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House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, April 27, 1998

The House of Representatives was called to order at 12:00 Noon, 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	Guillory	Powell
Alario	Hammett	Pratt
Alexander, A.—93rd	Heaton	Quezaire
Alexander, R.—13th	Hebert	Riddle
Ansardi	Hill	Romero
Barton	Holden	Rousselle
Baudoin	Hopkins	Salter
Baylor	Hudson	Scalise
Bowler	Hunter	Schneider
Bruce	Iles	Schwegmann
Bruneau	Jenkins	Shaw
Carter	Jetson	Smith, J.D.—50th
Chaisson	Johns	Smith, J.R.—30th
Clarkson	Kennard	Stelly
Copelin	Kenney	Strain
Crane	Lancaster	Theriot
Curtis	Landrieu	Thomas
Damico	LeBlanc	Thompson
Daniel	Long	Thornhill
Deville	Marionneaux	Toomy
DeWitt	Martiny	Travis
Diez	McCain	Triche
Dimos	McCallum	Vitter
Donelon	McDonald	Waddell
Dupre	McMains	Walsworth
Durand	Michot	Warner
Farve	Mitchell	Welch
Faucheux	Montgomery	Weston
Flavin	Morrell	Wiggins

Fontenot	Morrish	Wilkerson
Frith	Murray	Willard
Fruge	Odinet	Winston
Gautreaux	Perkins	Wright
Glover	Pierre	
Green	Pinac	
Total—103		

ABSENT

Windhorst
Total—1

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

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mike Boudreaux.

Pledge of Allegiance

Senators Siracusa, Dean, and Ullo led the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Long, the Speaker appointed the following committee to notify the Governor that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. DeWitt, Pierre, Walsworth, Baylor and Schwegmann.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Long, the Speaker appointed the following committee to notify the Senate that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. Triche, Hebert, Faucheux, Durand and Holden.

Committee from the Senate

A committee from the Senate notified the House that the Senate has convened and is prepared to transact business.

The Speaker thanked and dismissed the committee.

Petitions, Memorials and Communications

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

**STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Oklahoma Legislature**

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 50

BY SENATORS: Wright and Martin, also REPRESENTATIVES: Morgan, Weese, Key and Greenwood.

WHEREAS, separation of powers is fundamental to the United States Constitution and the power of the federal government is strictly limited; and

WHEREAS, under the United States Constitution, the states are to determine public policy; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the judiciary to interpret the law, not to create law; and

WHEREAS, federal district courts, with the acquiescence of the United States Supreme Court, continue to order states to levy or increase taxes to comply with the federal courts' interpretation of federal law; and

WHEREAS, the federal courts have strayed from the intent of our founding fathers and the United States Constitution through inappropriate judicial tax mandates; and

WHEREAS, these mandates by way of judicial decision have forced state governments to serve as the mere administrative arm of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, these court actions violate the United States Constitution and the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, the time has come for the people of this great nation and their duly elected representatives in state government to reaffirm, in no uncertain terms, that the authority to tax under the United States Constitution is retained by the people who, by their consent alone, do delegate such power to tax explicitly to themselves or those duly elected representatives being directly responsible and accountable to those who have elected them; and

WHEREAS, several states have petitioned the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the amendment was previously introduced in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the amendment seeks to prevent federal courts from levying or increasing taxes without representation of the people and against the people's wishes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the United States Congress prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the United States Constitution to add a new article providing as follows:

"Neither the Supreme Court nor any inferior court of the United States shall have the power to instruct or order a state or a political subdivision thereof, or an official of such a state or political subdivision, to levy or increase taxes."

THAT the Secretary of State is hereby directed to distribute copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Presiding Officer in each house of the legislature in each of the states of the Union, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate and to each member of the State of Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the Senate the 11th day of March, 1998.

Herb Roelle
Acting President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 2nd day of April, 1998.

Larry E. Adain
Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives

**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, under a suspension of the rules, were referred to committee:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DIMOS
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations to the Civil Law and Procedure Committee relative to the requirement of fault as a prerequisite to a divorce.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST
A RESOLUTION

To adopt House Rules 6.8(F) and (G) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to require certain legislative instruments with a certain fiscal cost to be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and to require that certain legislative instruments which increase or decrease fees or taxes or which authorize an increase in taxes to be recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 13.2 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide relative to suspension of the rules and the vote required to return to the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 6.16 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide that certain appointments to certain conference committees be made only after a request by a member of the standing committee to which the legislation or its duplicate was or would have been referred.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Houston Chief of Police and Grambling alumni Clarence O'Neal "Brad" Bradford for his many accomplishments upon the occasion of his visit to the Legislature of Louisiana.

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. 2—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct Louisiana State University Medical Center to establish an internship program for undergraduate college students who would not ordinarily have an opportunity to work directly in administrative or managerial positions in the medical field to allow such students to be exposed to the administrative and managerial functions involved in the delivery of health care services.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 20 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to require the appointment of members to conference committees after the rejection of amendments.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve the Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Plan for Fiscal Year 1998-1999, prepared 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. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 20 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, to provide procedures for and deadlines relative to legislative instruments recommitted due to fiscal impact; and to prohibit the recommitment of legislative instruments with a fiscal impact.

Read by title.

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

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, pursuant to House Rule 7.2(E), referred to committee:

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.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 4—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, BAYLOR, COPELIN, FAUCHEUX, GLOVER, MONTGOMERY, ODINET, PIERRE, WARNER, AND WILLARD-LEWIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to individual income tax credits; to authorize a credit for a portion of ad valorem taxes paid by homeowners; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, BAYLOR, COPELIN, DANIEL, DOERGE, FAUCHEUX, GLOVER, MONTGOMERY, ODINET, PIERRE, VITTER, WARNER, AND WILLARD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:601, 602, 603, 604, and 606(A)(introductory paragraph) and (C) and to repeal R.S. 47:603, relative to the corporation franchise tax; to provide that borrowed capital shall not be included in the levy of the tax after a certain time; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARTON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(16)(d), relative to the state sales and use tax; to define tangible personal property to exclude certain transactions relating to manufactured homes or mobile homes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(c)(iv)(aa) and 648.2(1)(c), relative to severance tax suspensions; to extend the period for severance tax suspensions for inactive and new discovery wells; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 8—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALSWORTH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6005(C)(1), relative to the tax credit for purchases of qualified recycling equipment; to extend the time period during which such purchases may be eligible for the credit; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 9—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COPELIN
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the motor vehicle license tax; to provide for the imposition of the tax by the legislature; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 10—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FRITH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(7)(b), relative to the sales and use tax; to provide that for purposes of the tax, lease or rental does not include the lease or rental of disposal barges or mud barges for subsequent re-lease or re-rental; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 11—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to the sales and use tax; to exempt retail sales in a specified geographic area in Orleans Parish from the sales and use tax imposed by the state and by political subdivisions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 12—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THERIOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(7)(b), relative to the sales and use tax; to provide that for purposes of the tax, lease or rental does not include the lease or rental of disposal barges or mud barges for subsequent re-lease or re-rental; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 13—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(18)(g), relative to state and local sales and use taxes; to define use to exclude telephone directories distributed free of charge from state and local sales and use taxes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 14—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DIMOS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to state and local sales and use tax; to provide for an exemption for the Salvation Army; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 15—
BY REPRESENTATIVES FAUCHEUX AND DURAND
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to state and local sales and use tax; to provide for an exemption for motor vehicles of certain retirees upon becoming domiciled in Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 16—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS AND SENATOR DYESS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(6) and to enact R.S. 47:301(14)(b)(iv), relative to the sales and use taxes of all taxing authorities in the state; to exclude property owned by nonprofit religious organizations from the definition of "hotel" and "places of amusement"; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 17—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOERGE

Withdrawn from the files of the House prior to introduction.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, BRUNEAU, LANCASTER, AND HUNTER AND SENATORS EWING, BAGNERIS, BARHAM, AND DARDENNE
AN ACT

To appropriate the sum of Forty-seven Million Eight Hundred Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Ten and No/100 (\$47,890,710.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the state general fund and to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 (\$350,000.00) Dollars from the state general fund to provide for the Legislative Auditor Ancillary Enterprise Fund and to appropriate self-generated funds, to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Legislature, including the expenses of the House of Representatives and the Senate, of

legislative service agencies, and of the Louisiana State Law Institute; and otherwise to provide with respect to the appropriations and allocations herein made.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 19—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 5 of Subtitle V of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:4351 through 4356, relative to property taxation; to authorize the Board of Commerce and Industry to enter into ad valorem tax exemption contracts with developers of retirement communities; to provide for contract terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 20—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the levy of new taxes affecting certain business entities; to provide for a five-year phase-in period for the levy of all new taxes which directly affect business corporations or limited liability companies; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 21—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article VII, Section 21(J) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to property taxation; to authorize the State Board of Commerce and Industry to contract with developers of retirement communities for the exemption of ad valorem taxes; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 22—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 5 of Subtitle V of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:4351 through 4356, relative to the corporation franchise tax; to authorize the Board of Commerce and Industry to enter into corporation franchise tax exemption contracts with certain business corporations which build new facilities or expand upon existing facilities in this state; to provide for contract terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 23—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 20(A)(1) and to add Article VII, Section 20(A)(4) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that the homestead exemption shall not apply to certain parish, school district, law enforcement district, and special district ad valorem taxes; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 24—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAW
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to state and local sales and use tax; to provide for an exemption for the Salvation Army; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 25—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 8 of the 1996 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the sales and use tax; to delete the provision of such Act which made the exemption for certain trucks and trailers used in interstate commerce null and void on July 1, 1998; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 26—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(8)(c), relative to the state sales and use tax; to define person to exclude a contractor or subcontractor designated as the agent of a public entity in a public works contract; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 27—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:1899(J), relative to costs in the City Court of Bogalusa; to provide for an additional cost of court in criminal matters; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. DeWitt, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 28—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:102(B)(3)(introductory paragraph) and 103(B)(3)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 11:102(B)(3)(e) and 103(B)(3)(f) and Chapter 22 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:2201 through 2204, relative to the issuance of bonds by the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority; to authorize the issuance of bonds by the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority to fund all or any portion of the unfunded accrued liability of any state or statewide public retirement system; to provide for the issuance of bonds and other obligations of the authority to finance or refinance such unfunded accrued liability; to provide for the collection of employer contributions or other payments necessary to repay such bonds and obligations related thereto; to provide for employer contributions and any other payments which may be pledged to the payment of such bonds; to provide for the ability to intercept the payment of state funds as security for such bonds; to provide for the use of proceeds of bonds to prepay the unfunded accrued liability of one or more public retirement systems; to provide for the deposit and investment of bond proceeds in and by public retirement systems; to provide for the creation of special funds for the deposit of bond proceeds and employer contributions and debt service contributions and employer contributions; to provide with respect to the authorization and security of and for such bonds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 29—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to limitation on the power to tax; to prohibit the legislature from legislating with regard to suspending or otherwise making inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect sales tax exemptions; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 30—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 4(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the income tax; to eliminate the individual and joint income tax rate ceiling; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 31—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRIEU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to state and local sales and use tax; to provide for an exemption for the Salvation Army; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 32—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAINS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(8)(e), relative to the sales and use tax; to define person to exclude an organization which is a member of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc.; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 33—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:3204(C), relative to tax exemption contracts; to authorize the Board of Commerce and Industry to enter into additional tax exemption contracts with certain entities; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 34—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:505.1, relative to registration of motor vehicles; to provide for a registration tax credit for the period of time remaining on the registration of a transferred vehicle; to provide for use of that credit; to provide relative to the effectiveness of the provisions; to provide for rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 35—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CLARKSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(8)(e), relative to the sales and use tax; to define person to exclude the Society of the Little Sisters of the Poor; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 36—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLDEN
 A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 21(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana; to provide that certain exemptions from ad valorem taxes granted shall not apply to ad valorem taxes levied by school boards; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 37—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE MARIONNEAUX
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:91(C), relative to riverboat gaming; to increase the franchise fee on net gaming proceeds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 38—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
 AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:315.4 and 1711, relative to sales and use tax; to authorize certain tax credits for sales and use taxes paid if there is a waiver of the homestead exemption; to provide certain terms, conditions, procedures, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 39—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE GAUTREAUX
 AN ACT

To enact R.S. 51:1792, relative to incentives under the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act; to prohibit the Board of Commerce and Industry from entering into contracts with foreign retail businesses; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 40—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER
 A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article XII, Section 6(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to dedicate the net proceeds derived from the state lottery for payment of salaries of teachers in public elementary and secondary schools of Louisiana; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 41—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE THORNHILL
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:2771(A)(3) and (E) and to repeal R.S. 51:2771(K), relative to the Louisiana Capital Investment Tax Credit; to allow a tax credit against the corporation income tax liability; to eliminate the termination date for the credit; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 42—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, BOWLER, AND DOERGE
 A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 20(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to extend the homestead exemption to a home which a person occupies as his primary residence and which he purchased under a bond for deed contract; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 43—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
 AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:287.95(J), relative to the corporation income tax; to provide for common paymaster situations with respect to salary, wages, and other compensation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 44—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1031, relative to the natural gas franchise tax; provides that the tax is imposed on the exercise of a corporation franchise or charter or the continuance of such franchise or charter; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 45—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
 AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:284, 317, 614, 615, 644, 868, 906, 1009, and 1039, relative to the Department of Revenue; to repeal certain provisions pertaining to the disposition of collections; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 46—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:305.21, relative to sales and use tax; to repeal the exemption for purchases and leases of certain types of tangible personal property by commuter airlines domiciled in Louisiana; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 47—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:305.24, relative to sales and use tax; to repeal the exemption for sales of monetized bullion; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 48—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:305(C)(1), relative to sales and use tax; to repeal the exemption for articles of tangible personal property when traded in for other articles of tangible personal property; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 49—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To repeal Part IV of Chapter 6 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:691 through 697, to repeal the royalty gas excise tax; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 50—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To repeal Part II of Chapter 6 of Subtitle II of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:651, relative to a tax on forest products grown on lands reforested; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 51—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To repeal Part III of Chapter 6 of Subtitle II of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:671 through 681.1,

relative to the gas gathering tax; to repeal obsolete provisions; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 52—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To repeal Part I-D of Chapter 6 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:648.11, relative to the severance tax; to repeal the severance tax exemption for certain oil wells; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 53—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:7, relative to tax credits for natural gas consumption by a manufacturing establishment or an electric generating plant operated by a municipality; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 54—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLDEN
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 21(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that certain contracts for exemption granted by the State Board of Commerce and Industry which provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by a school board shall be subject to the approval of the school board levying the tax; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 55—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(8)(c), relative to the state sales and use tax; to define person to exclude a contractor or subcontractor designated as the agent of a public entity in a public works contract; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 56—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.11(A), relative to corporation income tax; to provide that any entity taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes will also be taxed as a corporation for state income tax purposes; to provide for the applicability of such provision; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 57—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.732(A) and to enact R.S. 47:287.732(C) and 287.732.1, relative to the state income tax liability of S corporations and qualified Subchapter S subsidiary corporations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 58—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(19), relative to the sales and use tax; to provide that the use tax shall apply to certain dealers who withdraw inventory for personal use; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 59—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(1) and (10)(c)(ii) and to enact R.S. 47:301(10)(c)(iii), relative to sales and use tax; to provide that the exclusion for isolated or occasional sales shall not apply if a fee is paid to a broker; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 60—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305.1(B), relative to sales and use tax exemptions; provides for the exemption which is applicable to certain ships operating in commerce between states, the United States, and foreign nations, or foreign nations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 61—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:303(B)(6), relative to local sales and use taxes; to repeal the authority of certain lessors or renters of automobiles to recover certain local sales or use taxes from the lessees of their automobiles; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 62—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(b) and (c)(i), relative to the severance tax; to authorize the Department of Revenue to certify incapable and stripper oil wells; to provide for the value used to determine the exemption for certified stripper well production; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 63—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:305.27, 305.29, 305.34, and 305.35, relative to sales and use taxes; to repeal sales tax exemptions for certain governmental entities; and to provide for an effective date.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 64—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633.1, relative to the severance tax; to eliminate reduced rates for natural gas sold under certain contracts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 65—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC
AN ACT

To provide for the establishment and reestablishment of agency ancillary funds, to be specifically known as internal service funds, auxiliary funds, or enterprise funds for certain state institutions, officials, and agencies; to provide for appropriation of funds; and to regulate the administration of said funds.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 66—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARVE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 4(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to income taxes; to remove the constitutional provision setting maximum rates for the state personal income tax; to delete the deductibility of federal income taxes paid from state personal income taxes; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 67—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARVE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:32(A) and (B), 293(6)(a)(iv) and (7), and 296(A) and to repeal R.S. 47:293(6)(a)(i) and (ii) and 296(C), relative to personal income taxes; to change the rates and brackets for state personal income taxes; to delete the deductibility of federal income taxes paid from state personal income taxes; to delete the deductibility of excess federal itemized deductions; to authorize the promulgation of tax tables; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 68—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to state sales and use tax; to exempt sales of machinery and equipment used by certain businesses to produce consumer products or provide consumer services; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 69—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:358(B), relative to occupational license tax on electric utilities; to provide for imposition of the tax at each place of business; to define business location; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 70—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 4(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize imposition of additional income taxes not to exceed one percent; to provide for the distribution of the additional one percent to certain parishes; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 71—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana, to amend Article VII, Section 4(C) and to add Article VI, Section 29.1, to authorize parishes to levy an income tax subject to voter approval; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 72—

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.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 73—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the formula for the minimum foundation program of education; to permit legislative amendment of the formula adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education prior to approval of the formula by the legislature; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 74—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(7)(b), relative to the sales and use tax; to provide that for purposes of the tax, lease or rental does not include the lease or rental of disposal barges or mud barges for subsequent re-lease or re-rental; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 75—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAISSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 3 of Act Number 12 of the 1996 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the sales and use tax; to delete the provision which made such Act, which provides for an exclusion for certain transactions involving motor vehicles purchased for subsequent lease, null and void on July 1, 1998; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 76—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:601, 602, 603, 604, and 606(A)(introductory paragraph) and (C) and to repeal R.S. 47:603, relative to the corporation franchise tax; to provide that borrowed capital shall not be included in the levy of the tax after a certain time; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 77—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article VII, Section 21(J) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize the town of Vidalia to exempt certain property from municipal ad valorem taxes; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 78—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLDEN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6012, relative to credits against the individual and corporate income tax; to provide for a credit for donations of food products to food banks; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 79—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLDEN
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 21(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that any contract of exemption entered into by the State Board of Commerce and Industry and a manufacturing establishment shall require a payment in lieu of taxes for any exemption from ad valorem taxes imposed by a school board; to provide for the distribution of any funds received from such payments; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 80—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLDEN
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 21(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to phase out the exemptions granted by the State Board of Commerce and Industry as such exemptions apply to ad valorem taxes levied by school boards; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 81—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRIEU
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for the subordination and waiver of ad valorem tax liens on blighted property under certain circumstances; to provide for the forgiveness of past due ad valorem taxes on blighted property under certain circumstances; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 82—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(16)(d), relative to the state sales and use tax; to define tangible personal property to exclude certain transactions relating to mobile homes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 83—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for the subordination and waiver of ad valorem tax liens on blighted property under certain circumstances; to provide for the forgiveness of past due ad valorem taxes on blighted property under certain circumstances; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 84—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that the age of majority is twenty-one years; to provide that persons who have already attained the age of eighteen years are unaffected; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 85—
BY Representative ALARIO
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana, to amend Article VII, Section 20(A)(3), and to add Article VII, Section 20(A)(4), to authorize a procedure for increasing the homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes levied solely within the parish by the parish or by a special ad valorem taxing district located solely within a parish; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 86—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLDEN
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 21(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that commercial hazardous waste incinerators are not eligible for the exemption from ad valorem taxation for new manufacturing establishments or additions to existing manufacturing establishments; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 87—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(16)(d), relative to the state sales and use tax; to define tangible personal property to exclude certain transactions relating to mobile homes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 88—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYLOR
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 21(H) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for a maximum of two additional five-year terms for tax exemption contracts for certain property in downtown development districts; to provide for submission of

the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 89—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VI, Section 29(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that any increase of an existing sales and use tax or imposition of an additional sales and use tax by a political subdivision shall not apply to the furnishing of sleeping rooms, cottages, or cabins by a hotel; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 90—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Sections 19 and 21(C)(14) and (E) of the Constitution of Louisiana, all relative to the taxation of motor vehicles and certain boats; to remove certain restrictions on the levy of a state ad valorem tax on motor vehicles and boats; to prohibit the levy of a sales and use tax on such motor vehicles and boats when a state ad valorem tax thereon is imposed; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 91—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MONTGOMERY, DOERGE, AND DURAND
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article VIII, Section 16 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to make inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect certain exemptions from one percent of the state sales and use tax; to provide for the use of the proceeds for salary increases for teachers and school support personnel; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 92—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article VII, Section 1.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize a law levying or authorizing a new tax, increasing an existing tax, or legislating with regard to any tax exemption, exclusion, deduction, reduction, repeal, or credit to become operative when approved by the electors of this state who vote thereon in an election held for that purpose; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 93—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the formula for the minimum foundation program of education; to permit legislative amendment of the formula adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education prior to approval of the formula by the legislature; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 94—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRIEU

Withdrawn from the files of the House prior to introduction.

HOUSE BILL NO. 95—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WINSTON
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 21(H) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for a maximum of two additional five-year terms for tax exemption contracts for certain property in downtown development districts; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**Introduction of House Bills
and Joint Resolutions**

The following named members introduced the following entitled House Bills and Joint Resolutions which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading and, under a suspension of the rules, were referred to committee as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 96—
BY REPRESENTATIVE STELLY
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article VII, Section 4-A of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to taxation of activities on Indian reservations; to provide for the circumstances under which state taxes may be levied upon non-gaming activities and gaming activities; to provide for certain tax compacts and agreements; to provide for good faith negotiations; to provide for certain dedications; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 97—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(16)(d), relative to the state sales and use tax; to define tangible personal property to exclude certain work products which are created in the normal course of business by any person licensed or regulated by the provisions of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 98—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:643.1, relative to the taxation of timber; to provide that the severance tax shall be the only tax on timber or the right to cut and remove or use timber; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 99—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DIMOS, BRUNEAU, CRANE, DAMICO, DANIEL,
DIEZ, DONELON, DURAND, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, HEBERT,
LANCASTER, MARTINY, MCCALLUM, ODINET, PERKINS, PIERRE,
SCALISE, AND TRICHE AND SENATORS BARHAM, CASANOVA, DEAN,
GREENE, HEITMEIER, HOLLIS, JORDAN, ROMERO, SCHEDLER,
SHORT, SIRACUSA, AND ULLO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(10)(s), relative to the state sales and use tax; to exclude sales or purchases made by approved nonpublic schools; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 100—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, DEWITT, AND MCMAINS AND
SENATORS EWING, DARDENNE, HAINKEL, BARHAM, AND ROMERO
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 Driver Training Facility in the office of management and finance of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 101—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.1.2, relative to parish road use taxes; to authorize the governing authority of St. John the Baptist Parish, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect an annual parish road use tax on automobiles and trucks; to provide relative to collection of the tax including agreements with the assistant secretary of the office of motor vehicles for such collection; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 102—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:44.3, relative to the state income tax; to exclude certain income of persons sixty-five years of age or older from the tax; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 103—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:841(B)(3) and to repeal R.S. 47:841(E) and (F), relative to the tobacco tax; to increase the tax on cigarettes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 104—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.38, to authorize the governing authority of Allen Parish to impose a one percent hotel occupancy tax within the parish to be used to fund capital improvements in the parish; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 105—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARTINY
AN ACT

To repeal Chapter 14 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:1201 through 1212, to repeal the gift tax; and to provide for the effective date and applicability of such repeal.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 106—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDONALD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.1.1, relative to ad valorem taxes for public cemetery maintenance; to authorize the governing authority of Morehouse Parish to levy ad valorem taxes in any ward for the maintenance and upkeep of public cemeteries; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 107—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(13)(f), (14)(j), (16)(d), (e), and (f), (22), (23), and (24), relative to the state sales and use tax; to define tangible personal property to exclude certain transactions relating to the sales of services; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 108—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2739.1 and to repeal Chapter 2 of Title 4 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 4:41 through 46, relative to amusement taxes levied by local governing authorities; to repeal authorization for such a tax; to prohibit a governing authority of a political subdivision from levying certain taxes associated with live music performance; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 109—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:606(F), relative to corporation franchise tax; to provide for the allocation of property and net sales when a corporation merges; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 110—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:601, 606(C), and 611, relative to the corporation franchise tax; to repeal the minimum tax; to provide for a one-time initial corporation franchise tax; to exempt certain corporations from the tax; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 111—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:303(B)(1) and 511(B), relative to the payment of sales and use taxes on vehicles; to provide for the payment of sales and use taxes on those vehicles that are used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in Louisiana, which are not required to be titled or registered by the vehicle commissioner; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 112—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305(E)(1), relative to sales and use tax; to provide for the exemption from taxation of transactions in interstate commerce under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 113—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to exemptions from state sales and use taxes; to provide an exemption for purchases made by the United Way of Louisiana and its agencies; to provide for implementation by the Department of Revenue; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 114—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(7)(h), relative to state and local sales and use taxes; to provide for the exclusion of certain leases or rentals of motor vehicles to automobile dealerships; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 115—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.38, relative to Bossier Parish; to authorize, subject to voter approval, the levy of an ad valorem tax in the parish; to provide relative to the amount, duration, collection, and use of such tax; to provide for the entity which is authorized to levy such tax; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 116—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:302(N) and 331(L), relative to the state sales and use tax; to provide relative to the effectiveness of certain exemptions to the tax; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 117—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEBLANC AND DOWNER AND SENATOR BAGNERIS

AN ACT

To appropriate funds to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary, including the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, District Courts, Criminal District Court of Orleans Parish, and other courts; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 118—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2718.6, relative to sales and use taxes imposed by political subdivisions; to provide a credit to be taken against such taxes for ad valorem taxes paid by a business adversely impacted by public works projects; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 119—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:287.759, relative to the corporation income tax; to provide a nonrefundable tax credit for contributions to certain nonprofit organizations which provide financial assistance to students attending elementary or secondary schools; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 120—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STELLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:44.1, relative to the individual income tax; to exempt all retirement income from taxation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 121—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STELLY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:13, relative to taxation of activities on Indian reservations; to provide for the circumstances under which state taxes may be levied upon nongaming activities and gaming activities; to provide for certain tax compacts and agreements; to provide for good faith negotiations; to provide for certain dedications; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 122—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANSARDI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1068(E)(2)(c) and (d) and 1079 and R.S. 51:1931, relative to tax liabilities and credits for investment in certified Louisiana capital companies; to provide for extensions for investing by insurance companies; to provide for certain premium tax reductions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 123—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHOT
AN ACT

To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana to be used to pay the stipulated judgment in the suit entitled "Dr. William Wolfe, Dr. Charles D. Hancock, Jr., Dr. Edwin Walker and Dr. Melvin Miller versus the State of Louisiana, through its treasurer, Ken Duncan", and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 124—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY

By motion, Rule 7.2(E) was suspended to allow the above bill to be introduced at a later date.

HOUSE BILL NO. 125—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESTON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 3 of Act 535 of the 1988 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Section 2 of Act No. 285 of the 1992 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Section 3 of Act No. 1291 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program; to eliminate the termination provision; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 126—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, DEWITT, DOWNER, AND MCMAINS,
AND SENATORS DARDENNE, EWING, HAINKEL, BARHAM, AND ROMERO

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:302(N) and 331(L), relative to the state sales and use tax; to provide relative to the effectiveness of certain exemptions to the tax; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 127—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARTON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.18.2, relative to the taxing authority of certain parish governing authorities; to authorize the governing authorities of any two adjoining parishes, subject to voter approval and other prerequisites, to levy a hotel occupancy tax for purposes related to the construction and operation of a convention center facility; to provide relative to the levy and collection of such tax and to the facility to be financed; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 128—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:13, relative to taxation of activities on Indian reservations; to provide for the circumstances under which state taxes may be levied upon non-gaming activities and gaming activities; to provide for certain tax compacts and agreements; to provide for good faith negotiations; to provide for certain dedications; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 129—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRIEU
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6012, relative to corporate taxation; to provide for a tax credit for corporations to be taken against the corporation income and franchise taxes for the donation of certain property to a public school; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 130—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRIEU
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:13, relative to taxation of activities on Indian reservations; to provide for the circumstances under which state taxes may be levied upon nongaming activities and gaming activities; to provide for certain tax compacts and agreements; to provide for good faith negotiations; to provide for certain dedications; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 131—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARIONNEAUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(u), relative to the sales and use tax; to exempt adaptive driving equipment and motor vehicle modifications prescribed by a physician, a licensed chiropractor, or a qualified mobility equipment dealer or driver rehabilitation specialist; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 132—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCALLUM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1206 and to repeal Chapter 14 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:1201 through 1212, relative to the gift tax; to phase in a reduction and repeal of the gift tax; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 133—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to sales and use tax; to provide for an exemption for rental of certain medical devices and appliances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 134—
BY REPRESENTATIVES STELLY AND FLAVIN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1501.4, relative to fire protection districts operating in Calcasieu Parish; to prohibit the collection of certain ad valorem taxes by such districts in areas which have been annexed by municipalities; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 135—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THERIOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:312(C)(3), relative to the Video Draw Poker Device Fund; to dedicate a portion of the proceeds in the fund to highway overlay in the annual capital outlay budget; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 136—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VITTER
AN ACT

To repeal Chapter 14 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:1201 through 1212, to repeal the gift tax; and to provide for the effective date and applicability of such repeal.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 137—
BY REPRESENTATIVES WINSTON AND CLARKSON
AN ACT

To enact Subpart U of Part I of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:120.61, relative to state individual income tax checkoffs; to provide for a method for individuals to donate a portion of any refund due to Louisiana Breast Cancer Task Force; to provide for collection and disbursement of the donation by the Department of Revenue; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 138—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WINSTON
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:8011(A)(2)(d), relative to the Tax Increment Development Act; to repeal the requirement of an election in each affected parish, municipality, and taxing district.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 139—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WINSTON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to state and local sales and use tax; to provide for an exemption for motor vehicles of certain retirees upon becoming domiciled in Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 140—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WINSTON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:44.3, relative to the state income tax; to exclude certain income of persons sixty years of age or older from the tax; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 141—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:13, relative to taxation of activities on Indian reservations; to provide for the circumstances under which state taxes may be levied upon nongaming activities and gaming activities; to provide for certain tax compacts and agreements;

to provide for good faith negotiations; to provide for certain dedications; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 142—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(7)(b), (10)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii), and (18)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii) and to repeal R.S. 47:301(10)(a)(iv) and (18)(a)(iv), relative to state and political subdivision sales and use tax; to exclude from such tax tangible personal property purchased, leased, or rented which is, in turn, leased or rented; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 143—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:393, relative to the taxation of slot machine gaming at certain live horse racing tracks as authorized by Act 721 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature; to levy a tax on taxable net slot machine proceeds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 144—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305.50(A), relative to the sales and use tax; to exempt certain contract carrier buses used in interstate commerce; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 145—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
AN ACT

To repeal Section 2 of Act 10 of the 1996 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the tax credit for donations to the Old State Capitol, the State Capitol Complex, and the State Archival, Historical and Public Records Services; to repeal the provision which made such credit null and void on June 30, 1998.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 146—
BY REPRESENTATIVES PERKINS, BRUNEAU, DANIEL, DONELON, JENKINS, LANCASTER, MICHOT, SCALISE, THORNHILL, VITTER, AND WINDHORST AND SENATORS CASANOVA, DEAN, GREENE, AND SHORT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide a tax credit for nonuse of public schools; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 147—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHWEGMANN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:92(B)(2)(b) and (c) and to enact R.S. 27:92(B)(2)(d) and (D), relative to riverboat gaming; to create the Orleans Levee District Riverboat Gaming Fund; to provide for disposition of monies in such fund; to provide for effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 148—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAW
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387.6 and 387.7, relative to special permits for overweight vehicles; to increase permit fees for vehicles hauling cotton modules or sugarcane; to reduce weight limits on vehicles hauling sugarcane; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 149—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAW
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387(C)(3)(d), (e), and (g) and to repeal R.S. 32:387(C)(3)(f), relative to special permits issued by the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development; to increase the permit fee for special harvest season permits; to increase the permit fee for certain vehicles engaged in the transfer of commercial and household garbage; to increase the permit fee for trucks fitted with a compactor body; and to repeal special permits for certain vehicles engaged in the transfer of commercial and household garbage and recyclable waste paper products; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 150—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387.9, relative to special permits for trucks hauling agronomic or horticultural crops; to provide for an increase in fees; to provide for penalties; to provide for invalidation of permits; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 151—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:462(B)(3)(a), relative to the vehicle registration license tax on trucks and trailers; to increase annual registration license tax for certain trucks; to provide for the allocation of revenues; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 152—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAW

AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 32:387.10, relative to motor vehicles; to repeal the authorization for the issuance of special overweight permits for vehicles transporting timber cutting or logging equipment under certain conditions.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 153—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1485.4(2)(introductory paragraph), (a), and (b), relative to the Charitable Raffles, Bingo, and Keno Licensing Law; to provide with respect to certain charitable gaming taxes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 154—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:13, relative to taxation of activities on Indian reservations; to provide for the circumstances under which state taxes may be levied upon nongaming activities and gaming activities; to provide for certain tax compacts and agreements; to provide for good faith negotiations; to provide for certain dedications; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 155—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, R. ALEXANDER, CLARKSON, DAMICO, DANIEL, DIEZ, DURAND, FAUCHEUX, FONTENOT, FRUGE, GLOVER, HEBERT, HOPKINS, MARTINY, MCCALLUM, MORRISH, PERKINS, PIERRE, PINAC, POWELL, SCALISE, AND WADDELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(16)(d), relative to sales and use tax; to exclude certain manufacturing machinery and equipment from the definition of tangible personal property; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 156—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:841(B)(3) and to repeal R.S. 47:841(E) and (F), relative to the tobacco tax; to increase the tax on cigarettes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 157—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARTINY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:2401(B), relative to the inheritance tax; to provide that the inheritance tax shall not apply for deaths occurring after June 30, 2004; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 158—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RIDDLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:91(C) and to enact R.S. 27:311(D)(5), relative to the taxation of gaming activities; to increase such taxes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 159—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:393, relative to the taxation of slot machine gaming at certain live horse racing tracks as authorized by Act 721 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature; to levy a tax on taxable net slot machine proceeds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 160—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(16)(d), relative to the state sales and use tax; to define tangible personal property to exclude certain transactions relating to manufactured or mobile homes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 161—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS
AN ACT

To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for the Fiscal Year 1998-1999 to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to be credited to the special fund in the state treasury created in R.S. 33:2218.3 for payment of supplemental salaries to municipal police officers as provided in R.S. 33:2218.2, for the purpose of paying uncollected back supplemental pay to Wayne Adams, City Marshal for the city of Bogalusa.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 162—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 8 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 27:401, relative to the taxation of gaming; to impose a tax on all entities which conduct a form of gaming licensed by the Louisiana Gaming Board; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 163—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1485.4(12), relative to the Charitable Raffles, Bingo, and Keno Licensing Law; to provide with respect to certain charitable gaming taxes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 164—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KENNEY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(8)(e), relative to the sales and use tax; to define person to exclude nonpublic schools or home schools; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 165—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide an income tax credit to taxpayers whose children attend an approved nonpublic school or participate in an approved home study program; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 166—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:601, 602, 603, 604, and 606(A)(introductory paragraph) and (C) and to repeal R.S. 47:603, relative to the corporation franchise tax; to provide that borrowed capital shall not be included in the levy of the tax after a certain time; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 167—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAW
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387.10(A)(2), relative to special overweight permits for trucks transporting timber cutting or logging equipment; to provide for fees; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 168—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COPELIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.501(A), relative to the corporation income tax; to provide relative to the taxation of nonprofit corporations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 169—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COPELIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:33, relative to the individual income tax; to provide for a credit for taxes paid to another state on income from property in such state which is also subject to taxation in Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 170—BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:297(H)(1), relative to income tax credits; to increase the credit for physicians who practice in rural areas; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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**

April 27, 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 No. 1

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 BAGNERIS AND REPRESENTATIVE 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.

Joint Session of the Legislature

The joint session of the legislature was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by the Honorable Randy L. Ewing, President of the Senate.

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

On motion of Rep. Dimos, 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. Tarver, Bajoie, Landry, Lambert, Schedler, and Short.

On the part of the House: Reps. Hebert, Triche, Durand, LeBlanc, Baudoin, and Bruce.

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. Short, the Senate retired to its own chamber.

House Business Resumed**Introduction of House Bills
and Joint Resolutions**

The following named members introduced the following entitled House Bills and Joint Resolutions which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading and, under a suspension of the rules, were referred to committee as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 171—BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:321(F) and (G), relative to state sales and use tax; to provide for the effectiveness of certain exemptions to the tax; to create the Education Compensation Enhancement Fund in the state treasury; to provide for the use of monies in the fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 172—BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:841(B)(3), (4), (5), and (6) and to repeal R.S. 47:841(E) and (F), relative to the tobacco tax; to increase the tax on cigarettes; to provide for the creation of the "Tobacco Tax Fund" in the state treasury; to provide for dedication of the monies in the fund to certain entities and purposes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 173—BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:44.1, relative to the state income tax; to increase the exemption on annual retirement income for persons sixty-five years of age or older; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 174—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL

AN ACT

To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana to be used to pay the final judgment in the suit entitled "Maurio Brown v. Louisiana Indemnity Company, et al. c/w Willie Ballard v. Louisiana Indemnity Company, et al. c/w Jesse Green, Jr. v. Louisiana Indemnity Company, et al."; to provide for interest; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 175—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:91(C), relative to riverboat gaming; to increase the franchise fee on net gaming proceeds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 176—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 51:1266, relative to the Louisiana Hospitality Research Center; to provide for its creation; to provide for its purpose; to provide for its administration by a director and his powers and duties; to establish an advisory committee and provide for its membership, functions, and duties; to provide for submission of a plan of operations; to provide for funding and recordkeeping; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 177—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WADDELL

AN ACT

To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for Fiscal Year 1998-1999 to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to be used to pay the final judgments in the suits entitled "Milton L. Mosby, et al. vs. Wade Correctional Center, et al." and "Lenward E. Goree, et al. vs. Bruce N. Lynn, et al."; to provide for interest; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 178—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WESTON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:120.35, relative to state individual income tax checkoffs; to provide for the income tax checkoff for

donations to the Children's Trust Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 179—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297.3, relative to the individual income tax; to provide a credit for married couples based on years of marriage; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 180—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

AN ACT

To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for the Fiscal Year 1998-1999 to be used to pay legal expenses incurred by Benjamin B. Rayburn in his successful defense of criminal charges brought against him, which charges arose from actions taken by him in the discharge of his duties and within the scope of his membership in the Louisiana Senate; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**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. 181—
BY REPRESENTATIVES FRUGE, DEVILLE, HUDSON, AND BAUDOIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 4 of Act No. 289 of the 1980 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 642 of the 1984 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission; to provide for appropriation of surplus funds accumulated by the commission to a fund dedicated to the repair of St. Landry Parish's rural roads; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 182—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 4-B of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:561 through 576, relative to automobile insurance coverage tax; to create the basic motor vehicle insurance coverage program; to establish the Louisiana Drivers Fund Committee; to provide for a board of directors, membership, compensation, and authority; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 183—BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY
AN ACT

To enact Part VI of Chapter 5 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 32:1051 through 1066, relative to automobile insurance; to create the basic motor vehicle insurance coverage program; to establish the Louisiana Drivers Fund Committee; to provide for a board of directors, membership, compensation, and authority; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 184—BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1123(3), (4), (5), and (6) and 1124 and to enact R.S. 47:1123(7), relative to the Louisiana Motion Picture Incentive Act; to provide for the requirements for obtaining a sales and use tax refund; to provide for the applicability of the refund; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 185—BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6007(B)(4) and (7) and (C)(1), relative to the motion picture investor tax credit; to expand the availability of the credit; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 186—BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1123 and to enact R.S. 47:1125.1, relative to the Louisiana Motion Picture Incentive Act; to provide for a tax credit for employing Louisiana residents; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 187—BY REPRESENTATIVE WINSTON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide for a credit for adoptive parents for certain medical expenses; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 188—BY REPRESENTATIVE HOPKINS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9033.3, relative to local finance; to provide relative to sales tax incremental financing in certain municipalities; to provide for development and notice of a proposed sales tax area; to provide for determination of applicable sales taxes, increments, and collection rates; to require certification of collection rates; to require publication of and a period of objection to proposed rates; to provide for issuance of bonds; to provide relative to service of bonds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 189—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MONTGOMERY, BRUCE, COPELIN, DEWITT, DUPRE, DURAND, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREAU, ILES, MICHOT, PIERRE, PINAC, SALTER, TRAVIS, AND WADDELL AND SENATOR BEAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1851(M) and to repeal R.S. 47:1851(P) and (Q), relative to the ad valorem tax; to provide that the properties of telephone and telegraph companies shall not be considered public service properties and shall be locally assessed as "other property" for Louisiana ad valorem property tax purposes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 190—BY REPRESENTATIVE HOPKINS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9033 and 9034 and to enact R.S. 33:9022(5), 9037(Q), and 9038, relative to local finance; to provide relative to sales tax incremental financing; to provide for development and notice of a proposed sales tax area; to provide for determination of applicable sales taxes, increments, and collection rates; to require certification of collection rates; to require publication of and a period of objection to proposed rates; to provide for issuance of bonds; to provide relative to service of bonds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 191—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRISH

By motion, Rule 7.2(E) was suspended to allow the above bill to be introduced at a later date.

HOUSE BILL NO. 192—BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:602(E), relative to the corporation franchise tax; to provide for the definition of "controlled group" for purposes of certain deductions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 193—BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the purchase of biodiesel fuel; to provide a credit against the individual income tax for the purchase of such fuel; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 194—BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(A) and (C), to enact R.S. 47:841(B)(3), and to repeal R.S. 47:841(E) and (F), relative to the tobacco tax; to increase the tax on cigars, cigarettes, and smoking tobacco; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 195—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:321(C) and 322, relative to the sales and use tax; to provide that the one percent tax on sales of services imposed by Section 2 of Act No. 5 of the 1996 Regular Session of the Legislature was not intended to apply to the furnishing of telecommunications services; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 196—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:59.2, relative to the individual income tax; to provide a deduction from gross income for married couples based on years of marriage; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 197—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:602(F), relative to the corporation franchise tax; to provide a deduction from taxable capital for corporations adversely impacted by state transportation projects; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 198—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROUSSELLE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6006.2, relative to tax credits; to provide that there shall be allowed a credit against corporate and personal income taxes and corporate franchise tax for ad valorem taxes which are paid to political subdivisions for certain oil and gas wells; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 199—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THERIOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:91(C), relative to riverboat gaming; to increase the franchise fee on net gaming proceeds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 200—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide for an income tax credit for the purchase of a bulletproof vest by law enforcement officers and certain employees of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 201—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide for a credit for certain postsecondary educational expenses incurred by qualifying full-time state employees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 202—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JETSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:462(B)(3)(a), 463(A)(1) and (3), and 475, to enact R.S. 47:463(D), and to repeal R.S. 47:462(B)(6) and 465, relative to motor vehicle registration taxes; to provide for the registration license schedule for certain types of vehicles; to provide for the issuance of uniform license plates for certain types of vehicles; to provide for the minimum annual motor vehicle license tax; to repeal provisions relative to a staggered registration system for certain types of vehicles; to repeal provisions relative to the annual registration license tax for motorcycles; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 203—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WINSTON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide for a credit for foster parents for certain recreational expenses; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 204—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KENNEY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2844.2, relative to local sales and use taxes; to provide for a method of distribution; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 205—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide a credit against the individual income tax for the purchase of a sanitary sewerage system; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 206—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRIEU
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.38, relative to taxes levied by certain municipalities; to authorize certain municipalities to levy a tax, subject to voter approval, on the retail sale of alcoholic beverages sold by certain establishments for consumption on premises; to provide relative to the use of such tax; to provide relative to the levy of an amusement tax in such municipalities; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 207—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUDSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:388(A), relative to oversize and overweight vehicles; to provide for penalties for failure to stop at stationary weight enforcement scales; to provide for certain exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 208—BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:2477 and R.S. 47:463.57, relative to motor vehicle license tax; to provide for an "Animal Friendly" prestige license plate; to provide for the amount of the tax; to provide for the creation of the Pet Overpopulation Control Fund; to provide for its use; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 209—BY REPRESENTATIVE KENNARD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:1(B), relative to the unlawful sale of tickets; to prohibit out-of-state vendors from selling tickets at inflated prices; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 210—BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 8 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 27:401, relative to the taxation of gaming; to impose a tax on all entities which conduct a form of gaming licensed by the Louisiana Gaming Board; to provide for legislative intent with respect to expenditures of the proceeds of the tax; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 211—BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1505.1, relative to certain fire protection districts in Richland Parish; to authorize such districts to levy an additional parcel fee; to provide with respect to the levy and collection of such fee; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 212—BY REPRESENTATIVE DONELON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.57, relative to motor vehicle registration license taxes; to provide for the Kiwanis International prestige license plate; to provide for the amount of the tax; to provide for royalty fees; to provide for a contract relative to royalty fees; to allocate fees; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 213—BY REPRESENTATIVE WINSTON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide for a credit for certain adoption expenses of Louisiana residents; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 214—BY REPRESENTATIVE HEATON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:93.1, relative to riverboat gaming; to authorize the levy of a dockside gaming tax for dockside gaming in parishes in which the licensed berth of a riverboat is located; to provide

for imposition by resolution of the governing authority; to provide for approval of the qualified electors in a parish; to authorize the governing authority to provide for the disposition of the avails of the tax; to provide for the promulgation of rules relative to dockside gaming; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 215—BY REPRESENTATIVE PRATT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:841(B)(3) and (4) and to repeal R.S. 47:841(E) and (F), relative to the tobacco tax; to increase the tax on cigarettes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 216—BY REPRESENTATIVE PRATT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:841(B)(3) and (4) and to repeal R.S. 47:841(E) and (F), relative to the tobacco tax; to increase the tax on cigarettes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 217—BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDONALD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:13, relative to taxation of activities on Indian reservations; to provide for the circumstances under which state taxes may be levied upon nongaming activities and gaming activities; to provide for certain tax compacts and agreements; to provide for good faith negotiations; to provide for certain dedications; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 218—BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2711(A)(3), relative to sales and use taxes; to clarify the existing maximum rates levied and collected by incorporated municipalities; to provide for retroactive application; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 219—BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:120.37(D) and to enact R.S. 47:120.37(E), (F), and (G), relative to donations of income tax refunds; to require the annual rotation of donees included on income tax return forms; to allow donees to provide additional information on such form; to provide a procedure for reinstatement of certain donees on the tax form; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 220—BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1377(B)(1), relative to the Workers' Compensation Second Injury Fund; to reduce the annual assessment levied against property and casualty insurers, individual self-insurers, and group self-insurance funds credited to the Workers' Compensation Second Injury Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 221—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:1784(C), 1785(B), (C), and (D), and 1787(B)(4)(a) and to repeal R.S. 51:1786(7), 1787(A)(3) and (B)(3), and 1788, relative to enterprise zones; to provide for the participation of certain businesses; to terminate alternatively designated enterprise zones; to provide for redesignation of prior enterprise zones; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 222—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:3203(B) and 3204 and to repeal R.S. 47:3202(E), relative to tax exemption contracts; to repeal set-aside provisions; to change the priority for exemptions from state taxes; to provide for review of such contracts; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 223—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:315.4 and 6012, relative to the state sales and use tax and the corporation franchise tax; to provide for tax credits and refunds for certain research and development equipment and materials and activities; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 224—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEATON
AN ACT

To enact Part XIII of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 27:121 through 123, relative to limited excursion gaming; to provide for a limited excursion tax; to provide for a local election on the proposition of whether riverboat gaming may conduct limited excursions from certain locations; to provide for the call of an election by the local governing authority on its own initiative; to provide for election procedures and effects; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 225—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:311(D)(5), relative to the franchise payment on net device revenue derived from video poker devices; to increase such franchise payment; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 226—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDONALD AND SENATOR BARHAM
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:7, Subpart C-1 of Part 1 of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, composed of R.S. 47:85 through 89, 284, 305(C)(1), 305.12, 305.21, 305.24, 305.27, 305.29, 305.34, 305.35, 317, 614, 615, 633.1(A), (B), and (D), 644, 648.11, 868(A), 906, 1009, 1039, and Chapter 16 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, composed of R.S. 47:1301 through 1351, relative to certain tax dedications, exemptions, credits, and special rate taxes; to repeal certain dedications; to repeal certain tax exemptions, credits, and special rate severance taxes for which

an exclusion has been enacted or which are no longer effective because of their terms; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 227—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:393, relative to the taxation of slot machine gaming at certain live horse racing tracks as authorized by Act 721 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature; to levy a tax on taxable net slot machine proceeds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 228—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:271, relative to the taxation of net gaming proceeds of the official gaming establishment; to provide for the levy and collection of a tax; to provide for the disposition of the avails therefrom; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 229—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 29 of the 1996 Regular Session of the Legislature; relative to the sales and use tax; to provide for the extension of the exemption for boiler fuel; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 230—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDONALD
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:303(B)(6), relative to the Automobile Rental Tax; to delete a provision allowing automobile lessors and renters to recover, on each automobile rental contract, a part of the cost of the local sales or use taxes paid on purchase of automobiles for lease or rental; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 231—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDONALD AND SENATOR BARHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.92(B) and R.S. 47:287.93(A), and to repeal R.S. 47:287.94(H) and (I) and R.S. 47:287.95(I), relative to income tax; to provide for the allocation and/or apportionment of certain income to the state; to provide for the treatment of certain income from corporations with a situs in the state; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 232—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3029, relative to a prepaid college tuition program; to provide that the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission shall formulate, develop, adopt, implement, and administer a prepaid college tuition program; to provide program guidelines and limitations; to provide for the adoption of certain rules and regulations; to create and provide relative to the Louisiana Prepaid College Tuition Program Fund; to provide for a source of money for the fund; to provide for the

investment and use of fund monies; to provide for making an appropriation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 233—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL AND SENATOR BARHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:321(A) and to enact R.S. 47:301(14)(i)(iii)(gg) and (16)(c), relative to state sales and use tax; to provide for the taxation of prepaid telephone calling cards and prepaid authorization numbers; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 234—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:91(C), relative to riverboat gaming; to increase the franchise fee on net gaming proceeds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 235—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLDEN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:93.1, relative to riverboat gaming; to authorize the levy of a dockside gaming tax for dockside gaming in parishes in which the licensed berth of a riverboat is located; to provide for imposition by resolution of the governing authority; to provide for approval of the qualified electors in a parish; to authorize the governing authority to provide for the disposition of the avails of the tax; to provide for the promulgation of rules relative to dockside gaming; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 236—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 23:1174.2, relative to workers' compensation; to provide for premium reductions for policies of workers' compensation insurance upon the maintenance of a drug-free workplace program; to provide for criteria and requirements for drug-free workplace programs; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 237—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRATT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(introductory paragraph) and (E), to enact R.S. 47:842(15), and to repeal R.S. 47:841(F), relative to the tobacco tax; to provide for the levy and collection of a tax on smokeless tobacco; to provide for definitions; to provide for the implementation of these provisions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 238—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL
AN ACT

To repeal Section 2 of Act 29 of the 1996 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to the sales and use tax; to delete the provision that made the exemption for refinery gas, waste

products, and residues null and void; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 239—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:9090, to levy a tax on all organizations or persons conducting charitable raffles, bingo, and keno; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 240—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MONTGOMERY, BRUCE, COPELIN, DEWITT, DUPRE, DURAND, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREAU, ILES, MICHOT, PIERRE, PINAC, SALTER, TRAVIS, AND WADDELL, AND SENATOR BEAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(14)(i)(i) and (ii)(introductory paragraph), 1576(A)(1), to enact Chapter 10 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:951 through 958, and R.S. 47:1576(F) and 6012, and to repeal R.S. 47:301(14)(i)(i), Chapter 10 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:951 through 958, and R.S. 47:1576(F) and 6012; to provide for the levy of a statewide excise tax on communications services in lieu of any other state or local taxes, charges, or fees on communications services; to provide for the distribution of the proceeds of such tax to the state and its political subdivisions; to provide for a credit against Louisiana corporate income and franchise taxes for certain property taxes paid by certain telephone companies with respect to public service properties; to prohibit the enforcement of existing obligations to pay certain local taxes, charges, and fees; to exclude communications services from the state sales tax; to provide for the pass-through to customers of any tax savings through reductions in the prices charged for communications services; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 241—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3390.1, relative to state funds; to provide for disposition of certain monies received by the state from any universal national tobacco industry settlement, agreement, or judgment; to create the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund as a special 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. 242—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRATT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(A) and to repeal R.S. 47:841(E) and (F), relative to the tobacco tax; to provide for the levy and collection of a tax on cigars; to provide for the implementation of these provisions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 243—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide a credit from the tax for certain full-time certificated public elementary and secondary school personnel; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 244—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:34(D) and 6009(D)(2) and to enact R.S. 47:287.749(E) and 6004(C), relative to certain job credits; to provide that certain job credits are applicable to entities taxed as corporations for federal income tax purposes or to whom items of income or expense flow; to provide for the effectiveness of such provisions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 245—
BY REPRESENTATIVES COPELIN AND MONTGOMERY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1851(M) and to repeal R.S. 47:1851(P) and (Q), relative to the ad valorem tax; to provide that the properties of telephone and telegraph companies shall not be considered public service properties and shall be locally assessed as "other property" for Louisiana ad valorem property tax purposes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. DeWitt, 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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 27, 1998

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

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1
Returned without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, DUPRE, GAUTREAUX, AND TRICHE
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Terrebonne Historical and Cultural Society, Inc. on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DURAND, BAUDOIN, DEVILLE, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREAUX, HEBERT, HUDSON, LEBLANC, MICHOT, MORRISH, PIERRE, PINAC, ROMERO, AND JACK SMITH
A RESOLUTION

To commemorate the beginning of the University of Southwestern Louisiana on the occasion of its centennial.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, DUPRE, LEBLANC, AND LONG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the cooperation and support of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Department of Transportation and Development, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, and the Louisiana National Guard in the coordination, development, and implementation of "Cycle Main Street", an event sponsored by Louisiana Main Street Managers in honor of the year-long, Louisiana-sponsored celebration FRANCOFETE 1999.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and record the accomplishments and contributions of a distinguished jurist and former member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, Morris A. Lottinger, Jr., and to commend him for his service to Louisiana and her people as he prepares to retire from office after twenty-seven years of public service.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a study, working in cooperation with the state librarian, to determine the need for the erection of signs

on Louisiana highways directing interested persons to Louisiana's public libraries.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

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

To urge and request the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana to work and communicate with, and advise the Louisiana Legislature on pending bills that affect the court system and the judiciary.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PINAC AND SENATOR THEUNISSEN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate May 5, 1998, as "FFA Day" at the Legislature of Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—
BY REPRESENTATIVES PRATT AND DEWITT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the effect of obesity on costly health complications such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and stroke, and to make recommendations for improvement in awareness of the problem of obesity and suggested treatment modalities, and to report the findings of such study and recommendations to the legislature prior to the convening of the 1999 Regular Session.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Mr. Nick Gerard Farris and to remember his contributions to the Sulphur community.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

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

To direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to redesignate R.S. 9:2949 as Paragraph B of Civil Code Article 477, as enacted in Acts 1995, No. 640 of the Louisiana Legislature.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

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

To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College jointly to establish and implement, by not later than August 15, 1998, a program for the enrollment of certain high school students in freshman basic courses for credit offered by the Baton Rouge Community College, on a tuition-free basis, where space is available.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

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

To urge and request the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to establish and implement, by not later than August 15, 1998, programs for the enrollment of certain high school students in freshman basic courses for credit offered by certain institutions under their jurisdictions, on a tuition-free basis, where space is available.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

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

To urge and request the Louisiana commissioner of insurance to permit the collection of premium fees on all criminal bail bonds written in the Twenty-fourth Judicial District Court as is provided by law.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

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

To clarify the provisions of Act No. 824 of the 1997 Regular Session relative to the imposition of premium fees on criminal bail bonds in the Twenty-fourth Judicial District Court.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Long, at 1:40 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 28, 1998.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House

C. Wayne Hays
Journal Clerk, *Emeritus*

