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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Twenty-sixth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, March 23, 1998

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:00 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	Green	Pinac
Alario	Guillory	Powell
Alexander, A.—93rd	Hammett	Pratt
Alexander, R.—13th	Heaton	Quezaire
Ansardi	Hebert	Riddle
Barton	Hill	Romero
Baudoin	Holden	Rousselle
Baylor	Hopkins	Salter
Bowler	Hudson	Scalise
Bruce	Hunter	Schneider
Bruneau	Iles	Shaw
Carter	Jenkins	Smith, J.D.—50th
Chaisson	Jetson	Smith, J.R.—30th
Clarkson	Johns	Stelly
Copelin	Kennard	Strain
Crane	Kenney	Theriot
Curtis	Lancaster	Thomas
Damico	Landrieu	Thompson
Daniel	LeBlanc	Thornhill
Deville	Long	Toomy
DeWitt	Marionneaux	Travis
Diez	Martiny	Vitche
Dimos	McCain	Vitter
Doerge	McCallum	Walsworth
Donelon	McDonald	Warner
Dupre	McMains	Welch
Durand	Michot	Weston
Farve	Mitchell	Wiggins
Fauchoux	Montgomery	Wilkerson

Flavin	Morrell	Willard
Fontenot	Morrish	Windhorst
Frith	Murray	Winston
Fruge	Odinet	Wright
Gautreaux	Perkins	
Glover	Pierre	

Total—103

ABSENT

Total—0

The Speaker announced that there were 103 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Long

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Fauchoux 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:

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 28, 1997

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

I have the honor to submit to you the name of Melinda Schwegmann, who has been duly elected to fill the vacancy occurring in your honorable body since the last Session of the Legislature, caused by the resignation of Rep. Gary Forster.

Melinda Schwegmann has been officially proclaimed duly and legally elected as Representative from the 98th Representative District of the State of Louisiana.

W. FOX McKEITHEN
Secretary of State

United States of America
STATE OF LOUISIANA
W. Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State

As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that the following candidate, having run in the election held on October 25, 1997, is declared elected by the people to the office set opposite her name for an unexpired term:

State Representative Melinda Schwegmann, Representative of District 98.

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 October, 1997.

W. FOX McKEITHEN
Secretary of State

Oath of Office

Mrs. Melinda Schwegmann presented herself before the bar of the House and took the following oath:

"I, Melinda Schwegmann, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution and the laws of the United States and the constitution and laws of this state and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all of 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

December 18, 1997

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

I have the honor to submit to you the name of Wayne Waddell, who has been duly elected to fill the vacancy occurring in your honorable body since the last Session of the Legislature, caused by the resignation of Rep. Roy Brun.

Wayne Waddell has been officially proclaimed duly and legally elected as Representative from the 5th Representative District of the State of Louisiana.

W. FOX McKEITHEN
Secretary of State

**United States of America
STATE OF LOUISIANA
W. Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State**

As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that the following candidate, having run in the election held on December 13, 1997, is declared elected by the people to the office set opposite his name for an unexpired term:

State Representative Wayne Waddell, Representative of District 5.

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 18th day of December, 1997.

W. FOX McKEITHEN
Secretary of State

Oath of Office

Mr. Wayne Waddell presented himself before the bar of the House and took the following oath:

"I, Wayne Waddell, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution and the laws of the United States and the constitution and laws of this state and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all of 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".

**STATE OF ALASKA
Alaska Legislature**

House Joint Resolution No. 16 - 1997

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS, it is in the national interest for the federal government to live within its means; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the national deficit and controlling national government spending could be accomplished by the passage of a balanced budget amendment by the United States Congress and ratification of the amendment by the states of the Union;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to pass, and the President to support, a resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution that requires the balancing of the federal budget; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislature of each state of the nation to ratify a balanced budget amendment that is passed by the United States Congress.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U. S. Senate; to the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U. S. Senate; to the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the presiding officer of each house of each state of the United States.

STATE OF MAINE

**Joint Resolution
Memorializing The Congress of The United States
To Remove Tobacco Subsidies**

We, your Memorialists, the members of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the Second Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress, as follows:

WHEREAS, tobacco is addictive and detrimental to people's health; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages are affected by the use of tobacco; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Agriculture sets price supports for tobacco; authorizes loans to tobacco producers; provides noninsured crop disaster assistance; and, through the Commodity Credit Corporation, provides federal crop insurance for tobacco producers; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine, the 49 other states and the Federal Government have spent billions of dollars collectively on health care costs related to tobacco; and

WHEREAS, farms with fertile soil grow over a ton of tobacco per acre; and

WHEREAS, 124,000 farms in the United States grow a total of 1.65 billion pounds of tobacco annually; and

WHEREAS, the \$358.5 billion settlement from tobacco companies to the states could be used by producers to grow food crops; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco quota rights program gives producers permission to grow tobacco at \$8 per pound and gives transition payments to producers who lease the quota rights; and

WHEREAS, the price paid to tobacco producers for tobacco will fail if the price support is eliminated; and

WHEREAS, federal price supports are critical and producers will not grow tobacco without this assistance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, request the President of the United States and the United States Congress to remove the financial assistance necessary to grow the tobacco crop; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; the Speaker of the House or the equivalent officer in the 49 other states; the President of the Senate or the equivalent officer in the 49 other states; and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
February 9, 1998
Sent up for Concurrence

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
February 10, 1998
In Concurrence

Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

ATTEST:

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

Sponsored By:

Rep. Albion D. Goodwin
of Pembroke

Cosponsored By:

Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
of York County

Sen. Jill M. Goldthwait
of Hancock county

Sen. Anne M. Rand
of Cumberland County

Rep. Brian Bolduc
of Auburn

Rep. Patrick Colwell
of Gardiner

Rep. Charles C. LaVerdiere
of Wilton

Rep. Alton E. Morgan
of South Portland

Rep. Michael V. Saxl
of Portland

Rep. Ronald E. Usher
of Westbrook

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. GIVEN under my hand at Augusta, this twelfth day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Minnesota Legislature

Resolution No. 1

A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES TO DISCOURAGE USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR MOVEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS FRANCHISES AND TO REPEAL ANTITRUST EXEMPTIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SPORTS.

WHEREAS, professional sports can play an important role in the social and cultural atmosphere of a community; and

WHEREAS, various communities seek to have professional sports franchises; and

WHEREAS, the use of public resources to encourage professional sports franchises to relocate from one community to another is a form of counterproductive economic competition that produces overall detriment to all states, while providing potential unjust enrichment to the owners of these franchises; and

WHEREAS, community ownership of professional sports franchises have the potential to maximize the social, cultural, and economic advantages of sports franchises to a community, while minimizing threats of relocation that result in counterproductive economic competition; and

WHEREAS, certain professional sports leagues and associations have adopted policies that prohibit or restrict community ownership of professional sports franchises; and

WHEREAS, federal laws and policies, such as exemption from antitrust laws, contribute to economic inefficiency and to wasteful use of public resources; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it strongly urges the Minnesota congressional delegation to support legislative efforts in Congress that will:

- (1) discourage movement of professional sports franchises, including prohibiting the use of public resources in connection with this movement;
- (2) prohibit professional sports leagues from forbidding community ownership of professional sports franchises;
- (3) tax benefits that are provided by the public to professional sports franchises; and
- (4) repeal antitrust exemptions for professional sports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it strongly urges the governors and legislatures in the other states to promulgate this message.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Vic Lafont upon his selection as the Louisiana Innovator of the Year for 1997.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Brigadier General Arthur Abercrombie upon his retirement from the Louisiana National Guard and for his exemplary military service.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of J. Louis Watkins, Jr., Judge of the First Circuit Court of Appeal.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize December 26, 1991, as the date upon which the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was dismantled and the cold war ended, creating a world safer from the threat of nuclear war and freer from personal, political, and religious oppression and to urge that December twenty-sixth be observed annually in Louisiana as a special day to commemorate this significant day in history.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Mr. F. A. "Red" Davis of Homer, who dedicated his life to the educational system in Louisiana, serving as a teacher in West Carroll and Claiborne Parishes, an administrator for the Claiborne Parish school system, a supervisor for the State Board of Education, and a member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to post signs on both sides of the city of Grambling on Interstate 20 and Highways 167 and 80 stating that Grambling, Louisiana, is the home of Eddie Robinson.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study and make recommendations to the legislature on the affordability and availability of insurance for taxicab operations in the greater New Orleans area.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIMOS, ALARIO, A. ALEXANDER, R. ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, BARTON, BAUDOIN, BAYLOR, BOWLER, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, CARTER, CHAISSON, CLARKSON, COPELIN, CRANE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DEVILLE, DEWITT, DIEZ, DOERGE, DONELON, DOWNER, DUPRE, DURAND, FARVE, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FONTENOT, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREAUX, GLOVER, GREEN, GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HOLDEN, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HUNTER, ILES, JENKINS, JETSON, JOHNS, KENNARD, KENNEY, LANCASTER, LANDRIEU, LEBLANC, LONG, MARIONNEAU, MARTINY, MCCAIN, MCCALLUM, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, MICHOT, MITCHELL, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, ODINET, PERKINS, PIERRE, PINAC, POWELL, PRATT, QUEZAIRE, RIDDLE, ROMERO, ROUSSELLE, SALTER, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SCHWEGMANN, SHAW, JACK SMITH, JOHN SMITH, STELLY, STRAIN, THERIOT, THOMAS, THOMPSON, THORNHILL, TOOMY, TRAVIS, TRICHE, VITTER, WADDELL, WALSWORTH, WARNER, WELCH, WESTON, WIGGINS, WILKERSON, WILLARD, WINDHORST, WINSTON, AND WRIGHT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere congratulations of the Legislature of Louisiana and to commend William Shurley on being named Louisiana's top high school student volunteer and the Louisiana recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Alexandria Chapter of Links, Inc. for outstanding service and to congratulate the Alexandria Chapter upon its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

Reports of Committees

The 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 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.

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. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To provide relative to certain courts of appeal judgeships established by Act No. 3 of the 1981 Regular Session of the Legislature; to specify the date of the end of the term of and the date of the election of the successors to certain judges; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRUNEAU AND RIDDLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:481, 511(A) and (B), 512(B), and 551(C)(1), relative to elections; to provide the manner in which candidates for congress qualify for the general election; to provide for the printing of a candidate's name on the ballot; to provide for the election of candidates to office; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRUNEAU AND TRAVIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:493(A)(1), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology; to provide for the membership of the board; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRUNEAU, ALARIO, MORRELL, MURRAY, SCHNEIDER, AND TOOMY AND SENATORS IRONS, BAGNERIS, AND HANKEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 1(A) of Act No. 569 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana and Sections 4(B) and 8 of Act No. 865 of the 1982 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to the management and administration of City Park; to provide relative to the power and authority of the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association to contract for the operation, care, control, and management of the park and its facilities; to provide relative to the applicability of certain laws to certain park contracts and contractors; to provide for the expenditure of funds received by, allocated to, or otherwise available to City Park or the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association or its board of directors without the necessity of a legislative appropriation or

deposit thereof in the state treasury; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAMICO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9124(E), relative to the Jefferson Parish Communication District; to authorize the district to enter into contracts to fund certain fire dispatching services in Jefferson Parish; to provide that pursuant to such a contract the functions and duties of the district shall include providing for and paying for such services; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2214(A)(2)(b) and (c) and 2225(A)(11)(a), relative to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System and the Baton Rouge City Parish Employees' Retirement System; to provide with respect to membership; to further provide with respect to approval of the merger by the respective systems, local governing authority, and Joint Legislative Committee on Retirement; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT AND MCMAINS AND SENATOR DARDENNE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:871(A) and (C), 872, 873(A), (D), and (E), 874, and 875, to enact R.S. 36:4(B)(15), and to repeal R.S. 36:769(G), all relative to the Board of Trustees of the State Employees Group Benefits Program; to provide for the transfer of the board from the Department of the Treasury to the division of administration; to reconstitute the board; to provide for the composition, powers, duties, and functions of the board; to provide for officers and their powers, duties, and functions; to provide for the initial election of certain board members; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

Rep. DeWitt moved the bill be withdrawn from the files of the House.

HOUSE BILL NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, DOWNER, AND MCMAINS AND SENATORS DARDENNE, EWING, HANKEL, AND BAGNERIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:9070, to change the legal age for the purchase of a lottery ticket from eighteen to twenty-one; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1643(C), relative to required fire protection sprinkler systems; to provide for an extension of time to meet the requirement for high-rise buildings in certain cases; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND
SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, AND HAINKEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:820.5(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph) relative to tolls on certain bridges; to extend the duration of collection of tolls on the Sunshine Bridge and the Greater New Orleans Mississippi River bridges; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 11—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DONELON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(11)(g) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(8)(c), relative to the Department of Insurance, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Insurance, and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, ALARIO, COPELIN, DAMICO, DIEZ,
DONELON, LANCASTER, AND SCHWEGMANN AND SENATORS
BRANCH, JONES, AND LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:723(2), relative to emergency preparedness; to include in the definition of "emergency" certain events which result in an interruption of utility services and which affect the safety, health, or welfare of the public and damage to utility property endangering the public; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 13—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DUPRE AND FRITH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:98(C)(introductory paragraph), relative to the crime of operating a vehicle while intoxicated; to clarify that the total sentence of imprisonment for a conviction of a second such offense shall not exceed six months; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 14—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1395(E)(1) and (F) and to enact R.S. 37:1400(H), relative to the licensure and regulation of locksmiths; to provide an exemption from licensing for certain persons; to provide for the legal ownership and possession of locksmithing tools, manuals, or codebooks by certain persons; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 15—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:2042(B) and 2044(A), (C), and (F), relative to the South Central Regional Transportation Authority; to provide for its composition; to provide for its board of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 16—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:175(A) and (B), relative to railroad grade crossings; to require vehicles to stop at such crossings; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRITH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 7(B) of Act No. 333 of the 1972 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature as amended by Act No. 56 of the 1987 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to the municipal civil service system for the employees of the city of Kaplan; to provide that the unclassified service shall include certain part-time positions in the police department; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAUTREUX
AN ACT

To redesignate the Greenwood Overpass located on U.S. Highway 90 near Morgan City in St. Mary Parish as the Sam Siracusa Overpass.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAUTREUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:3569, relative to the Policemen's Pension and Relief Funds; to increase survivor benefits for widows of former Morgan City police officers; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:66(M), relative to dual officeholding; to provide that a chief of police of a town or village with a population of less than two thousand five hundred may also hold the office of deputy sheriff; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 21—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1316, R.S. 23:1233, and R.S. 42:851.7, relative to the continuation of benefits payable to a spouse of a state police officer killed in the line of duty; to provide with respect to the continuation of certain death benefits provided by the State Police Pension and Retirement System as an accessory retirement benefit; to further provide with respect to the continuation of workers' compensation benefits and group health insurance benefits provided by the State Employees Group Benefits Program; to specifically provide that such benefits continue until death of the surviving spouse; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 22—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEBLANC, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS
AND SENATORS EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BARHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 23:2071, relative to state funds; to create the Technical and Community Colleges Investment Fund within the state treasury; to provide for deposit of monies into the fund; to provide for uses and investment of monies in the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 23—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3223(B)(5), to authorize the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities to establish tuition amounts and other fees and charges applicable to students attending South Louisiana Community College; to provide limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 24—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302.10, 322.13, and 332.5, and to enact Part IV of Chapter 16 of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 25:791, relative to the development of historic areas within the city of Natchitoches; to create the Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission; to provide for the powers, duties, and membership of the commission; to provide for the dedication of the avails of the state sales tax on hotel occupancy in Natchitoches Parish for support of the commission's historic district development activities; to create the Natchitoches Historic District Development Fund in the state treasury; to provide for deposit of monies into such fund; to provide for allowable uses of monies in the fund; to abolish the Natchitoches Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund within the state treasury and provide for disposition of the fund balance; to abolish the Natchitoches Convention Facilities Fund within the state treasury and provide for disposition of the fund balance; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 25—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCCAIN AND MICHOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:8(30) and to enact R.S. 56:302.3(B)(7) and 325(A)(7), relative to fishing; to provide relative to crawfish; to provide that the taking of crawfish for recreational purposes shall require a recreational gear license; to provide relative to license requirements and fees; to provide amount limits; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 26—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD, DOWNER, DEWITT, MCMAINS,
CRANE, AND WALSWORTH AND SENATORS EWING, DARDENNE,
HAINKEL, AND BARHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:1514(A)(1)(c), relative to multiyear contracts for professional, personal, consulting, and social services; to provide that certain contracts for educational testing services may be entered into for a period of up to twelve years; to provide that modifications may be made to such contracts; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 27—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD, DEWITT, MCMAINS, CRANE,
AND WALSWORTH AND SENATORS EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL,
AND BARHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:7.6, relative to state funds; to provide for the creation of the Alternative Schools Fund within the state treasury; to provide for deposit of monies into the fund; to provide for uses and investment of monies in the fund; to provide for the development of a grant program for distribution of monies from the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 28—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, DOWNER, MCMAINS, MCDONALD,
CRANE, AND WALSWORTH AND SENATORS EWING, DARDENNE,
HAINKEL, AND BARHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:354, relative to state funds; to provide for allocation and distribution of monies appropriated from the Teacher Supplies Fund; to provide for expansion of uses and eligibility for receipt of such monies; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 29—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PINAC
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:1704.1(D), relative to fees and costs of particular city marshals; to increase the mileage allowance of the city marshal of Rayne; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 30—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PINAC
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1236(21)(e)(i) and (ix), relative to Acadia Parish; to authorize the parish governing authority to require that property owners remove grass, weeds, and trash from their property; to provide relative to the removal of such material from certain property by the governing authority; to provide for charges for such work; to provide relative to the enforcement and collection of such charges and related expenses; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 31—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RIDDLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:481, 511(A) and (B), 512(B), and 551(C)(1), relative to elections; to provide the manner in which candidates for Congress qualify for the general election; to provide for the printing of a candidate's name on the ballot; to provide for the election of candidates to office; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 32—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROUSSELLE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:305.7 and to repeal R.S. 56:303.10, relative to commercial rod and reel gear licenses; to provide relative to eligibility to hold a rod and reel gear license; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 33—BY REPRESENTATIVE ROUSSELLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 3 of Act No. 113 of the 1950 Regular Session of the Legislature as amended by Act No. 186 of the 1970 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 196 of the 1992 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Act No. 953 of the 1995 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District; to provide relative to the appointment and removal of certain members of the district board of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 34—BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:964(Schedule III)(B)(9), relative to controlled dangerous substances; to add Ketamine as a Schedule III depressant; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 35—BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH
AN ACT

To amend Act No. 28 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the capital outlay budget, by adding thereto a new Section, to change the matching funds requirement for the Chitimacha Loop Roads planning and construction in St. Mary Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 36—BY REPRESENTATIVE STELLY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2178(D)(III)(1)(b)(i) and (E)(1) and (2), relative to the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund; to further define the type of act warranting death benefits; to increase the amount payable to dependents in certain cases; to remove the one-year marriage requirement; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 37—BY REPRESENTATIVE STELLY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:3682 and 3685(D) and to enact R.S. 11:154(A)(15), 3685.1, 3685.2, 3685.3, 3688(D)(5), 3688.1, 3690.1, 3690.2, and 3695, relative to the Harbor Police Retirement System (Port of New Orleans); to provide with respect to attaining qualified plan status under the Internal Revenue Code; to further provide regarding sheltering of contributions, definitions, benefits and the limitations on payment and computation thereof, cost-of-living adjustments, annual compensation limitations, administration of the system, plan amendments, reversion of funds, retention of certain unclaimed funds and property, and rollovers; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 38—BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302.4 and 322.18, relative to the state sales tax on hotel occupancy; to create the Madison Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund and the Richland Parish Visitor

Enterprise Fund in the state treasury; to provide for deposit of monies into such funds; to provide for the allowable uses of the monies in the funds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 39—BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:332.44, relative to the state sales tax on hotel occupancy; to create the Madison Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund and the Richland Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund in the state treasury; to provide for deposit of monies into such funds; to provide for the allowable uses of the monies in the funds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 40—BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana from certain statutory dedications for the 1997-1998 Fiscal Year to the Department of the Treasury for the purpose of providing supplemental funding.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 41—BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS
AN ACT

To authorize and empower the Department of Health and Hospitals to transfer title to certain property located in East Feliciana Parish to the East Feliciana Parish Fire Protection District; to provide certain limitations on such transfer; to repeal Act No. 1066 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 42—BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:872(A)(introductory paragraph), (A)(5)(a) and (c), and (E) and 873(D), to enact R.S. 42:872(A)(7), and to repeal R.S. 42:872(C) and (D), all relative to the Board of Trustees of the State Employees Group Benefits Program; to increase the membership of the board by one; to revise the composition of the board to include two appointed retiree members; to provide for the terms and conditions of such appointed retiree members; to delete obsolete transitional provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 43—BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:319(A) and R.S. 47:9025(B)(2) and 9070, relative to gaming; to provide that twenty-one years shall be the minimum age for playing video poker and the lottery; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 44—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON
AN ACT

To rename "Robinson Stadium" located on the campus of Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana, as the "Eddie G. Robinson Stadium"; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 45—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND
SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE AND HAINKEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:757(A), relative to construction or maintenance work performed by the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for certain exceptions to the prohibition against the department to performing off-system work; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 46—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND
SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BAGNERIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:252(C), relative to projects of the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide relative to bidding of department contracts; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 47—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND
SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BARHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:252(I)(1), relative to projects of the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide relative to the opening of bids; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 48—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND
SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BAGNERIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:252(I)(2)(b), relative to projects of the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide relative to the issuance of addenda modifying such projects; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 49—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND
SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BAGNERIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:253(A), relative to contracts let for bid by the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide relative to which such contracts shall require a form of surety; to provide for the amount of the required form of surety; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 50—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND
SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BAGNERIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:256.1(A), relative to contracts for the construction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of highways,

roads, or bridges; to provide relative to the final payment of retained amounts; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 51—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND
SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BAGNERIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 2:1(15), relative to the regulation of aeronautics; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 52—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND
SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BARHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2(A), relative to the administrative functions of the Department of Public Works; to delete the administrative functions of the department regarding landing fields and other aeronautical facilities; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 53—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND
SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BAGNERIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 2:805, R.S. 34:3455, and R.S. 38:90.7, relative to the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for the authorization of and use by the secretary of projects of the Airport Construction and Development Priority Program, Statewide Flood Control Program and Port Commission and Development Priority Program when such projects are undertaken due to emergencies; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 54—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRUGE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:298.1, relative to off-road vehicles; to permit certain off-road vehicles to operate on public roads and highways for specific purposes; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for fees; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 55—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:477(15) and 621.15, relative to the Fifteenth Judicial District; to add two additional judgeships to the Fifteenth Judicial District Court; to provide for election sections for the Fifteenth Judicial District; to provide relative to the terms of office of the judges; to provide for the effectiveness of such provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 56—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD AND DIMOS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 41:898, relative to public lands; to provide relative to school board lands; to authorize the Morehouse Parish School

Board to exchange certain unused school land; to provide procedures and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 57—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAINS AND SENATOR DARDENNE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 31:149.1, relative to prescription of mineral rights; provides for mineral rights imprescriptibility on land transferred to nonprofit land conservation organizations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 58—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH AND SENATOR DARDENNE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2153(D), relative to the State Licensing Board for Contractors; to authorize the board to sell and lease certain property and retain revenues; to provide certain procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 59—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS
AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the transfer or lease of certain state property to Water Works District No. 3 of Rapides Parish, to provide certain terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 60—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:605(B)(6) and to enact R.S. 36:605(B)(7) and R.S. 56:6(29), relative to powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; to authorize the dissemination of wildlife and fisheries information and education by the department; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 61—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:963(H) and (I), relative to the court reporter for the Thirteenth Judicial District; to increase certain fees and the salary; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 62—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 12:1335.1(A), relative to limited liability companies; to provide for dissolution by affidavit of certain limited liability companies; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 63—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOERGE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1994, 1994.1, and 1994.2, relative to postsecondary vocational-technical education; to name and designate the vocational-technical schools under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 64—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DONELON, DUPRE, AND ILES AND SENATORS
SHORT AND CAIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:71.1(1)(d), 90(A)(3) and (8), 271.2(1)(d), and 286(A)(3) and (8) and to enact R.S. 14:93.21 and R.S. 26:91.1 and 287.1, all relative to the regulation of alcoholic beverages; to prohibit the presence of persons under twenty-one years of age at drinking establishments; to provide for the crime of unlawful presence at a drinking establishment; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 65—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4574.11, relative to the parishes of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James; to create the River Parishes Convention, Tourist, and Visitors Commission to have jurisdiction within such parishes; to provide for the appointment, powers, and duties of the commission; to authorize the levy and collection of a hotel/motel occupancy tax by the commission for the purpose of funding the activities of the commission; to provide relative to borrowing by the commission and budgetary matters; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 66—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4709.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 33:4709.1(A)(3), relative to the Vidalia Riverfront Development District; to provide for inclusion of additional property in the district; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 67—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:322.11(A) and 332.30, relative to the proceeds of the state sales tax on hotel occupancy in Calcasieu Parish; to provide for the dedication of such proceeds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 68—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.38, relative to Lafayette Parish; to create the Lafayette North Development District; to provide for governance of the district; to provide for the authority of the district including its authority over redevelopment activities in the district and, subject to voter approval, the authority to levy

ad valorem taxes and issue bonds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 69—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:90.3(F), R.S. 27:2(B), 13(C)(2), (3), (4), (6), and (7)(b), 14(A), 15(B)(1), 20(C), 24(A)(4) and (B)(1), and 25(D) and to repeal R.S. 14:90(E) and R.S. 27:201 through 286, relative to the Louisiana Economic Development and Gaming Corporation Act; to repeal the authority and procedure for the conducting of land-based casino gaming operations and activities, and the exception of such operations and activities from the crime of gambling; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 70—
BY REPRESENTATIVE POWELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:621.21, relative to district judges; to provide for two additional judgeships for the Twenty-first Judicial District Court; to provide for compensation of the additional judges; to provide for the election and terms of office and those of the successors in office; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 71—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:53, relative to city and parish school boards; to require certain training and instruction for members of all city and parish school boards; to provide relative to completion of such training and instruction; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 72—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPRE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:412.1(A)(introductory paragraph), relative to fees levied by the office of motor vehicles, Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to increase fees for certain transactions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 73—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPRE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:728(7), relative to permit fees to sell, duplicate permits to sell, permits to dismantle, or duplicate permits to dismantle motor vehicles; to provide for fee increases; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 74—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1863(A), to enact R.S. 34:1865, 1866, and 1867, and to repeal R.S. 34:3141, 3142, 3143, 3144, and 3145, relative to the Vidalia Port Commission; to provide for the limits of the district; to provide for the board of commissioners; to provide for the rights and powers of the board; to provide for the sale of bonds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 75—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCAIN
AN ACT

To require the Department of Transportation and Development to erect flashing caution lights at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 70 and Louisiana Highway 1016-1 in Assumption Parish and to erect a red light at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 1 North and Fort Street in the city of Plaquemine which is located in Iberville Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 76—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD AND DIMOS AND SENATOR BARHAM
AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the transfer, sale, lease, or other cooperative endeavor involving certain state property in Ouachita Parish by and on behalf of the state through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or other appropriate public entity; to provide relative to the Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 77—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THORNHILL AND SENATOR SHORT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:291(O), relative to the St. Tammany Levee District; to require the transfer of funds and assets belonging to the district to the parish governing authority; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 78—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863.1(D), relative to motor vehicles; to provide relative to reinstatement of registration and license plate privileges; to increase certain administrative fees for such reinstatement; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 79—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:100.1(A)(1), relative to educational services for certain students who are in the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile services; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of city and parish school boards; to limit required expenditures by such school boards to provide educational services for certain

students; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 80—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:236.5(B)(1), relative to income assignments; to provide for the collection of child support by the Department of Social Services; to specify that the existing fee of not more than five percent is payable by the obligor; to provide that such fee may not be collected or deducted from the amount payable to the obligee; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 81—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BAGNERIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 48:250.2, relative to contracts; to provide for design-build contracts which are not subject to competitive bidding; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 82—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BAGNERIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:286(B)(1), (2), and (4) and 292(B), relative to the retention of consultants by the Department of Transportation and Development; to authorize retention of consultants at the recommendation of the assistant secretary for public works and intermodal transportation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 83—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BAGNERIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:253(C), relative to contracts let by the Department of Transportation and Development projects; to require the department to destroy the bid bonds of unsuccessful bidders; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 84—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, AND HAINKEL

AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 36:509(P) and Chapter 35 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:2161, relative to the Red River Valley Area Council; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 85—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, AND HAINKEL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1(93), 2(C) and (D), 3(C), 388(E) and (F)(1), and 389(A), R.S. 36:408(B)(3) and 409(C)(8), R.S. 40:1379.8, and R.S. 47:718(B)(1) and (C) and 812(C) and to repeal R.S. 32:1(93.1) and 2(E), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development, Weights and Standards Police

Force; to transfer the Weights and Standards Stationary Scale Police Force to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 86—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BARHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:7, relative to the enforcement of size and weight laws; to authorize the Department of Transportation and Development or the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to enter into agreements with contiguous states establishing joint weight enforcement facilities; to authorize the location, construction, staffing, and operation of such facilities; to authorize the enforcement of state laws, rules, and regulations and the laws of contiguous states, agencies, and departments; to provide for appointment of employees as enforcement officers; to provide for the status of such employees; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 87—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND SENATORS LANDRY, EWING, DARDENNE, AND HAINKEL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:781(4) and 784.1, relative to petroleum products; to transfer the inspection and regulation of petroleum and petroleum products from the Department of Transportation and Development to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 88—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(a), to enact R.S. 17:3048.1(O), and to repeal R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(b), relative to the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students; to provide for program eligibility, including residency and participation by otherwise qualified students graduating from certain out-of-state nonpublic high schools; to provide conditions; to remove eligibility requirements relative to domicile; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 89—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:669(A), (C), and (D), relative to health insurance policies; to provide for coverage for mental illness; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 90—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MURRAY AND BRUNEAU

AN ACT

To provide relative to a certain court of appeal judgeship established by Act No. 3 of the 1981 Regular Session of the Legislature; to specify the date of the end of the term of and the date of the election of the successors to a certain judge; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 91—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARIONNEAUX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(a), to enact R.S. 17:3048.1(O), and to repeal R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(b), relative to the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students; to provide for program eligibility, including residency and participation by otherwise qualified students graduating from certain out-of-state nonpublic high schools; to provide conditions; to remove eligibility requirements relative to domicile; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 92—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARIONNEAUX
AN ACT

To rename and designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 413 in Pointe Coupee Parish as "Zach Road"; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 93—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1849(D) and to enact R.S. 40:1849(E), relative to various fees imposed by the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission; to create the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission Fund; to provide for monies which shall be deposited into the fund; to provide for the uses of monies in the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 94—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To enact Part II-A of Chapter 6 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:2890.1 through 2890.16, and R.S. 36:4(E), relative to local sales and use taxes; to provide for the creation of the Board of Appeals for Local Sales and Use Taxes; to provide for the board membership, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities; to provide for jurisdiction of the board; to provide for procedures, rules, persons authorized to appear before the board, records, and reports; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 95—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1565(C)(2) and 2419, relative to the Department of Revenue; to conform certain provisions regarding the office of legal affairs created within the department; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 96—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1516(B), to authorize the secretary of the Department of Revenue to enter into contracts with debt collection agencies for the collection of certain in-state tax liabilities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 97—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend Act No. 28 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the comprehensive capital budget, by adding thereto a new Section, relative to the Bayou Segnette Golf Course in the office of state parks; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 98—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THORNHILL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(a) and (d), to enact R.S. 17:3048.1(O), and to repeal R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(b), relative to the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students; to provide for program eligibility, including residency, participation by otherwise qualified students who have graduated from certain nonpublic high schools within or outside of the state or who have successfully completed a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, removal of certain eligibility requirements relative to the Performance Award, and removal of the requirement relative to domicile; to provide conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 99—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(a), to enact R.S. 17:3048.1(O), and to repeal R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(b), relative to the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students; to provide for program eligibility, including residency and participation by otherwise qualified students graduating from certain out-of-state nonpublic high schools; to provide conditions; to remove eligibility requirements relative to domicile; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 100—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOWLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(G), relative to the training requirements for peace officers; to provide for certain exemptions from the prohibition of carrying of concealed weapons for retired law enforcement officers who have successfully completed certain training; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 101—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, DOWNER, AND McMAINS AND SENATORS CAIN, EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BAGNERIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:71.1(1)(d), 90(A)(3) and (8), 271.2(1)(d), and 286(A)(3) and (8) and to enact R.S. 14:93.21 and R.S. 26:91.1 and 287.1, all relative to the regulation of alcoholic beverages, to prohibit the presence of persons under twenty-one years of age at drinking establishments; to provide for the crime of unlawful presence at a drinking establishment; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 102—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, MCDONALD, DOWNER, MCMAINS,
CRANE, KENNEY, AND WALSWORTH AND SENATORS EWING,
DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BARHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:282.2, relative to character education programs; to require the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide a clearinghouse for information on character education programs; to permit city and parish school boards to offer character education curriculum; to provide relative to the dissemination of certain information to city and parish school systems; to provide relative to annual progress reports and rules and regulations; to provide for legislative findings; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 103—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1472(20)(A) and to enact R.S. 23:1601(7)(f), relative to unemployment compensation benefits; to include payments under the Worker Adjustment Retraining and Notification Act (WARN Act) in the definition of wages for purposes of unemployment compensation; to include WARN Act payments as a form of remuneration the receipt of which disqualifies an individual for unemployment compensation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 104—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:76(C)(10), relative to the Occupational Forecasting Conference; to provide with respect to comprehensive labor market information system; to change the projection date for occupational forecasting; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 105—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3048.1(B)(2)(c), relative to the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the administering agency; to provide for a procedure for waiver for certain students of a specified eligibility requirement relative to curriculum; to provide guidelines; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 106—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESTON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:939 and to repeal R.S. 46:286.1, relative to foster care; to establish the Grandparent Subsidy Program in the Office of Elderly Affairs; to establish eligibility requirements for the program; to authorize the Office of Elderly Affairs to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the program; to repeal the Kinship Foster Care Program; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 107—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPRE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:667(H), relative to driver's licenses; to delete exemptions for reinstatement fees under certain circumstances; to provide relative to seizure of drivers' licenses in connection with criminal charges; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 108—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPRE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:802(B)(4), (5), (6), and (7) and (D), relative to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; to provide for the membership and quorum of the commission; to allow for the appointment of certain designees to the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, 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

March 23, 1998

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. 1 and 5

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—

BY SENATOR EWING AND REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER AND
BRUNEAU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To invite the Honorable Murphy J. Foster, Governor of Louisiana to address a joint session of the legislature.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY SENATOR BARHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Houston L. Condrey, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, business owner, community leader, and friend.

Read by title.

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

Joint Session of the Legislature

The joint session of the legislature was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by the honorable Randy L. Ewing, President of the Senate.

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

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, 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 honorable M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of the State of Louisiana, to the joint session.

On the part of the Senate: Sens. Bean, Romero, Jones, Landry, Bajoie, and Branch.

On the part of the House: Reps. DeWitt, McMains, Thomas, Crane, Guillory, and Bowler.

The President of the Senate introduced the honorable M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., who addressed the joint session of the legislature.

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

House Business Resumed

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

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—
BY REPRESENTATIVES McMAINS, DANIEL, HOLDEN, AND DIMOS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Senate to support the inclusion of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT, LONG, AND BRUNEAU
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Richard Thompson, and to record the tribute of the citizens of Louisiana for the many contributions and achievements of Mr. Thompson, particularly during his twelve-year tenure as a distinguished member of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—
BY REPRESENTATIVES GAUTREAU, ODINET, AND ROUSSELLE AND
SENATORS ROBICHAUX AND ELLINGTON
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To repeal Louisiana Administrative Code 76:XVII.101(B), relative to establishing proof of income for applicants to the Commercial Fisherman's Assistance Program.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations to the legislature concerning foreign adoptions, procedures for recognizing foreign adoption orders, and other related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

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

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a comprehensive plan for the statewide implementation of alternative education programs and to present such plan, including any recommendations for full implementation by the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year and any recommended funding methods for the development and implementation of such plan, to the House and Senate Committees on Education prior to the beginning of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mr. Ben D. Johnson of Natchitoches for his generous donation to the Natchitoches Parish School Board to fund an innovative alternative education center in Natchitoches which has been named the Ben D. Johnson Education Center in his honor and for his many other contributions to education and to his community and state.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ODINET

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To continue and provide for the Louisiana Oyster Task Force and provide for membership and duties thereof.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ODINET

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 1999 Regular Session the provisions of R.S. 56:303.4, relative to the transportation and sale of commercial fishing catch insofar as those provisions apply to the transportation and sale of shrimp.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—

BY REPRESENTATIVES JOHN SMITH AND ILES AND SENATOR CAIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend the players, coaches, and managers of the Anacoco High School Lady Indians on an impressive season and on capturing the high school basketball championship.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER AND SENATOR SCHEDLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To nominate Bayou Liberty in St. Tammany Parish for inclusion in the Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System and provide for study and recommendations to the legislature on such nomination by the system administrator.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**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. 109—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:874(B)(1), relative to motor vehicle safety laws; to provide for reinstatement fees for suspended, revoked, or withdrawn drivers' licenses; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 110—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:406.1, relative to the issuance of revenue bonds by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide for the issuance of revenue bonds for the construction, equipping, and maintenance of immovables and related movables; to provide for the requirements of issuance including the revenues to be pledged for payment of such bonds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 111—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863(A)(3), relative to compulsory motor vehicle liability security requirements; to provide for reinstatement fees and sanctions for first and subsequent violations; to provide for dedication of fees; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 112—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:319(A), relative to gaming; to provide that twenty-one years shall be the minimum age for playing video poker; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 113—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:9025(B)(2) and 9070, relative to gaming; to provide that twenty-one years shall be the minimum age for playing the lottery; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 114—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAUTREAU

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 17 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, consisting of R.S. 30:2000.1 through 2000.8, inclusive; to provide relative to natural resources; to create the Atchafalaya Basin Program in the Department of Natural Resources and provide for duties and powers thereof; to create the Atchafalaya Basin Promotion and Research Board within the Atchafalaya Basin Program and provide for membership and powers thereof; to create the Atchafalaya Basin Advisory Committee within the Atchafalaya Basin Program and provide for membership and powers thereof; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 115—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:477(3) and 621.3, relative to the Third Judicial District; to add an additional judgeship to the Third Judicial District Court; to provide for election sections for the Third Judicial District; to provide relative to the terms of office of the judges; to provide for the effectiveness of such provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 116—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD, DOWNER, DEWITT, MCMAINS, CRANE, KENNEY, AND WALSWORTH AND SENATORS EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BARHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(2), relative to the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; to provide relative to the grades in which students are administered norm-referenced tests pursuant to the program; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 117—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD, DOWNER, DEWITT, MCMAINS, CRANE, KENNEY, AND WALSWORTH AND SENATORS EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BARHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:24.10 and to repeal R.S. 17:24.7, relative to preschool programs and early childhood development projects; to provide for the development of preschool programs for at-risk children; to provide for program procedures, guidelines, and participation; to provide relative to funding for the program and review and evaluation; to provide for rules and regulations; to remove provisions relative to early childhood development projects; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 118—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD, DOWNER, DEWITT, MCMAINS, CRANE, KENNEY, AND WALSWORTH AND SENATORS EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BARHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:81(A), relative to the general powers of city and parish school boards; to provide relative to the selection of teachers and other certified personnel; to provide for policies and procedures relative to the selection process; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 119—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD, DOWNER, MCMAINS, CRANE, DEWITT, KENNEY, AND WALSWORTH AND SENATORS EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, AND BARHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:154(B), 154.1, and 154.3(A), (B), and (D)(2) and to repeal R.S. 17:225, all relative to requirements concerning school time, including the length of the school day and school year, instructional time, and staff development days for teachers; to provide relative to the minimum number of instructional minutes per day and the minimum number of instructional days per year; to provide relative to modifications made to such instructional time by public school governing authorities with certain limitations; to provide relative to the use of instructional time which exceeds the minimum as required by law; to remove certain provisions relative to the minimum session of attendance required; to provide additional staff development days for teachers under certain circumstances; to provide relative to effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 120—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DONELON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:669(A)(1), (2), and (3), relative to health insurance policies; to provide for benefits for the treatment of certain severe mental illnesses and serious disorders; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 121—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WINSTON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3048.1(B)(2)(c), relative to the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the administering agency; to provide for a procedure for waiver for certain students of a specified eligibility requirement relative to curriculum; to provide guidelines; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 122—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:9025(B)(2) and 9070, relative to gaming; to provide that twenty-one years shall be the minimum age for playing the lottery; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 123—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:319(A), relative to gaming; to provide that twenty-one years shall be the minimum age for playing video poker; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 124—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOPKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(A)(5)(b)(i), relative to peace officers; to exempt peace officers who are in the performance of their duties from the provisions of law which prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Jetson, at 4:35 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, March 24, 1998, at 3:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 24, 1998.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House

C. Wayne Hays
Journal Clerk, *Emeritus*