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**SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Twenty-third Regular Session of the Legislature**  
**Under the Adoption of the**  
**Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, April 1, 1997

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:30 P.M., by the Honorable H. B. "Hunt" Downer, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Morning Hour**

**ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Fruge	Odinet
Alario	Gautreaux	Perkins
Alexander, A.—93rd	Glover	Pierre
Alexander, R.—13th	Green	Pinac
Ansardi	Guillory	Powell
Barton	Hammett	Pratt
Baudoin	Heaton	Quezaire
Baylor	Hebert	Riddle
Bowler	Hill	Romero
Bruce	Holden	Rousselle
Brun	Hopkins	Salter
Bruneau	Hudson	Scalise
Carter	Hunter	Schneider
Chaisson	Iles	Shaw
Clarkson	Jenkins	Smith, J.D.—50th
Copelin	Jetson	Smith, J.R.—30th
Crane	Johns	Stelly
Curtis	Kennard	Strain
Damico	Kenney	Theriot
Daniel	Lancaster	Thomas
Deville	Landrieu	Thompson
DeWitt	LeBlanc	Thornhill
Diez	Long	Toomy
Dimos	Marionneaux	Travis
Doerge	Martiny	Triche
Donelon	McCain	Vitter
Dorsey	McCallum	Walsworth
Dupre	McDonald	Warner
Durand	McMains	Weston

Farve	Michot	Wiggins
Faucheux	Mitchell	Wilkerson
Flavin	Montgomery	Willard-Lewis
Fontenot	Morrell	Windhorst
Forster	Morrish	Winston
Frith	Murray	Wright

Total—105

ABSENT

Total—0

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

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rep. Long.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rep. Frith 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. Frith, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Frith, the Journal of March 31, 1997, was adopted.

**Introduction of House Bills  
and Joint Resolutions**

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2254—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:326(A)(1), relative to size limits for crabs; to exempt from those limits premolt crabs held for softshell production; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2255—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1662, relative to nonprofit mutual associations; to provide for the disclosure of officer's compensation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2256—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE COPELIN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:18, relative to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board; to provide for venue for civil proceedings involving gaming licensees; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**House and House Concurrent Resolutions**

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOWLER

**A RESOLUTION**

To direct the House Committee on Insurance of the Louisiana Legislature to study the methods utilized and the schools or entities chosen to give the licensing examinations for potential agents.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES FAUCHEUX AND POWELL

**A RESOLUTION**

To create a committee to evaluate and recommend potential sites for a state park in St. John the Baptist Parish and Tangipahoa Parish and to urge and request the office of state parks to study the feasibility of establishing a park at sites recommended by the committee and to report its findings to the legislature.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

**A RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Appropriations to study the purpose and necessity of the contract ServiceMasters has to perform services at Charity Hospital and Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans, and to report study findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 1998 Regular Session.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

**A RESOLUTION**

To authorize and direct the Department of Transportation and Development to erect signs on both the northbound and southbound lanes of I-10 at exits 206 and 209 in LaPlace to notify the public that the exits provide lodging, food, gas, and a hospital.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCAIN

**A RESOLUTION**

To amend and readopt House Rule 14.30(B) and to adopt House Rule 14.30(C) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to require a person who appears before a committee on a matter to reveal any financial interest such person has in such matter and to require such disclosure to be recorded in the minutes of the committee meeting.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE STELLY

**A RESOLUTION**

To direct the legislative auditor to coordinate with Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System to conduct a study reviewing retirement benefit provisions with regard to judges and court officers in comparison with other state employees relative to Section 401(a) et seq. of the Internal Revenue Code "benefit testing" and to study the feasibility of developing a separate retirement plan for judges and court officers.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FORSTER

**A RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide resources and support and maximum flexibility to school districts that choose to implement flexible forms of scheduling the school day and school year, including "four by four" and extended school years, and make optimum use of learning time for the purpose of preparing students for future education and training and careers.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

**A RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to consider contracting with other countries to house prisoners.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES TRICHE AND THORNHILL

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To create and provide for the Governor's Study Commission on levee districts to study and make recommendations with respect to the abolishment of levee districts and levee and drainage districts and the merging of the districts with a state agency.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To petition the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for submission to the states, to limit the term of office for federal district judges to ten years or, in the alternative, to call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing such an amendment for submission to the states for ratification.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Public Service Commission to petition the Federal Communications Commission for authority to regulate the rates charged by commercial mobile service or private mobile service providers.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To memorialize the United States Congress to take appropriate action to direct the Federal Communications Commission to regulate the rates charged by commercial mobile service or private mobile service providers for calls both originated by cellular users or made to them.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the United States government, and particularly the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior and the members of the Louisiana congressional delegation, to take appropriate action to formally recognize the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy, as an Indian tribe.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES DUPRE, DOWNER, HEBERT, HILL, MICHOT, ODINET, PIERRE, AND JACK SMITH AND SENATOR HINES

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To memorialize the United States Congress to reauthorize laws providing funding for projects under the federal Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To create and provide with respect to a special committee of the House of Representatives to study and make recommendations with respect to laws affecting the forfeiture of contraband in Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARIONNEAUX

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To direct the Department of Transportation and Development to erect a protective guardrail at 3083 LA 77 in Livonia, Louisiana, at the residence of the Floyd Chenevert family.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARIONNEAUX

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To direct the Department of Transportation and Development to erect a protective guardrail at 20980 LA 77 in Grosse Tete, Louisiana, at the residence of the Ralph Wille family.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROUSSELLE

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the office of state parks to study the feasibility of making Fort Jackson in Plaquemines Parish a state commemorative area and to report its findings to the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs and the Senate Committee on Education.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To authorize Meeks Land and Timber Company to file suit or to prosecute any suit now pending against the state of Louisiana through the Department of Natural Resources or the State Mineral Board, or both, concerning a claim of ownership or possession, or both, of present or former water bottoms under or in the vicinity of the middle fork of Thompson Creek in West Feliciana Parish, and concerning the ownership of and the rights to the minerals associated with those water bottoms, and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and direct all state and statewide public retirement systems to furnish the office of the legislative actuary with an annual report of all investments in derivative products held in the systems portfolio at any time during the previous year.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WARNER

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Board of Regents, in consultation with the three higher education management boards, to study the benefits and estimated costs of implementing a uniform statewide policy to be implemented by each management board permitting a member of the faculty or staff of a public college or university in the state to attend, if otherwise eligible, on a reduced or free tuition basis any public college or university in the state, to recommend guidelines and procedures for implementing such a policy, and to report in writing on study findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and to the Senate Committee on Education at least thirty days prior to the beginning of the 1998 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WARNER

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to designate Louisiana Highway 46 in St. Bernard Parish as the "St. Bernard Veterans Memorial Highway".

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES FAUCHEUX AND POWELL AND SENATORS HAINKEL AND LANDRY

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To create a committee to evaluate and recommend potential sites for a state park in St. John the Baptist Parish and Tangipahoa Parish and to urge and request the office of state parks to study the feasibility of establishing a park at sites recommended by the committee and to report its findings to the legislature.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE RIDDLE

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to instruct West Publishing Company to reprint the Revision Comments of 1996 to Civil Code Article 1493 (comment (c)) by deleting all references describing such incapable children in terms other than those used in the article, to wit: children who are "permanently incapable of caring for their persons or administering their estates".

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FORSTER AND SENATOR ELLINGTON

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To create and provide with respect to a task force to submit recommendations for the governance structure of postsecondary technical training and adult education including but not limited

to proprietary schools, technical colleges, community colleges, junior colleges, and literacy or adult education programs.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE STRAIN

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To nominate for inclusion in the natural and scenic rivers system in Louisiana the Abita River located in St. Tammany Parish.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE KENNARD

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and direct the Board of Regents and the presidents of the colleges and universities of this state to study the issue of solicitation for credit cards on college and university campuses.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES TRAVIS AND WINSTON

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To authorize and direct the Department of Transportation and Development to erect signs on Interstate Highway 55 in Tangipahoa Parish directing motorists to University Avenue East in Hammond, Louisiana.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study the feasibility of establishing a pre-release boot camp program for all able-bodied adult inmates to participate in near the completion of their prison sentence through the creation of a boot camp pilot program.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To repeal any rules or regulations adopted by the Department of Social Services which create an exception to the requirements of the state welfare reform program as provided in the Welfare Reform Act of 1995 which may have been adopted on or before March 31, 1997.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE R. ALEXANDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to review the Medicaid reimbursement rates provided to physicians and hospitals for prenatal care and delivery services, to consider a proposal to reduce such reimbursement rates to the southern regional average if it is found that Louisiana reimbursement rates are higher than the southern regional average, and to report findings of the review to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare prior to the beginning of the 1998 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUNEAU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to enter into a reciprocal agreement with Mississippi on saltwater recreational fishing.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Department of Transportation and Development to erect signs on both the northbound and southbound lanes of I-10 at exits 206 and 209 in LaPlace to notify the public that the exits provide lodging, food, gas, and a hospital.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FRITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize congress to amend federal laws and regulations to authorize the taking of snow and blue geese, which are migratory game birds, with the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or imitations of calls or sounds.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, video gaming division rules (LAC 42:XI.2405(B)(3), (4), and (5)), which provide for the expiration of video draw poker licenses, to allow for quarterly issuance of video draw poker licenses.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Department of Transportation and Development to erect signs on Blackwater Road in East Baton Rouge Parish to indicate the location of the Blackwater Methodist Church.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to conduct the requisite study and make a determination as to the necessity of installing a traffic light at the intersection of the Cannatas Supermarket driveway and Berwick Road in Berwick, Louisiana.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER AND DEWITT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals to implement a Medicaid Region III managed care pilot program, a Medicaid voucher program, a Medicaid center of excellence program, and a modified community care program.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to repair Louisiana Highway 328 (Rees St. in Breaux Bridge), in St. Martin Parish from the Interstate 10 exit to State Road 94.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Department of Transportation and Development to install a traffic light at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 31 and Governor Mouton Street in St. Martinville, Louisiana.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO AND DEWITT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to amend 45 USCS §11108 and 11109, otherwise known as Seaman Protection and Relief Act, to remove the prohibition against states from withholding income tax from wages due or accruing to a master or seaman and the attachment of wages for tax payments.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEATON  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide with respect to a joint legislative committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the problems of funding and work overloads of Louisiana's probation and parole officers.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE RIDDLE  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize the village of Hessmer in Avoyelles Parish as the "Home of the First Bowie Knife".

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve the wetlands conservation and restoration plan prepared annually by the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Authority.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ANSARDI AND DONELON  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of state police to perform criminal background checks on certain health care personnel within the time frame specified by law.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to provide funding to address the problem of exotic aquatic plants and to provide for their eradication.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to provide funding for construction of an interchange on Interstate 10 near Reserve, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To provide for ratification by the Legislature of the state of Louisiana of the amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require and provide for a balanced federal budget.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRATT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Teachers' Retirement Benefit Study Commission, to study certain primary issues related to retirement benefits, and to make any pertinent recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana on or before January 30, 1998, at which date the commission shall dissolve.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WELCH  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to formulate, develop, and implement on the Baton Rouge campus a program to provide quality child care services by the institution at one or more campus facilities for use by students, faculty, and employees on a pay-for-services basis; to provide program guidelines; to provide for program implementation; and to provide for a written report by the board to the House and Senate Committees on Education prior to the beginning of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD-LEWIS  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 20 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to establish a drug-free standard for members of the legislature and to provide for a voluntary drug testing program.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents, in collaboration with the three higher education management boards, to study the feasibility of providing students greater accessibility to academic programs by offering weekend classes at state public institutions of higher education and to report its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Education prior to the beginning of the 1998 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the benefits and feasibility of pursuing year-round education and summer enrichment programs in the elementary and secondary schools in this state and to report its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Education prior to the beginning of the 1998 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the feasibility of having elementary and secondary schools in the state share their library facilities and resources and their athletic facilities with the public and to report its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Education prior to the beginning of the 1998 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES PRATT, ALARIO, BRUCE, CLARKSON, CURTIS, DAMICO, DIMOS, DOERGE, DONELON, DUPRE, DURAND, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FRUGE, GAUTREAU, GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HUDSON, ILES, JENKINS, JOHNS, LANDRIEU, LONG, MCCAIN, MCCALLUM, MCDONALD, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MORRELL, MURRAY, ODINET, PIERRE, POWELL, RIDDLE, ROUSSELLE, SALTER, THOMAS, THOMPSON, THORNHILL, TOOMY, TRICHE, VITTER, WESTON, WIGGINS, WILKERSON, WINDHORST, WINSTON, WRIGHT, AND WILLARD-LEWIS AND SENATORS BARHAM, BEAN, COX, CRAVINS, DARDENNE, DYESS, ELLINGTON, EWING, GREENE, HAINKEL, HEITMEIER, HINES, HOLLIS, IRONS, JORDAN, LAMBERT, LANDRY, ROMERO, SCHEDLER, AND THEUNISSEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express legislative recognition and support of "The Bill of Rights and Responsibilities for Learning: Standards of Conduct, Standards of Achievement".

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAW

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the importance of and express legislative intent to provide funds for conducting a state competition of the United States Academic Decathlon, including the purchase of testing materials, study guides, individual medallions, and team trophies, and awards ceremony costs, sending the winner of the Louisiana state competition to the national United States Academic Decathlon, and providing scholarships to reward the members of the winning state team and individual award winners from Louisiana at the national competition.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOERGE AND SHAW

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To declare August 8 and 9, 1997, "Larry and Gladys Hunter Days" and to recognize the numerous contributions of Larry and Gladys Hunter to the youth of Northwest Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, R. ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, BARTON, BRUNEAU, DEVILLE, DIMOS, DUPRE, FLAVIN, FORSTER, JOHNS, MCCAIN, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, MICHOT, PIERRE, SCALISE, JOHN SMITH, STELLY, TRICHE, AND WIGGINS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Joint Rule No. 8 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide for the selection of officers of certain joint legislative bodies; to provide that the positions of the officers of certain joint legislative bodies rotate between the House of Representatives and the Senate; to provide relative to joint committees; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, R. ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, DEVILLE, DIEZ, DIMOS, DUPRE, FORSTER, LEBLANC, MCCAIN, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, PIERRE, SCALISE, JOHN SMITH, STELLY, TRICHE, AND WINDHORST AND SENATOR EWING

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request all state officials to participate in an inventory of property and furniture conducted by the legislative auditor in order to determine if any property under their supervision or control or of which they have knowledge has any historical connection with the State Capitol and if any such furniture is among the furniture which was designed and custom-made specifically for the State Capitol, and to transfer such property and furniture to the legislature for proper placement in the State Capitol and to direct the legislative auditor to conduct such inventory.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70 (Duplicate of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. )—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER AND SENATOR EWING AND COAUTHORED BY REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Joint Rule No. 5 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide for the procedure for passage of duplicate bills and to remove superseded provisions regarding introduction of bills after the fifteenth calendar day of a regular session.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, R. ALEXANDER, BARTON, DEVILLE, DIMOS, FLAVIN, FORSTER, JOHNS, LEBLANC, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, MICHOT, SCALISE, JOHN SMITH, STELLY, TRICHE, AND WIGGINS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 20 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, to require each member of the legislature to file annually a report of certain income; to provide for procedures and definitions; and to provide relative to such reports.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FARVE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents, in collaboration with the three higher education management boards, to provide for the conduct of research to find an antidote for "crack cocaine" addiction.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide with respect to a joint legislative committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the problems of funding and work overloads of Louisiana's probation and parole officers and to consider the possible transfer of probation supervision to local judicial districts.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such action as is necessary to amend the federal regulations regarding commercial driver's license standards.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the secretary of the Department of Social Services to make available to children in the state a toll-free-twenty-four-hour a day telephone number through which children can report any case of abuse of which they are aware and to publicize such number in a manner that will ensure that children of the state are aware of it and will be inclined to use it, including, but not limited to, postings relative to the telephone number in schools throughout the state.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Department of Transportation and Development to erect large signs to warn motorists approaching a location recognized for very strict enforcement of speed limits on highways and the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to include a listing of those locations recognized for very strict enforcement of speed limits in its literature available to tourists.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to extend the coastal boundary in Louisiana to be at least equal to that of Texas and Mississippi.

Read by title.

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

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—**  
BY SENATOR EWING AND REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To invite the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court to address a joint session of the legislature.

Read by title.

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

**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:



**HOUSE BILL NO. 967—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST  
AN ACT

To enact Code of Evidence Art. 515, relative to testimonial privileges; to provide procedures for persons to conduct self-evaluations in order to identify and prevent noncompliance with environmental laws and improve compliance with environmental laws; to provide for a privilege for an environmental self-evaluation report; to provide for exceptions, definitions, procedures, limited immunity from administrative, civil, and criminal penalties, and effect on other privileges; 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.

As a substitute motion, Rep. Holden moved the bill be otherwise referred to the Committee on Environment.

Rep. McMains objected.

The vote recurred on the substitute motion.

A record vote was asked for and ordered by the House.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Alexander, A.—93rd	Glover	Kenney
Baudoin	Guillory	Murray
Baylor	Holden	Quezaire
Bruce	Hudson	Welch
Chaisson	Hunter	Weston
Farve	Jetson	Willard-Lewis
Total—18		

**NAYS**

Alexander, R.—13th	Green	Rousselle
Barton	Hammett	Salter
Bowler	Hill	Scalise
Bruneau	Jenkins	Schneider
Clarkson	Johns	Shaw
Crane	Kennard	Smith, J.D.—50th
Damico	Lancaster	Stelly
Daniel	LeBlanc	Strain
Deville	Long	Theriot
DeWitt	McCallum	Thomas
Diez	McDonald	Thornhill
Dimos	McMains	Travis
Doerge	Michot	Triche
Dupre	Morrish	Walsworth
Durand	Odinot	Warner
Faucheux	Perkins	Wiggins
Fontenot	Pierre	Windhorst
Frith	Pinac	Winston
Fruge	Powell	Wright
Gautreaux	Riddle	
Total—59		

**ABSENT**

Mr. Speaker	Heaton	Morrell
Alario	Hebert	Pratt
Ansardi	Hopkins	Romero
Brun	Iles	Smith, J.R.—30th

Carter	Landrieu	Thompson
Copelin	Marionneaux	Toomy
Curtis	Martiny	Vitter
Donelon	McCain	Wilkerson
Flavin	Mitchell	
Forster	Montgomery	
Total—28		

The House refused to refer the bill to the Committee on Environment.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

**Joint Session of the Legislature**

The joint session of the legislature was called to order at 3:45 P.M. by the honorable Randy L. Ewing, President of the Senate.

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

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

The President of the Senate appointed the following committee to escort the Chief Justice and the Justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

On the part of the Senate: Sens. Barham, Bagneris, Fields, Cox, and Irons.

On the part of the House: Reps. Bruneau, Michot, Frith, Dimos, and Lancaster.

The President of the Senate introduced the Honorable Pascal Calogero, Chief Justice, who addressed the joint session of the legislature.

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

**House Business Resumed**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2246—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE STELLY  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:94, relative to riverboat gaming activities; to provide for parishwide elections to authorize or discontinue riverboat gaming activities; to provide for applicability; to provide for the initiation, procedures, results, and effects of such elections; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2247—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE KENNARD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863.1(C)(1) and 865(A) and (B)(1), relative to compulsory motor vehicle liability security; to increase the penalties assessed and collected against individuals who fail to maintain liability security as required by law; to impound motor vehicles in certain instances; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2248—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE KENNARD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:622.1 and R.S. 32:863.2(A)(1) and (2), relative to automobile insurance; to require the commissioner of insurance to issue rules to provide for standard provisions in automobile insurance policies; to require notice of cancellation or issuance of automobile insurance; to require notice to the office of motor vehicles within seventy-two hours of cancellation or issuance; to provide for the type of medium for notice; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2249—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE THORNHILL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:900(B)(2)(a) through (c), relative to motor vehicle liability policies; to provide that the statutory minimum amount of coverages be determined by the value of the motor vehicle; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2250—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:739, relative to the Prison Reform Act of 1995; to prohibit prisoners' access to television; to provide for an exception; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2251—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:93.11(A), 93.12(A), and 93.13(A) and R.S. 26:90(A)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and 286(A)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and to enact R.S. 26:588.1 and 595.1, relative to alcoholic beverages; to provide for a statewide election on the proposition of whether all persons who have attained the age of majority may purchase, possess, and consume alcoholic beverages in the same manner and to the same extent; to provide that the results of the election shall be separately determined for each municipality and for the unincorporated areas of each parish; to authorize parish and municipal governing authorities to adopt appropriate ordinances depending on the results of the election; to provide for changes in laws governing the sale of alcoholic beverages to and purchase or public possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under a certain age; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2252—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD AND DOWNER  
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 4 of Code Title 1 of Code Book III of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:1711 through 1714.11, relative to succession; to provide for nonprobate transfers on death; to provide for provisions relating to the effect of death; to provide for multiple-person accounts; to provide for transfer on death security registration; 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. 2253—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 844(A) and 916(5), relative to appellate court procedures; to provide for the filing of a written designation of errors with the appellate court; to require copies of the assignment of errors to be furnished to the trial court and counsel; to provide for time for filing; to provide for divesting of jurisdiction of the trial court; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Flavin, the Committee on Commerce was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 23.

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

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2170(A)(2), relative to residential building contractors; to exempt certain contractors from the licensing requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

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

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dupre, the Committee on Health and Welfare was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 1340.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1340—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPRE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4341.1 and R.S. 46:1064.1, relative to Hospital Service District No. 1 of Terrebonne Parish; to provide relative to the sale, lease, or other conveyance of the Terrebonne General Medical Center by the governing authority of the district; to provide relative to any offer for the hospital; to provide relative to approval of the conveyance by the governing authority of the district, the governing authority of the parish, and the voters of the parish; to provide relative to the

applicability of the procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

### Motion

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

### Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Long, the rules were suspended in order to take up 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

April 1, 1997

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. 6, 9, 10, 13, 22, 23, 24, 36, 37, 43, 44, 45, and 46.

### Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

#### Report of the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

April 1, 1997

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 38, by J R Smith  
Reported favorably. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 138, by Triche  
Reported without action. (8-5)

House Bill No. 141, by Fontenot  
Reported favorably. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 218, by Curtis  
Reported favorably. (13-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 917, by Diez  
Reported favorably. (10-3) (Regular)

JOHN C. DIEZ  
Chairman

### Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

April 1, 1996

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. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, BARTON, BAYLOR, BRUCE, BRUN, GLOVER, HOPKINS, MITCHELL, MONTGOMERY, AND SHAW  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Kevin Sittig of the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport upon being named one of America's best doctors.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, BARTON, BAYLOR, BRUCE, BRUN, GLOVER, HOPKINS, MITCHELL, MONTGOMERY, AND SHAW  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Mark Brown of the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport upon being named one of America's best doctors.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER  
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request that the Honorable Murphy J. "Mike" Foster, Governor of Louisiana, designate and proclaim the month of September, 1997, as Childhood Cancer Month.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER  
A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize the achievements of Ms. Effie Breaux of Houma during her thirty-nine years as a member of the Terrebonne Parish Library Board of Control upon the occasion of her retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD RAY KENNARD  
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.

### Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Murray, at 4:45 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at 3:30 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 3:30 P.M., Wednesday, April 2, 1997.

ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House

C. Wayne Hays  
Journal Clerk, *Emeritus*

