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**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**THIRTIETH 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

Monday, May 12, 1997

The Committee was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Chairman Long.

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the Committee took under consideration House Bill No. 1 at this time.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC  
AN ACT

Making appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive branch of state government, pensions, public schools, public roads, public charities, and state institutions and providing with respect to the expenditure of said appropriations.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the Committee, in considering House Bill No. 1, proceeded *seriatim*.

Rep. Bruneau sent up committee amendments which were read as follows:

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Representative Bruneau in the Committee of the Whole House to engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 8, between lines 20 and 21 insert the following:

"C. In addition to the provisions of Subsection B. of this Section, the commissioner of administration shall ensure that the appropriation contained in Schedule 01-100 for the office of urban development to provide grant awards to urban areas of the state shall only be distributed according to the following provisions:

(1) Grants shall be available for projects, programs, or services including, but not limited to: capital outlay projects; economic development projects; educational programs; and elderly and youth services, and only to those entities which will utilize the funds to achieve a measurable improvement in health, environmental or living conditions or a measurable impact on economic development in the area in which the project or program is funded.

(2) Grants shall be available to public entities, including the state and its agencies and subdivisions and private and non-profit entities for projects or programs in urban areas. An urban area shall mean a parish with a population of not less than one hundred thousand and/or a municipality with a population of not less than 25,000; the urban population of the state shall be the total population of all urban areas.

(3) Grants shall be allocated within legislative districts or the portion of such districts which lie within the urban areas. One-half of the total annual appropriation shall be allocated to the House of Representative districts, and one-half shall be allocated to Senate districts. The level of funding shall be an amount determined by dividing the urban population of a district by the urban population of the state and multiplying such ratio by half of the total annual appropriation for urban development grants.

(4) Grants shall be available only to entities which can demonstrate that they are supported by funding from other sources. All applicants must submit data relative to the service population or geographic area to be served which, at a minimum, shall detail the socio-economic impact of a proposed project or grant.

(5) No grant shall be considered which is not accompanied by a letter of support from the member of the legislature who represents the district to which the particular grant is allocated.

(6) Funds shall be distributed to grant recipients on a monthly basis only upon submission of invoices, and all funds must be paid into a separate bank account from any other account the recipient may have.

(7) The office of urban affairs shall institute a grant review process and shall prioritize all proposals for selection and funding."

Rep. Bruneau moved the adoption of the amendments.

Rep. LeBlanc objected.

**Motion**

Rep. Jack Smith moved to table the amendment.

Rep. Bruneau objected.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Alario	Faucheux	Odinet
Alexander, A.—93rd	Frith	Pierre
Alexander, R.—13th	Guillory	Pinac
Baudoin	Holden	Pratt
Baylor	Hudson	Quezaire
Bruce	Hunter	Romero
Carter	Iles	Rousselle

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Clarkson	Kenney	Shaw
Copelin	LeBlanc	Smith, J.D.—50th
Curtis	Long	Smith, J.R.—30th
Damico	Marionneaux	Thompson
Deville	McCain	Welch
DeWitt	Montgomery	Weston
Durand	Morrell	Wilkerson
Farve	Murray	Willard-Lewis

Total—45

NAYS

Barton	Fruge	Scalise
Bowler	Gautreaux	Stelly
Brun	Hill	Strain
Bruneau	Jenkins	Theriot
Crane	Johns	Thornhill
Daniel	Kennard	Toomy
Diez	Lancaster	Travis
Dimos	McDonald	Walsworth
Donelon	McMains	Wiggins
Dupre	Michot	Windhorst
Flavin	Morrish	Winston
Fontenot	Perkins	Wright
Forster	Salter	

Total—38

ABSENT

Mr. Speaker	Hebert	Riddle
Ansardi	Hopkins	Schneider
Chaisson	Jetson	Thomas
Doerge	Landrieu	Triche
Glover	Martiny	Vitter
Green	McCallum	Warner
Hammett	Mitchell	
Heaton	Powell	

Total—22

The House agreed to table the amendment.

Rep. LeBlanc sent up committee amendments which were read as follows:

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representatives LeBlanc, Durand, Deville, Frith, Fruge, Hebert, McCain, Michot, Pierre, Romero, and Jack Smith in the Committee of the Whole House to engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 31, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for professional services in the office of marketing to complete pursuit of legal options available to prevent the importation of Chinese crawfish into the U.S. \$100,000"

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the amendments were adopted.

Rep. Thornhill sent up committee amendments which were read as follows:

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representatives Thornhill, Thompson, Long, Salter, and Deville in the Committee of the Whole House to engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 73, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

"Provided, however, that of the funds appropriated herein for Payments to Private Providers, the amount of \$515,407,279 shall be allocated for long-term care facilities, which expenditures shall include the cost of living adjustment and minimum wage increase as determined by the Medicaid reimbursement formulary in place as of May 1, 1997."

Rep. Thornhill moved the adoption of the amendments.

Rep. LeBlanc objected.

By a vote of 51 yeas and 38 nays, the amendments were adopted.

Rep. Hebert sent up committee amendments which were read as follows:

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Hebert in the Committee of the Whole House to engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

"Section 8.E. The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to reduce the State General Fund (Direct) appropriations contained in this Act for payment of premiums by various state agencies to the office of risk management by the amount of \$2,810,500."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 103, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

#### EXPENDITURES:

To provide for increased board rates for foster family and adoption subsidy cases	\$ 5,110,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 5,110,000</u>

#### MEANS OF FINANCE:

State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 2,810,500
Federal Funds	<u>\$ 2,299,500</u>
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	<u>\$ 5,110,000</u>

On motion of Rep. Hebert, the amendments were adopted.

Rep. Pratt sent up committee amendments which were read as follows:

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Pratt in the Committee of the Whole House to engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 132, at the end of line 26, change "\$310,692,875" to "\$303,892,875"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 132, at the end of line 29, change "\$206,172,677" to "\$212,972,677"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 135, on line 30, change "\$76,143,465" to "\$69,343,465"

Rep. Pratt moved the adoption of the amendments.

Rep. LeBlanc objected.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Alario	Green	Murray
Alexander, A.—93rd	Guillory	Pratt
Copelin	Hammett	Quezaire
Curtis	Hebert	Rousselle
Durand	Holden	Warner
Farve	Hunter	Weston
Faucheux	Iles	Wiggins
Frith	Mitchell	Willard-Lewis
Gautreaux	Montgomery	Wright
Total—27		

NAYS

Alexander, R.—13th	Fontenot	Pinac
Barton	Forster	Riddle
Bowler	Fruge	Salter
Bruce	Jenkins	Scalise
Brun	Johns	Shaw
Clarkson	Kennard	Stelly
Crane	Kenney	Theriot
Damico	LeBlanc	Thompson
Daniel	McCallum	Thornhill
Deville	McDonald	Travis
DeWitt	McMains	Walsworth
Diez	Michot	Windhorst
Dimos	Morrish	Winston
Donelon	Odinet	
Dupre	Perkins	
Total—43		

ABSENT

Mr. Speaker	Hopkins	Romero
Ansardi	Hudson	Schneider
Baudoin	Jetson	Smith, J.D.—50th
Baylor	Lancaster	Smith, J.R.—30th
Bruneau	Landrieu	Strain
Carter	Long	Thomas
Chaisson	Marionneaux	Toomy
Doerge	Martiny	Triche
Flavin	McCain	Vitter
Glover	Morrell	Welch
Heaton	Pierre	Wilkerson
Hill	Powell	
Total—35		

The amendments were rejected.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the Committee of the Whole House agreed to rise and report.

ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House

C. Wayne Hays  
Journal Clerk, *Emeritus*

