

**OFFICIAL JOURNAL**  
**OF THE**  
**HOUSE OF**  
**REPRESENTATIVES**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Organizational Session of the 70<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Since Admission to Statehood**

**Eighth Organizational Session Since  
Adoption of the Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 9, 2012

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

**Morning Hour**

**ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT

Abramson	Geymann	Mack
Adams	Gisclair	Miller
Anders	Greene	Montoucet
Armes	Guillory	Moreno
Arnold	Guinn	Morris, Jay
Badon	Harris	Morris, Jim
Barras	Harrison	Norton
Barrow	Havard	Ortego
Berthelot	Hazel	Pearson
Billiot	Henry	Pierre
Bishop, S.	Hensgens	Ponti
Bishop, W.	Hill	Pope
Broadwater	Hodges	Price
Brossett	Hoffmann	Pugh
Brown	Hollis	Pylant
Burford	Honore	Reynolds
Burns, H.	Howard	Richard
Burns, T.	Hunter	Richardson
Burrell	Huval	Ritchie
Carmody	Jackson, G.	Robideaux
Carter	Jackson, K.	Schexnayder
Champagne	James	Schroder
Chaney	Jefferson	Seabaugh
Connick	Johnson	Shadoin
Cox	Jones	Simon
Cromer	Kleckley	Smith
Danahay	Lambert	St. Germain
Dixon	Landry, N.	Talbot

Dove	Landry, T.	Thibaut
Edwards	LeBas	Thierry
Fannin	Leger	Thompson
Foil	Leopold	Whitney
Franklin	Ligi	Williams, A.
Gaines	Lopinto	Williams, P.
Garofalo	Lorusso	Willmott
Total - 105		

The Acting Speaker announced that there were 105 members-elect present and a quorum.

**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.

Miss Ali LeBlanc sang *The National Anthem*.

**Petitions, Memorials, and  
Communications**

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

**SECRETARY OF STATE  
State of Louisiana**

November 29, 2011

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State of Louisiana

Sir:

I have the honor to transit 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,

Tom Schedler  
Secretary of State

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
State of Louisiana**

**Tom Schedler  
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	Alan Seabaugh
6th	Representative District	Thomas Gaughan Carmody, Jr.
7th	Representative District	Richard "Richie" Burford
8th	Representative District	"Jeff" Thompson
9th	Representative District	Henry L. Burns
10th	Representative District	"Gene" Reynolds
11th	Representative District	Patrick O. Jefferson
12th	Representative District	"Rob" Shadoin
13th	Representative District	James R. "Jim" Fannin

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14th Representative District "Jay" Morris  
15th Representative District Frank Hoffmann  
16th Representative District Katrina Jackson  
17th Representative District Marcus Hunter  
18th Representative District Major Thibaut  
19th Representative District Charles R. "Bubba" Chaney  
20th Representative District Steven E. Pylant  
21st Representative District "Andy" Anders  
22nd Representative District Terry Brown  
23rd Representative District Kenny Cox  
24th Representative District "Frankie" Howard  
25th Representative District Lance Harris  
26th Representative District Herbert B. Dixon  
27th Representative District "Chris" Hazel  
28th Representative District Robert Johnson  
29th Representative District Regina Ashford-Barrow  
30th Representative District James K. Armes, III  
31st Representative District Nancy Landry  
32nd Representative District Dorothy Sue Hill  
33rd Representative District "Mike" Danahay  
34th Representative District "A. B." Franklin  
35th Representative District Brett Geymann  
36th Representative District "Chuck" Kleckley  
37th Representative District John E. "Johnny" Guinn  
38th Representative District H. Bernard LeBas  
39th Representative District Stephen Ortego  
40th Representative District Ledricka Johnson Thierry  
41st Representative District Mickey J. Guillory  
42nd Representative District Jack Montoucet  
43rd Representative District Stuart J. Bishop  
44th Representative District Vincent J. Pierre  
45th Representative District Joel Robideaux  
46th Representative District "Mike Pete" Huval  
47th Representative District "Bob" Hensgens  
48th Representative District Taylor Barras  
49th Representative District Simone B. Champagne  
50th Representative District Sam Jones  
51st Representative District Joseph "Joe" Harrison  
52nd Representative District Gordon Dove  
53rd Representative District Lenar Whitney  
54th Representative District Jerry "Truck" Gisclair  
55th Representative District Jerome "Dee" Richard  
56th Representative District Gregory A. Miller  
57th Representative District Randal L. Gaines  
58th Representative District "Ed" Price  
59th Representative District Eddie J. Lambert  
60th Representative District Karen St. Germain  
61st Representative District Alfred C. Williams  
62nd Representative District "Kenny" Havard  
63rd Representative District Dalton Honore  
64th Representative District Valarie Hodges  
65th Representative District "Clif" Richardson  
66th Representative District Hunter Greene  
67th Representative District Patricia H. Smith  
68th Representative District Stephen F. "Steve" Carter  
69th Representative District Erich Ponti  
70th Representative District Franklin Foil  
71st Representative District J. Rogers Pope  
72nd Representative District John Bel Edwards  
73rd Representative District "Steve" Pugh  
74th Representative District Scott M. Simon  
75th Representative District Harold L. Ritchie  
76th Representative District Kevin Pearson  
77th Representative District John M. Schroder  
78th Representative District Kirk Talbot  
79th Representative District Anthony V. "Tony" Ligi, Jr.  
80th Representative District Joseph Lopinto  
81st Representative District Clay Schexnayder  
82nd Representative District Cameron J. Henry, Jr.  
83rd Representative District Robert E. Billiot

84th Representative District Patrick Connick  
85th Representative District Bryan Adams  
86th Representative District "Chris" Broadwater  
87th Representative District Girod H. Jackson, III  
88th Representative District John A. "Johnny" Berthelot  
89th Representative District "Tim" Burns  
90th Representative District "Greg" Cromer  
91st Representative District "Walt" Leger, III  
92nd Representative District "Tom" Willmott  
93rd Representative District Helena Moreno  
94th Representative District Nicholas J. "Nick" Lorusso  
95th Representative District Sherman Q. Mack  
96th Representative District Terry Landry  
97th Representative District Jared Brossett  
98th Representative District Neil Abramson  
99th Representative District Wesley T. Bishop  
100th Representative District Austin Badon  
101st Representative District Edward "Ted" James  
102nd Representative District Jeffery "Jeff" Arnold  
103rd Representative District "Ray" Garofalo  
104th Representative District Paul Hollis  
105th Representative District "Chris" Leopold

*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 November 29, 2011*

Tom Schedler  
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

Rep. Champagne led the House in bestowing of the 2012-2016 Member Identification Lapel Pins.

## Election of the Clerk of the House

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

Rep. St. Germain seconded the nomination of Mr. Alfred W. Speer.

Rep. Fannin 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 Mary F. Quaid.

**Election of the Speaker of the House**

Rep. Schroder placed in nomination the name of Rep. Kleckley for Speaker of the House.

Rep. Williams seconded the nomination of Rep. Kleckley.

Rep. Hoffmann seconded the nomination of Rep. Kleckley.

Rep. Fannin moved that the nominations be closed.

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

**Oath of Office**

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Kleckley by the Honorable John F. DeRosier, District Attorney, 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court.

**Speaker Kleckley in the Chair**

**Election of the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House**

Rep. Carter placed in nomination the name of Rep. Leger for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House.

Rep. Dixon seconded the nomination of Rep. Leger.

Rep. Moreno seconded the nomination of Rep. Leger.

Rep. Fannin moved that the nominations be closed.

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

**Oath of Office**

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Leger by Walt Leger, Jr.

**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:

**LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Office of the Clerk**

January 3, 2012

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 John M. Schroder, Sr. - Elected. Election results: Anthony Ligi - 1 vote; Joseph P. Lopinto, III - 0 votes; Stephen E. Pugh - 1 vote; John M. Schroder, Sr. - 13 votes; Scott Simon - 0 votes.

Congressional District 2 - Representative Jared C. Brossett - Elected. Election results: Jared C. Brossett - 6 votes; Patrick Connick - 1 vote; Girod Jackson, III - 0 votes.

Congressional District 3 - Run-off election. Election results: Simone B. Champagne - 6 votes; Raymond E. Garofalo - 1 vote; Jerome Richard - 5 votes.

Congressional District 4 - Representative James H. "Jim" Morris - Elected. Election results: Terry Brown - 1 vote; James H. "Jim" Morris - 11 votes.

Congressional District 5 - Representative James R. Fannin - Elected. Election results: James R. Fannin - 11 votes; Marcus L. Hunter - 1 vote; Bernard LeBas - 1 vote.

Congressional District 6 - Representative J. Rogers Pope Elected. Election results: Edward C. "Ted" James, II - 1 vote; J. Rogers Pope - 9 votes; Alfred C. Williams - 3 votes.

Congressional District 7 - Representative Brett Geymann Elected. Election results: Brett F. Geymann - 7 votes, Jack Montoucet - 7 votes. (Representative Jack Montoucet withdrew on 1/3/12).

**Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Billiot, at 11:00 A.M., the House agreed to adjourn *sine die*.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned *sine die*.

ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House