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**REPRESENTATIVES**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
  
**FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Forty-third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature**  
**Under the Adoption of the**  
**Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, February 19, 2018

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:00 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	Gaines	Leopold
Abraham	Garofalo	Lyons
Abramson	Gisclair	Mack
Amedee	Glover	Magee
Anders	Guinn	Marcelle
Bacala	Hall	Marino
Bagley	Harris, J.	McFarland
Bagneris	Harris, L.	Miguez
Berthelot	Havard	Miller, D.
Billiot	Hazel	Miller, G.
Bishop	Henry	Moreno
Broadwater	Hensgens	Morris, Jay
Brown, C.	Hilferty	Morris, Jim
Brown, T.	Hill	Norton
Carmody	Hodges	Pearson
Carpenter	Hoffmann	Pierre
Carter, G.	Hollis	Pope
Carter, R.	Horton	Pugh
Carter, S.	Howard	Reynolds
Chaney	Hunter	Richard
Connick	Huval	Schexnayder
Coussan	Ivey	Shadoin
Cox	Jackson	Simon
Crews	James	Smith
Danahay	Jefferson	Stagni
Davis	Jenkins	Stefanski
DeVillier	Johnson	Stokes
Dwight	Jones	Talbot
Edmonds	Jordan	Thibaut
Emerson	Landry, N.	Thomas
Falconer	Landry, T.	Zeringue

Foil  
Franklin  
Total - 97

LeBas  
Leger

The Speaker announced that there were 97 members present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rep. Hoffmann.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Petitions, Memorials, and**  
**Communications**

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

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**PROCLAMATION NUMBER 26 JBE 2018**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Paragraph B of Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana, I, John Bel Edwards, 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 seventeen calendar days, beginning at 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the 19th day of February, 2018, and ending no later than the 7th day of March, 2018. The power to legislate at such session shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the following specified enumerated objects:

- ITEM NO. 1: To legislate with regard to the brackets for state income tax.
- ITEM NO. 2: To legislate with regard to the state sales and use tax on the sales of services.
- ITEM NO. 3: To legislate with regard to Act 126 of the 2015 Regular Session.
- ITEM NO. 4: To legislate with regard to Act 123 of the 2015 Regular Session.
- ITEM NO. 5: To legislate with regard to Act 109 of the 2015 Regular Session.
- ITEM NO. 6: To legislate with regard to the deductibility of excess federal itemized personal deductions in computing state income taxes.
- ITEM NO. 7: To legislate with regard to the imposition, collection and remittance of sales and use tax under R.S. 47:302, 321, 321.1 and 331.
- ITEM NO. 8: To legislate with regard to the exemption from taxation for the sale or use of natural gas, water, steam, electric power or energy sold for non-residential use and consumption and any other exemptions provided in those portions of Chapter 2 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 that provide exemptions for business utilities from the taxes imposed therein.

- ITEM NO. 9: To legislate with regard to the income tax treatment of federal net disaster losses.
- ITEM NO. 10: To legislate with regard to the telecommunications tax for the deaf levied under R.S. 47:1061.
- ITEM NO. 11: To legislate with regard to state agency expenditure reporting.
- ITEM NO. 12: To legislate with regard to the expenditure limit.
- ITEM NO. 13: To legislate with regard to work requirements for Medicaid recipients who are able-bodied adults.
- ITEM NO. 14: To legislate with regard to the factors to be considered by the Louisiana Department of Health in making Medicaid eligibility determinations.
- ITEM NO. 15: To legislate with regard to an exception under R.S. 47:1508 to grant the Legislative Auditor authority to review taxpayer information to verify income eligibility for Medicaid.
- ITEM NO. 16: To legislate with regard to a copayment requirement under the Medicaid program.
- ITEM NO. 17: To legislate with regard to the Deepwater Horizon Economic Damages Collection Fund.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 9th day of February, 2018.

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
Governor Of Louisiana

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

TOM SCHEDLER  
Secretary of State

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Leger, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Governor that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. Gisclair, T. Brown, Jackson, Schexnayder, and Hilferty.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Leger, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Senate that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. Abraham, Armes, Broadwater, Moreno, and Stefanski.

**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.

**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.

**Message from the Secretary of State**

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

**State of Louisiana  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

October 24, 2017

To the honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit to you the name of "Ken" Brass, who has been duly elected to fill the vacancy occurring in your honorable body caused by the resignation of "Ed" Price.

"Ken" Brass has been officially proclaimed duly and legally elected as State Representative from the 58th Representative District of the State of Louisiana.

With Best Wishes,

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 candidate was declared elected by the people to the office set opposite his name for an unexpired term:

State Representative "Ken" Brass, Representative of District 58.

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 24th day of October 2017.

With Best Wishes,

TOM SCHEDLER  
Secretary of State

**Oath of Office**

Mr. "Ken" Brass presented himself before the bar of the House and took the following oath:

"I, "Ken" Brass, 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 House of Representatives according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God".

**Message from the Secretary of State**

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

**State of Louisiana**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

November 28, 2017

To the honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit to you the name of Mark Wright, who has been duly elected to fill the vacancy occurring in your honorable body caused by the resignation of John M. Schroder.

Mark Wright has been officially proclaimed duly and legally elected as State Representative from the 77th Representative District of the State of Louisiana.

With Best Wishes,

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 candidate was declared elected by the people to the office set opposite his name for an unexpired term:

State Representative Mark Wright, Representative of District 77.

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 28th day of November 2017.

With Best Wishes,

TOM SCHEDLER  
Secretary of State

**Oath of Office**

Mr. Mark Wright presented himself before the bar of the House and took the following oath:

"I, Mark Wright, 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 House of Representatives according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God".

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Leger, the rules were suspended in order to consider Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 at this time.

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

February 16, 2018

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  
Lying Over**

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—**

BY SENATOR LONG

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To invite the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of Louisiana, to address a joint session of the legislature.

Read by title.

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

**Suspension of the Rules**

Rep. Leger moved to suspend the rules to introduce and refer to committee all bills introduced on this day, which motion was agreed to.

**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. 1—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

**AN ACT**

To enact Chapter 3 of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:440 through 443, relative to state agency expenditure reporting; to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a government fiscal transparency website; to provide for reporting requirements by state agencies; to provide for audits; to provide for penalties; 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 Appropriations.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, AMEDEE, BERTHELOT, EDMONDS, FALCONER, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, SCHEXNAYDER, TALBOT, AND THOMAS

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 24:513(P), R.S. 36:254(A)(6)(c) and (d), Subpart D-2 of Part VI-A of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:440.9.1 through

440.9.4, and R.S. 47:1508(B)(42), relative to Medicaid program integrity; to provide relative to the eligibility determination functions of the Louisiana Medicaid program; to provide for duties of the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health in administering the Medicaid program; to authorize the Louisiana Department of Revenue to share state income tax return data with the Louisiana Department of Health and the legislative auditor for certain limited purposes; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to utilize such data in the Medicaid eligibility determination process; to authorize the legislative auditor to utilize such data for purposes of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention; to provide for interagency agreements relative to sharing of data; to provide for implementation of certain functions prescribed by the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN  
AN ACT

To enact Part XIV of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:460.101 through 460.106, relative to the medical assistance program of this state known as Medicaid; to establish a work and community engagement initiative within the state Medicaid program; to establish participation in an approved work, education, or other community engagement activity as a condition of Medicaid eligibility for certain adult enrollees; to provide for applicability of and exemptions from Medicaid work and community engagement requirements; to provide for duties of the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health in administering the Medicaid work and community engagement initiative; to require submission to the federal Medicaid agency of an application to administer the initiative; to provide for administrative rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 4—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To enact Part XIV of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:460.101 through 460.104, relative to the medical assistance program of this state known commonly as Medicaid; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the Louisiana Department of Health in administering the Medicaid program; to provide definitions and legislative findings relative to Medicaid; to impose cost sharing measures, subject to applicable federal regulations, on certain Medicaid enrollees; to provide for a demonstration program requiring certain Medicaid enrollees to pay premiums; to make Medicaid eligibility for certain enrollees contingent upon premium payments; to require development and submission of certain applications for program approval to the federal Medicaid agency; to provide for promulgation of rules; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 5—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 24:513(P), R.S. 36:254(A)(6)(c) and (d), Subpart D-2 of Part VI-A of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:440.9.1 through 440.9.4, and R.S. 47:1508(B)(42), relative to Medicaid program integrity; to provide relative to the eligibility determination functions of the Louisiana Medicaid program; to provide for duties of the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health in administering the Medicaid program; to authorize the Louisiana Department of Revenue to share state income tax return data with the Louisiana Department of Health and the legislative auditor for certain limited purposes; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to utilize such data in the Medicaid eligibility determination process; to authorize the legislative auditor to utilize such data for purposes of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention; to provide for interagency agreements relative to sharing of data; to provide for implementation of certain functions prescribed by the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 6—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To enact Part XIV of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:460.101 through 460.106, relative to the medical assistance program of this state known commonly as Medicaid; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the Louisiana Department of Health in administering the Medicaid program; to provide legislative findings relative to Medicaid; to establish a health insurance premium payment program to pay certain costs associated with private health insurance for Medicaid enrollees; to provide relative to the federal requirement that a Medicaid recipient, as a condition of Medicaid eligibility and subject to certain limitations, enroll in a cost-effective group health insurance plan; to stipulate that a person's continued eligibility for the health insurance premium payment program shall be contingent upon his ongoing eligibility for Medicaid; to provide for promulgation of administrative rules; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 7—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:293(3)(c) and to enact R.S. 47:293(3)(d), relative to the individual income tax; to provide with respect to the deduction for excess federal itemized personal deductions; to reduce the amount of the deduction; to provide for applicability; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 8—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:293(3)(c) and to enact R.S. 47:293(3)(d), relative to the individual income tax; to provide with respect to the deduction for excess federal itemized

personal deductions; to reduce the amount of the deduction; to provide for applicability; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 9—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:32(A) and 293(3)(c) and to enact R.S. 47:293(3)(d), relative to the individual income tax; to provide with respect to the income brackets for purposes of calculating individual income tax; to provide with respect to the deduction for excess federal itemized personal deductions; to reduce the amount of the deduction; to provide for applicability; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 10—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:293(4)(d), relative to individual income tax; to define federal income tax liability for purposes of calculating individual income tax liability; to require certain federal disaster losses to be included in the calculation of federal income tax liability; to provide for applicability; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 11—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, BACALA, AND EDMONDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.53 and Part XIV of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:460.101 through 460.123, relative to the medical assistance program of this state known commonly as Medicaid; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the Louisiana Department of Health in administering the Medicaid program; to provide definitions and legislative findings relative to Medicaid; to provide for program efficiencies and cost containment measures in Medicaid; to provide for reinvestment of monies realized from such measures; to establish Medicaid copayment requirements for nonemergency services delivered in hospital emergency departments and for nonpreferred drugs; to provide for duties and responsibilities of hospitals and Medicaid managed care organizations with respect to the nonemergency services copayment requirement; to provide for promulgation of rules; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 12—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:33.1(A) through (C) and to repeal R.S. 39:94(A)(1), relative to the expenditure limit; to provide for submission of the expenditure limit to the legislature; to provide

for the base for determining the expenditure limit; to cap the annual growth of the expenditure limit; to provide for the calculation of the growth factor; to change the uses of money in excess of the expenditure limit; 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 Appropriations.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 13—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:32(A) and 293(3)(c) and to enact R.S. 47:293(3)(d), relative to the individual income tax; to provide with respect to the income brackets for purposes of calculating individual income tax; to provide for the deduction for excess federal itemized personal deductions; to reduce the amount of the deduction; to provide for applicability; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 14—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 4 of Act No. 109 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature and to repeal Section 2 of Act No. 109 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the individual income tax credit for taxes paid to other states; to repeal provisions for an increase in the credit; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 15—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend and reenact Article VII, Section 10(C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to repeal Article VII, Section 10.3(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the expenditure limit; to change the method of determining the expenditure limit; to provide for the determination of the growth factor of the expenditure limit; to cap the growth of the expenditure limit; to eliminate required uses of monies in excess of the expenditure limit; 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 Appropriations.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 16—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:3121(C)(4)(c) and Section 6 of Act No. 126 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature as amended by Act No. 28 of the 2016 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature and to repeal Section 3 of Act No. 126 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature and Section 7 of Act No. 126 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature as enacted by Act No. 28 of the 2016 First Extraordinary Session

of the Legislature, relative to certain rebates; to provide relative to the competitive projects payroll incentive program; to reduce the project facility expense rebate; to provide for continued effectiveness of certain rebate reductions; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 17—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES DWIGHT AND JIMMY HARRIS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302(R)(2) and (3), (S), (T), (X)(introductory paragraph), (AA)(introductory paragraph), (AA)(29) through (31), and (AA)(32)(introductory paragraph), 321(H)(2) through (6), and (I) through (K), and 331(P), (Q), and (R), to enact R.S. 47:302(BB), 321(P), and 331(V), and to repeal R.S. 47:302(Y), 321(M), and 331(T) and Act No. 395 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to state sales and use tax; to provide for the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions applicable to the tax; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 18—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302(R)(2) and (3), (S), (T), (X)(introductory paragraph), and (AA)(introductory paragraph), (AA)(29) through (31), and (AA)(32) (introductory paragraph), 321(H)(2) through (6), and (I) through (K), and 331(P), (Q), and (R), and, to enact R.S. 47:302(BB), 321(P), and 331(V), and to repeal R.S. 47:302(Y), 321(M), and 331(T) and Act No. 395 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to state sales and use tax; to provide for the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 19—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(14)(l) through (v), relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for the taxation of certain additional types of services; to provide for definitions; to provide for exclusions; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 20—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302(R)(2) and (3), (S), (T), (X)(introductory paragraph), and (AA)(introductory paragraph), (AA)(29) through (31), and (AA)(32) (introductory paragraph), 321(H)(2) through (6), and (I) through (K), and 331(P), (Q), and (R), to enact R.S. 47:302(BB), 321(P), and 331(V), and to repeal R.S. 47:302(Y), 321(M), 331(T), and Act No. 395 of the

2017 Regular Session of the Legislature relative to state sales and use tax; to provide for the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 21—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:158(C) and (D) and 287.745(B) and Section 6 of Act No. 123 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature and to repeal Sections 3 and 4 of Act No. 123 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to corporate income tax; to provide relative to certain exclusions, exemptions, and deductions; to provide for continued effectiveness of reductions; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 22—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADWIN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:158(C) and (D) and 287.745(B) and Section 6 of Act No. 123 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature and to repeal Sections 3 and 4 of Act No. 123 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to corporate income tax; to provide relative to certain exclusions, exemptions, and deductions; to provide for continued effectiveness of reductions; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 23—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302(R)(2) and (3), (S), (T), (X)(introductory paragraph), (AA)(introductory paragraph), (AA)(29) through (31), and (AA)(32)(introductory paragraph), 321(H)(2) through (6), and (I) through (K), and 321.1(A) through (C), (F)(introductory paragraph), (F)(66)(introductory paragraph), (F)(67) through (69), and (F)(70)(introductory paragraph), and 331(P), (Q), and (R), to enact R.S. 47:302(BB), 321(P), 321.1(I), and 331(V), and to repeal R.S. 47:302(Y), 321(M), 321.1(E), 331(T) and Act No. 395 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to state sales and use tax; to provide for the tax rate; to provide for the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions applicable to the tax; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 24—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH  
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:305.54, 305.58, and 305.62, relative to state sales and use tax; to repeal certain state sales and use tax holidays.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 25—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAY MORRIS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302(X)(introductory paragraph), relative to state sales and use tax; to provide for the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 26—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:321.1(A) through (C), and to repeal R.S. 47:321.1(E), relative to state sales and use taxes; to provide for the tax rate; to repeal sunset provisions for a tax levy; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 27—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1061(A)(1), relative to telecommunication taxes; to provide with respect to the rate of the tax levied on certain telecommunications devices and services; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 28—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1061(A)(1) and (2), relative to telecommunication taxes; to levy a tax on certain mobile devices and mobile device cards; to provide for collection and remittance of the tax; 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 Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 29—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:6(C) and to enact Subpart F of Part II of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:89.1 through 89.3,

relative to state expenditure reporting; to provide for the duties of the commissioner; to provide for the establishment and maintenance of the Louisiana Checkbook as a government fiscal transparency website; to provide for the information to be included on the website; to provide for implementation; 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 Appropriations.

### 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 REPRESENTATIVE IVEY  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Lafayette High School "Mighty Lion" Marching Band upon the momentous occasion of being selected to perform in the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2018.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO  
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Judge Peter Beer.

Read by title.

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

### Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Leger, 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 19, 2018

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 Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN A. KOEPP  
Secretary of the Senate

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions Lying Over**

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—**  
BY SENATOR PEACOCK  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the administration, faculty, students, and alumni of University Elementary School on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

Read by title.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—**  
BY SENATOR PEACOCK  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the membership of the Shreveport Scottish Rite Valley upon the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of its Shreveport Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Read by title.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—**  
BY SENATOR PEACOCK  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University Shreveport (LSUS) upon the celebration of its golden anniversary and to extend congratulations to its student body, faculty, administration, and alumni for fifty years of academic excellence afforded to northwest Louisiana and the state.

Read by title.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—**  
BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Bossier Parish Community College on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and to extend congratulations to its student body, faculty, administration, prospective graduates, and alumni for fifty years of academic excellence and workforce opportunities afforded to northwest Louisiana and the state.

Read by title.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—**  
BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Elaine M. "Shelly" Taylor of Shreveport, Louisiana, for an outstanding career as president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association for the Blind (LAB), for her many contributions made on behalf of the advancement of services for the visually impaired, and to congratulate her upon a well-deserved retirement.

Read by title.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—**  
BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To congratulate the officers, physicians, and staff of the Highland Clinic on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary and to commend them on the extraordinary level of medical care afforded to the Shreveport community.

Read by title.

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

**Recess**

On motion of Rep. Leger, 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 5:02 P.M. by the Honorable John A. Alario, Jr., President of the Senate.

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

On motion of Rep. Leger, 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 John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, to the joint session.

On the part of the Senate: Senators Colomb, Luneau, John Smith, Gatti, and Price.



On the part of the House: Representatives Jackson, Terry Brown, Gisclair, Hilferty, and Schexnayder.

### Prayer

Prayer was offered by Reverend Brady Whitton, Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge.

### Pledge of Allegiance

John A. Alario, Jr., President of the Senate, led the joint session in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Johnny Ballance sang "*The National Anthem*".

The President of the Senate introduced the Honorable John Bel Edwards, who addressed the joint session of the legislature.

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

### House Business Resumed

#### After Recess

Speaker Barras called the House to order at 5:45 P.M.

#### Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Foil, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Appropriations to meet on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

#### Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Abramson, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Ways and Means to meet on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

#### Leave of Absence

Rep. Cromer - 2 days

Rep. White - 4 days

#### Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Billiot, at 5:47 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House

### Committee Meeting Notices

The following committees posted notices as follows:

Committee on Appropriations

Will meet at: 9:30 a.m. Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Location: Committee Room 5

Remarks:

**HCR 2 BARRAS BUDGETARY CONTROLS** Reduces the expenditure limit for FY 2018-2019 (Item #12)

**HB 1 IVEY BUDGETARY CONTROLS** Establishes the Louisiana Fiscal Transparency Website as a source of information for state expenditures (Item #11)

**HB 12 BARRAS BUDGETARY CONTROLS** Provides for changes in the expenditure limit calculation (Item #12)

**HB 15 BARRAS BUDGETARY CONTROLS (Constitutional Amendment)** Provides for changes in the expenditure limit calculation (Item #12)

**HB 29 BARRAS BUDGETARY PROCEDURES** Establishes the Louisiana Checkbook website to provide transparency of state fiscal information (Item #11)

CAMERON HENRY  
Chairman

Committee on Ways and Means

Will meet at: 9:30 a.m. Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Location: Committee Room 6

Remarks:

**HB 7 JAMES TAX/INCOME TAX** Reduces the amount of the individual income tax deduction for excess federal itemized personal deductions (Item #6)

**HB 8 LEGERTAX/INCOME TAX** Reduces the amount of the individual income tax deduction for excess federal itemized personal deductions (Item #6)

**HB 9 LEGER TAX/INCOME TAX** Compresses the middle and upper individual income tax brackets and reduces the amount of the individual income tax deduction for excess federal itemized personal deductions (Items # 1 and 6)

**HB 10 JAMES TAX/INCOME TAX** Modifies the term "federal income tax liability" to include certain federal net disaster losses (Item #9)

**HB 13 SHADOIN TAX/INCOME TAX** Changes the middle and upper income tax brackets for purposes of calculating individual income tax and reduces the amount of the deduction for excess federal itemized personal deductions (Items #1 & 6)

**HB 14 LEGER TAX CREDITS** Provides relative to the individual income tax credit for taxes paid to other states (Item #5)

**HB 16 LEGER TAX/TAX REBATES** Reduces the amount of the rebate for the Competitive Projects Payroll Incentive Program and provide for continued effectiveness of reductions in the amount of certain rebates (Item #4)

**HB 17 DWIGHT TAX/SALES-USE, STATE** Provide for the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions to state sales and use taxes (Item #7)

**HB 18 HAVARD TAX/SALES-USE, STATE** Provides for the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions to the state sales and use tax (Item #7)

- HB 19 LAGER TAX/SALES & USE** Provides with respect to taxation of the sales of certain services (Item #2)
- HB 20 HAVARD TAX/SALES-USE, STATE** Provides relative to the base of the state sales and use tax and to provide for the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions (Item #7)
- HB 21 LAGER TAX/CORP INCOME** Reduces the amount of certain corporate income tax deductions and provides for continued effectiveness of reductions to certain corporate income tax deductions and exclusions (Item #4)
- HB 22 SHADOIN TAX/CORP INCOME** Reduces the amount of certain corporate income tax deductions and provides for continued effectiveness of reductions to certain corporate income tax deductions and exclusions (Item #4)
- HB 23 DWIGHT TAX/SALES-USE, STATE** Provides with respect to the rate and base of the state sales and use tax (Item #7)
- HB 24 SMITH, P. TAX/SALES-USE, STATE** Repeals the state sales tax holidays (Item #7)
- HB 25 MORRIS, JAY TAX/SALES-USE-EXEMPT** Removes the July 1, 2018, sunset date with respect to the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions from state sales and use tax making the effectiveness of the exclusions and exemptions permanent (Item #7)
- HB 26 DWIGHT TAX/SALES-USE, STATE** Provides with respect to the state sales and use tax rate (Item #7)
- HB 27 SMITH, P. TAX** Increases the tax on certain telecommunication devices and services (Item #10)
- HB 28 SMITH, P. TAX** Increases the tax on certain telecommunication devices and services and levies a tax on prepaid mobile devices and prepaid mobile device cards (Item #10)

NEIL C. ABRAMSON  
Chairman

**Weekly Committee Schedules**

The following committees posted weekly committee schedules as follows:

Committee on Health and Welfare

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Committee Room 5

9:00 a.m.

INSTRUMENTS TO BE HEARD:

- HB 2 BACALA MEDICAID** Provides for Medicaid eligibility determination functions and Medicaid fraud detection and prevention (Items #14 and 15)
- HB 3 HOFFMANN MEDICAID** Provides for a work and community engagement initiative within the Medicaid program (Item #13)

- HB 4 MCFARLAND MEDICAID** Makes Medicaid eligibility for certain enrollees contingent upon premium payments (Item #16)
- HB 5 AMEDEE MEDICAID** Provides for Medicaid eligibility determination functions and Medicaid fraud detection and prevention (Items #14 and 15)

FRANK A. HOFFMANN  
Chairman