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SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

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House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:09 P.M., by the Honorable Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Gisclair	Mack
Abraham	Glover	Magee
Abramson	Guinn	Marcelle
Amedee	Hall	Marino
Anders	Harris, J.	McFarland
Armes	Harris, L.	Miguez
Bacala	Havard	Miller, D.
Bagley	Hazel	Miller, G.
Bagneris	Henry	Moreno
Berthelot	Hensgens	Morris, Jay
Billiot	Hilferty	Morris, Jim
Bishop	Hill	Norton
Bouie	Hodges	Pearson
Broadwater	Hoffmann	Pierre
Brown, C.	Hollis	Pope
Brown, T.	Horton	Price
Carpenter	Howard	Pugh
Carter, G.	Hunter	Pylant
Carter, R.	Huval	Reynolds
Carter, S.	Ivey	Richard
Connick	Jackson	Schexnayder
Coussan	James	Schroder
Cox	Jefferson	Seabaugh
Cromer	Jenkins	Shadoin
Danahay	Johnson	Simon
Davis	Jones	Smith
Dwight	Jordan	Stagni
Edmonds	Landry, N.	Stefanski
Falconer	Landry, T.	Stokes
Foil	LeBas	Thibaut
Franklin	Leger	Thomas

Gaines	Leopold	White
Garofalo	Lyons	Zeringue
Total - 99		

The Speaker announced that there were 99 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Edmonds.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Reading of the Journal

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

On motion of Rep. Hill, the Journal of April 10, 2017, was adopted.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Leger, the rules were suspended in order to allow the Appropriations Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education to meet while the House was in session.

**Introduction of Resolutions,
House and House Concurrent**

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER
A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State Police Senior Technician Steven Michael Paulus upon receipt of the Carnegie Medal from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in recognition of an outstanding act of heroism.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HENSGENS AND SENATOR PERRY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Gueydan High School girls' basketball team for winning the 2017 Class A state championship.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—
BY REPRESENTATIVES COUSSAN AND BISHOP
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Thomas More Catholic High School football team upon winning the 2016 Division II state championship.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—
BY REPRESENTATIVES COUSSAN AND BISHOP
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Coach Jim Hightower on his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and his outstanding athletic career as head coach of the St. Thomas More Catholic High School football team in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the South Beauregard Lady K's basketball team upon winning the 2017 girls Class 3A state championship.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY BROWN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Sergeant Scott Bullitt on his exemplary service to and sacrifice for Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

**House and House Concurrent Resolutions
Lying Over**

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions lying over were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to examine the possibility of issuance of a "safe boater" decal to designate vessel operators who are certified as compliant with the state and federal laws concerning safe boating.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding Louisiana laws governing paternity and birth certificates.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act relative to the Medicaid program in order to authorize state Medicaid fraud control units to investigate and prosecute Medicaid recipient fraud.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab to study and make recommendations on the implementation of, and protocols for the effective use of, familial DNA searching in Louisiana, and to report its findings to the legislature no later than January 1, 2018.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to allow computer science courses to count as science credit for purposes of satisfying high school graduation requirements and to establish and implement a state plan for making computer science a fundamental part of the state's public education system.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Education.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COX
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana as an Indian tribe.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services to study the issue of reporting of child abuse and neglect in military families, and to recommend to the legislature policies for improving coordination between the department and the United States Department of Defense in matters relating to child welfare.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on
Second Reading to be Referred**

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

Motion

On motion of Rep. James, the Committee on Ways and Means was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 484.

HOUSE BILL NO. 484—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:321.1(E), relative to the state sales and use tax; to extend the sunset of a one cent state sales and use tax levy; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. James, the bill was withdrawn from the files of the House.

Suspension of the Rules

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

Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAHAM

A RESOLUTION

To commend Keith Cating, McNeese State University Baptist campus minister, upon his retirement.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 19, 2017, as Louisiana A+ Schools Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

April 11, 2017

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

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

The following House Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH AND JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 11, 2017, as AKA Day at the state capitol and to commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 11, 2017, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day in the state of Louisiana.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A RESOLUTION

To recognize April 11, 2017, as Louisiana Society of Anesthesiologists Day at the state capitol.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Josh Burns of Ponchatoula for heroism.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Isabelle Cashe upon being named Outstanding Legislator of the Youth Legislature for the second consecutive year.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Lucher High School girls' powerlifting team for winning its eleventh consecutive Division III state title.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Kimberly Maria Ducote of Mansura on being named Miss Teen Baton Rouge USA.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Tanya Crowe of Amite on being named Miss Baton Rouge USA.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mrs. Tiffany Dickerson of Baton Rouge on being named Mrs. Baton Rouge.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Brittany Arbor Shipp on being named Mrs. Louisiana America.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Stacey Richard, executive director for the Miss Baton Rouge and Mrs. Louisiana America pageant organizations.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAD BROWN

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Eyoula Mary Dupuy Brown upon the occasion of her ninety-third birthday on April 14, 2017.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 12, 2017, as Y Day in Louisiana and to commend Louisiana YMCAs for dedication to families in the state.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY BROWN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Elizabeth Hughes upon being named one of the top youth volunteers in the state of Louisiana for the year of 2017 in the twenty-second annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 19, 2017, as Plaquemines Parish Day at the state capitol.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS HAZEL
Chairman

The above House Resolutions contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Secretary of State in accordance with the rules of the House.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Abramson, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Ways and Means to meet at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

House Bill Nos. 80, 95, 102, 108, 153, 195, 248, 285, 357, 360, 361, 363, 370, 372, 385, 421, 433, 555, and 564.

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Billiot, at 4:32 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House

Committee Meeting Notices

The following committees posted notices as follows:

Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education

Will meet at: 8:00 a.m. Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Location: Committee Room 5

Remarks:

Discussion of the appropriations proposed in House Bill No. 1 of the 2017 Regular Session for:

Higher Education

JOHN M. SCHRODER, SR.
Chairman

Committee on House Select Committee on Homeland Security

Will meet at: 2:00 p.m. Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Location: Committee Room 1

Remarks:

Discuss the post-disaster relief, rescue, and recovery efforts related to the Floods of 2016

Discuss the Comite River Diversion Canal project and related issues

Discuss capitol building security*

*Some items may be discussed in executive session in accordance with R.S. 42:17(A)(3)

FRANKLIN J. FOIL
Chairman

Committee on Ways and Means

Will meet at: 9:30 a.m. (TBA) Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Location: Committee Room 6

Remarks:

HB 80 HILFERTY TAX/CORP FRANCHISE Phases out the corporate franchise tax over a 10-year period

HB 95 LEGER TAX/CORP INCOME (Constitutional Amendment) Eliminates the income tax deduction for federal income taxes paid for purposes of calculating corporate income tax liability

HB 102 LEGER TAX/CORP INCOME Repeals the state income tax deduction for federal income taxes paid for purposes of calculating corporate income tax

HB 108 LEGER TAX/CORP INCOME Establishes a flat tax rate for purposes of calculating corporation income tax liability

HB 153 BROADWATER TAX/CORP INCOME Provides relative to the net operating loss deduction from corporate income tax

HB 195 REYNOLDS TAX Provides relative to the tax treatment of certain corporeal movable property located in La. in a foreign trade zone

HB 248 JAMES TAX/CORP FRANCHISE Provides relative to exemptions from the corporation franchise tax

HB 285 SHADOIN TAX/CORP INCOME Reduces the rates for corporate income tax

- HB 357** **IVEY TAX/CORP INCOME** Repeals the state income tax deduction for federal income taxes paid for purposes of calculating corporate income tax
- HB 360** **IVEY TAX/CORP INCOME** Levies a flat tax on business income and provides relative to business entities subject to the tax
- HB 361** **IVEY TAX/CORP FRANCHISE** Repeals the corporation franchise tax beginning January 1, 2018
- HB 363** **IVEY TAX/CORP INCOME** Caps the amount of losses a taxpayer may claim on certain tax returns for the net operating loss deduction and repeals the deduction for certain wage expenses
- HB 370** **IVEY TAX/CORP INCOME** (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for a flat tax on business income and eliminates the income tax deduction for federal income taxes paid for purposes of calculating the tax liability of taxpayers who file returns on business income
- HB 372** **IVEY TAX/CORP INCOME** Establishes a flat tax rate for purposes of calculating corporate income tax liability
- HB 385** **BROADWATER TAX/INCOME TAX** Repeals the corporate income and franchise taxes and prohibits certain corporate taxpayers from claiming certain refundable tax credits
- HB 421** **LEGER TAX/CORP INCOME** Reduces the corporate income tax rate
- HB 433** **SHADOIN TAX/CORP FRANCHISE** Phases out the corporate franchise tax over a ten-year period beginning January 1, 2020
- HB 563** **JONES TAX/CORP INCOME** Requires a minimum corporate income tax
- HB 555** **JACKSON TAX/CORP INCOME** Provides relative to the corporate income tax deduction for certain dividend income
- HB 564** **MORRIS, JAY TAX/CORP INCOME** Reduces corporate income tax rates

NEIL C. ABRAMSON
Chairman