Page Cortez - 0 votes; Albert B. "A B" Franklin - 0 votes; Brett F. Geymann - 9 votes; Mickey J. Guillory - 0 votes; John E. Guinn - 0 votes; Charles E. "Chuck" Kleckley - 0 votes; H. Bernard LeBas - 1 vote; Jack Montoucet - 5 votes.

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Trahan, at 11:27 A.M., the House agreed to adjourn until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until January 15, 2008, at 2:00 P.M.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House