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**EIGHTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

Twenty-fourth Regular Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, May 11, 1998

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:00 P.M., by the Honorable C. E. "Peppi" Bruneau, Jr., Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.

**Morning Hour**

**ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Heaton	Pratt
Alario	Hebert	Quezairé
Alexander, A.—93rd	Holden	Riddle
Alexander, R.—13th	Hopkins	Romero
Barton	Hudson	Rousselle
Baudoin	Hunter	Salter
Baylor	Iles	Scalise
Bowler	Jenkins	Schwegmann
Bruce	Jetson	Shaw
Bruneau	Johns	Smith, J.D.—50th
Carter	Kennard	Smith, J.R.—30th
Clarkson	Kenney	Stelly
Copelin	Lancaster	Strain
Crane	Landrieu	Thomas
Curtis	LeBlanc	Thornhill
Damico	Long	Toomy
Daniel	Marionneaux	Travis
Deville	McCain	Triche
DeWitt	McCallum	Vitter
Dimos	McDonald	Waddell
Dupre	McMains	Walsworth
Durand	Michot	Warner
Faucheux	Mitchell	Welch
Flavin	Montgomery	Weston
Fontenot	Morrish	Wiggins
Frith	Murray	Wilkerson
Fruge	Odinot	Willard
Gautreaux	Perkins	Windhorst
Green	Pierre	Winston

Guillory Hammett Total—92	Pinac Powell  ABSENT	Wright
Ansardi Chaisson Diez Donelon Total—12	Farve Glover Hill Martiny	Morrell Schneider Theriot Thompson

The Speaker announced that there were 92 members present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rep. Curtis.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Reading of the Journal**

On motion of Rep. Pinac, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Pinac, the Journal of May 6, 1998, was adopted.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Daniel, the rules were suspended in order to allow the Committee on Appropriations to meet while the House was in session.

**Petitions, Memorials and  
Communications**

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

**MONTGOMERY ALABAMA RESOLUTION**

**House Joint Resolution No. 261**

By Representative Al Knight

URGING CONGRESS TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO  
THE CONSTITUTION ON THE SUBJECT OF JUDICIAL  
TAXATION

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, our present federal government has strayed from the intent of our founding fathers and the United States Constitution through inappropriate federal mandates; and

WHEREAS, these mandates by way of statute, rule, or judicial decision have forced state governments to serve as the mere administrative arm of the federal government; 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 federal mandates, in violation of 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 Constitution of the United States is retained by the people who, by their consent alone, do delegate such power to tax explicitly to those duly elected representatives in the legislative branch of government whom they choose, such 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 Constitution of the United States of America which was previously introduced in 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 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, as follows:

1. That we hereby urge the Congress of the United States to prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States 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."

2. That this resolution constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

3. That we urge the legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States that have not yet made a similar request to apply to the United States Congress requesting enactment of an appropriate amendment to the United States Constitution, and apply to the United States Congress to propose such an amendment in the United States Constitution.

4. That copies of this resolution be provided to the President and Vice President of the United States, the presiding officer in each house of the legislature in each of the states in the union, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and to each member of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the GREAT SEAL of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this the 20th day of April, 1998.

Fob James, Jr.  
GOVERNOR

Jim Bennett  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**Message from the Senate**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 6, 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. 33  
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 34  
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 35  
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 38  
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 39  
Returned without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

**Message from the Senate**

**HOUSE BILLS**

May 7, 1998

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

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed the following House Bills:

House Bill No. 126  
Returned without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment**

May 11, 1998

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

I am directed by your Committee on Enrollment to submit the following report:

The following House Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, ALARIO, A. ALEXANDER, R. ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, BARTON, BAUDOIN, BAYLOR, BOWLER, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, CARTER, CHAISSON, CLARKSON, COPELIN, CRANE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DEVILLE, DEWITT, DIEZ, DIMOS, DONELON, DUPRE, DURAND, FARVE, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FONTENOT, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREAUX, GLOVER, GREEN, GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HOLDEN, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HUNTER, ILES, JENKINS, JETSON, JOHNS, KENNARD, KENNEY, LANCASTER, LANDRIEU, LEBLANC, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCCAIN, MCCALLUM, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, MICHOT, MITCHELL, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, ODINET,

PERKINS, PIERRE, PINAC, POWELL, PRATT, QUEZAIRE, RIDDLE, ROMERO, ROUSSELLE, SALTER, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SCHWEGMANN, SHAW, JACK SMITH, JOHN SMITH, STELLY, STRAIN, THERIOT, THOMAS, THOMPSON, THORNHILL, TOOMY, TRAVIS, TRICHE, VITTER, WADDELL, WALSWORTH, WARNER, WELCH, WESTON, WIGGINS, WILKERSON, WILLARD, WINDHORST, WINSTON, AND WRIGHT

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend Nancy Gautreau, Correctional Social Worker at Elayn Hunt Correctional Center, for outstanding dedication to the well-being of others and to congratulate her for being nationally selected by the American Correctional Association as one of the twelve "Best in the Business".

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CRANE

**A RESOLUTION**

To recognize Thursday, May 7, 1998, as Dental Hygiene Day in the state of Louisiana and to commend dental hygienists around the state for their outstanding contributions to the oral health of citizens of the state of Louisiana.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 42—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend and congratulate Miss Ashley Antony of Anacoco High School in Vernon Parish on her selection as Class B All-State girls basketball Player of the Year.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend and congratulate Mr. Kyle Hornsby of Anacoco High School in Vernon Parish on his selection as 1997-1998 Class B All-State boys basketball Player of the Year.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD RAY KENNARD  
Chairman

The above House Resolutions contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Secretary of State in accordance with the rules of the House.

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment**

May 11, 1998

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

I am directed by your Committee on Enrollment to submit the following report:

The following House Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, ALARIO, A. ALEXANDER, R. ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, BARTON, BAUDOIN, BAYLOR, BOWLER, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, CARTER, CHAISSON, CLARKSON, COPELIN, CRANE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DEVILLE, DEWITT, DIEZ, DIMOS, DONELON, DUPRE, DURAND, FARVE, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FONTENOT, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREAU, GLOVER, GREEN, GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HOLDEN, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HUNTER, ILES, JENKINS, JETSON, JOHNS, KENNARD, KENNEY, LANCASTER, LANDRIEU, LEBLANC, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCCAIN, MCCALLUM, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, MICHOT, MITCHELL, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, ODINET, PERKINS, PIERRE, PINAC, POWELL, PRATT, QUEZAIRE, RIDDLE, ROMERO, ROUSSELLE, SALTER, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SCHWEGMANN, SHAW, JACK SMITH, JOHN SMITH, STELLY, STRAIN,

THERIOT, THOMAS, THOMPSON, THORNHILL, TOOMY, TRAVIS, TRICHE, VITTER, WADDELL, WALSWORTH, WARNER, WELCH, WESTON, WIGGINS, WILKERSON, WILLARD, WINDHORST, WINSTON, AND WRIGHT AND SENATORS BAGNERIS, BAJOEIE, BARHAM, BEAN, BRANCH, CAIN, CAMPBELL, CASANOVA, COX, CRAVINS, DARDENNE, DEAN, DYESS, ELLINGTON, EWING, C. FIELDS, W. FIELDS, GREENE, HAINKEL, HEITMEIER, HINES, HOLLIS, IRONS, JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, LAMBERT, LANDRY, LENTINI, MALONE, ROBICHAUX, ROMERO, SCHEDLER, SHORT, SIRACUSA, SMITH, TARVER, THEUNISSEN, AND ULLO

**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.

**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.

**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.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To recognize and to commend the efforts of the girls of the St. Mary's Academy basketball team and head coach, Keith Haywood, Sr., for completing a successful season that ended with capturing the state championship.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNS

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend and congratulate Mr. Robert "Bob" Davidson for his commitment to the Sulphur community through his many local and statewide endeavors and for his twelve years of dedicated service on the Sulphur City Council.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX AND SENATORS LAMBERT AND LANDRY

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to consider the construction of a new highway connecting U.S. Highway 61 at its intersection with La. Highway 3217 to U.S. Highway 51 at its intersection with Woodland Drive when compiling the Highway Priority Program for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNS

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Roy Loup for his years of service to his community and as a councilman on the Sulphur City Council.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNS

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Mr. Melvin Estess for serving eight years on the Sulphur City Council.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX AND SENATOR LAMBERT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to enter into a cooperative endeavor, donation, lease, or other form of arrangement or agreement with the town of Gramercy in St. James Parish for the use of certain property by the town as a police department office.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to consider the issuance of a permit for the placement of a "Blue Star" highway monument on Louisiana Highway 1 in Lafourche Parish.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH AND SENATOR CAIN  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Miss Ashley Fletcher for being named Louisiana's "Middle School Student of the Year" for the year 1998.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express condolences of the Louisiana Legislature upon the passing of Mr. Robino Joseph Barnes, Jr. and to remember his life.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS AND SENATOR DYESS  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Pineville Lady Rebels Softball Team upon winning the 1998 4-A State Softball Championship.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES CURTIS, HUNTER, DEWITT, A. ALEXANDER, BAYLOR, COPELIN, FARVE, GLOVER, GREEN, GUILLORY, HOLDEN, HUDSON, JETSON, MITCHELL, MORRELL, MURRAY, PRATT, PIERRE, QUEZAIRE, WELCH, WESTON, WILKERSON, AND WILLARD AND SENATORS BAGNERIS, BAJOIE, CRAVINS, C. FIELDS, W. FIELDS, IRONS, JOHNSON, JONES, TARVER, AND DYESS  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences and heartfelt sorrow of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Louis Berry, civil rights activist, lawyer, and educator.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD RAY KENNARD  
Chairman

The above House Concurrent Resolutions contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken to the Senate by the Clerk of the House and were signed by the President of the Senate and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Secretary of State in accordance with the rules of the House.

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment**

May 11, 1998

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

I am directed by your Committee on Enrollment to submit the following report:

The following House Bills have been properly enrolled:

**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.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD RAY KENNARD  
Chairman

The above House Bills contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken to the Senate by the Clerk and were signed by the President of the Senate and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Governor for executive approval.

**Message from the Senate**

**SIGNED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 6, 1998

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

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the President of the Senate has signed the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7

and ask the Speaker of the House of Representatives to affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

The Senate Concurrent Resolutions contained herein were signed by the Speaker of the House.

**Message from the Senate**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 7, 1998

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

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has adopted and asks your concurrence in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 4, 20, 22, 24, 25, and 27

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

**Message from the Senate****SENATE BILLS**

May 7, 1998

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

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed the following Senate Bills:

Senate Bill Nos. 8, 53, 59, and 73

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Winston, the rules were suspended in order to take up the bills contained in the message at this time.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading**

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on first reading were taken up, read, and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

**SENATE BILL NO. 8—**  
BY SENATOR SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(18)(a)(i) and (ii), relative to state and local sales and use taxes; to provide for an exclusion from state and local sales and use taxes on food items donated to food banks; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**SENATE BILL NO. 53 (Duplicate of House Bill No. 98)—**  
BY SENATOR BARHAM AND 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 standing 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.

**SENATE BILL NO. 59—**  
BY SENATOR BARHAM

AN ACT

To repeal Part II of Chapter 6 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, composed of R.S. 47:651, Part III of Chapter 6 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, composed of R.S. 47:671 through 681.1, and Part IV of Chapter 6 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, composed of R.S. 47:691 through 697, relative to taxes related to natural resources; to repeal certain taxes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**SENATE BILL NO. 73—**  
BY SENATOR BARHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1410.60(B)(1), relative to bonds and other debt; to provide for expedited State Bond Commission approval; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**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. 47—**

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.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS AND SENATOR DYESS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Pineville High School for having members of its student body named the state's Most Valuable Players in boys and girls class AAAA basketball.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES HAMMETT AND BRUNEAU AND SENATOR HAINKEL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate September 29, 1998, as Jerry Lee Lewis Day in Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a special committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the legal representation of persons confined on death row in Louisiana.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**Reports of Committees**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

**Report of the Committee on Appropriations**

May 11, 1998

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Appropriations to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 270, by LeBlanc  
Reported with amendments. (9-0-1) (Regular)

JERRY LUKE LEBLANC  
Chairman

**Report of the Committee on  
Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs**

May 11, 1998

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Pursuant to a meeting held on May 6, 1998, I am directed by your Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 104, by Hill  
Reported favorably. (10-0-1) (Regular)

House Bill No. 106, by McDonald  
Reported favorably. (9-0-1) (Regular)

House Bill No. 115, by Montgomery  
Reported favorably. (10-0-1) (Regular)

House Bill No. 124, by Montgomery  
Reported favorably. (10-0-1) (Regular)

House Bill No. 134, by Stelly  
Reported with amendments. (8-0-1) (Regular)

House Bill No. 211, by Thompson  
Reported favorably. (10-0-1) (Regular)

SHARON WESTON  
Chairman

**Report of the Committee on Ways and Means**

May 11, 1998

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Ways and Means to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 7, by J. R. Smith  
Reported favorably. (12-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 8, by Walsworth  
Reported with amendments. (11-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 25, by Montgomery  
Reported with amendments. (15-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 62, by Alario  
Reported favorably. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 75, by Chaisson  
Reported with amendments. (15-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 100, by Downer  
Reported favorably. (15-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 145, by Montgomery  
Reported with amendments. (13-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 229, by Daniel  
Reported with amendments. (11-0) (Regular)

JOHN A. ALARIO, JR.  
Chairman

**House and House Concurrent Resolutions**

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HUDSON  
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rules 6.13(A)(introductory paragraph), 6.14(A), and 7.1 and to adopt House Rule 8.8(D) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide for the designation of and procedures relating to priority bills.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MONTGOMERY, BRUNEAU, COPELIN, GREEN,  
LANCASTER, LEBLANC, SHAW, WINDHORST, AND WADDELL  
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rules 1.2(E), (H), (I), and (J), 2.5(12), 2.10(A)(7), (10), (12), (15), and (16), 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5(A), (C), and (D), 4.5(C), 6.3(C), 6.5(A), 6.13(A)(1), 6.14, 6.15, 6.34, 7.6, 7.8, 7.9, 7.11(A), 7.15, 8.16, 8.18, 8.21, 8.23, 9.9, 9.11(C), 9.12, 9.14(A) and (C)(16), 10.1, 10.3(A) and (C), 10.6, 11.4(B), 12.3, 14.1, 14.2(20), 14.7, 14.9, 14.13(A), 14.15, 14.17, 14.18(B), 14.21(A), 14.23, 14.24(B), 14.26, 14.39, 14.45, 14.49(B), 14.50, 14.52, and 14.53, to adopt House Rule 6.37(C), and to repeal House Rules 1.2(G), 2.10(A)(14), 2.11, 4.9, 6.17, 6.30, 6.31, 9.14(C)(12), 14.3, 14.16, 14.27, 14.35, and 14.46 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives, to provide for a general revision of 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. 46—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUNEAU  
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rules 2.10(A)(4) and (12), 6.13, 6.16, 7.16(A), 8.6, 8.20, 8.21, 8.22, 8.23, 8.24, 8.25, and 9.10(H) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives and to adopt House Rules 8.2(A)(7), 8.21.1, and 8.27, to revise 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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUDSON

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and encourage the furtherance of a partnership between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Transportation Research Center, Louisiana State University, the Louisiana Transportation Research Center Foundation, Inc., and private sector transportation entities to plan, develop, and build a transportation training and education facility.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forestry Service to coordinate the opening and closing of hunting seasons in the Kisatchie National Forest with the opening and closing dates on land in the state which is not owned by the federal government.

Read by title.

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

### House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading to be referred to committees were taken up, read, and referred to committees, as follows:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 273—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRATT

**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. 274—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 47:6012, relative to the income tax; to provide for a credit for reforestation; to provide for the taxable periods subject 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. 275—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact Section 3.1(A)(1) of Act No. 541 of the 1976 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 499 of the 1978 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 449 of

the 1980 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 927 of the 1981 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 476 of the 1984 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 259 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Act No. 640 of the 1993 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District; to provide for the authorization to issue bonds to finance and construct a facility for amateur and recreational ice skating and roller skating in Jefferson or Orleans Parish; 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. 276—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MONTGOMERY AND BRUCE

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to state and local sales and use tax; to provide for an exemption for utilities used by certain steelworks and blast furnaces, including coke ovens and rolling mills; 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. 277—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1501(B), relative to Tangipahoa Fire Protection District No. 1; to authorize the governing authority of the district, subject to voter approval, to increase certain ad valorem taxes; 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. 278—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUDSON AND KENNARD

**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 - Public Safety Services, office of state police for payment of legal fees incurred by Colonel Kenneth D. Norris and Major R. L. Montgomery in their successful defense of criminal evidence presented against them before the Grand Jury for the Fourteenth Judicial District for the Parish of Calcasieu.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 279—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST

**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 "Christina N. Williams and Robert L. Williams v. State of Louisiana, Through the Department of Health and Hospitals, et al."; to provide for interest; to provide for payment of expert witness fees and court costs; 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. 280—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES WINDHORST AND CLARKSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:820.5(B)(introductory paragraph), relative to tolls; to provide for a reduction in tolls on the Greater New Orleans Mississippi River Bridges; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 281—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2717.19, relative to tax exemptions; to exempt charitable organizations conducting certain games of chance from sales taxes imposed by local governmental 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. 282—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC  
AN ACT

To appropriate funds from certain sources to be allocated to designated agencies and designated purposes in specific amounts for the purpose of making supplemental appropriations for the funding of said agencies and purposes during the 1997-1998 Fiscal Year; 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. 283—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARTINY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1556(A) and (B) and to enact R.S. 33:1556.2, relative to coroners; to provide for certain fees to be paid to coroners; to provide for state salary for coroners; to provide for payment of such salary by the state treasurer; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 284—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLE  
AN ACT

To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana to be used to pay the Board of Tax Appeals judgment in the case entitled "Thomas Jefferson Construction Corporation v. Secretary, Department of Revenue and Taxation", 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. 285—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to exemptions from state and local sales and use taxes; to provide an exemption for purchases made by certain domestic nonprofit charitable organizations; 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. 286—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DIEZ  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:820.4, relative to the Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development program; to provide for an extension of the four cents per gallon tax on gasoline, motor fuels, and special fuels; 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. 287—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WESTON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297.3, relative to the individual income tax; to provide a credit for certain natural parents who raise their children in a common household; 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. 288—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(14)(a), relative to the state sales and use tax; to provide for the collection of the tax on certain complimentary hotel rooms; 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. 289—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4574.11, relative to the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau; to authorize the bureau to levy and collect a tax on complimentary hotel rooms within its jurisdiction; to provide relative to 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. 290—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT  
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 29 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:9061 through 9068, relative to the establishment and creation of a special taxing district; to establish and create the Louisiana Development District as a body politic and corporate and special taxing district of the state of Louisiana; to provide for the governance of the district and for the necessary powers and authority of the district including the power to levy certain taxes and to issue bonds and incur debt; to provide relative to the issuance of such debt and the source of funds available to the district to secure the payment of such debt; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 291—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WARNER AND ODINET  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide for a credit for a portion of long-term care insurance premiums paid by Louisiana citizens; 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. 292—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WARNER AND ODINET  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2738.81, relative to St. Bernard Parish; to authorize the governing authority of said parish, subject to voter approval, to levy an additional sales and use tax; to provide for allowable uses of the avails of such tax, including funding a portion into bonds; 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. 293—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE STELLY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(s), relative to the exemption for medical devices used by the patient; to provide relative to such exemption and application thereof; to provide for the effect of the Act; 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. 294—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE R. ALEXANDER AND SENATOR HINES  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:342, relative to the excise tax on beverages of low alcoholic content; to provide for an increase in the rate of such 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. 295—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE R. ALEXANDER AND SENATOR HINES  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:341, relative to taxes on alcoholic beverages; to provide for an increase in the rate of tax on liquors and wines; 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. 296—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:321(F), relative to the state sales and use tax; to provide relative to the effectiveness of certain exemptions to the tax; to provide for the conditions which must be met before the Act becomes effective; 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. 297—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:245(C), relative to the Louisiana Economic Development and Gaming Corporation Act; to authorize the Louisiana Gaming Control Board to renegotiate and execute a casino operating contract; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 298—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633.5(B), relative to the severance tax on oil and gas; to provide that the severance tax rate established for wells utilizing produced water for the purpose of enhanced oil and gas recovery is not limited to wells utilizing water from the same reservoir and field; 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. 299—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC  
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; to provide for an additional appropriation; 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. 300—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD  
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. 47:4321 through 4324, relative to the providing of certain tax relief for economically distressed or disadvantaged shopping centers or complexes; 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. 301—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE THERIOT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:731 and to enact R.S. 29:731.1, relative to emergency preparedness; to create and provide revenues for the Emergency Management, Preparedness, and Assistance Trust Fund; to establish procedures, practices, and participation by the office of emergency preparedness and local and nonprofit organizations in the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 302—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 23 of the 1996 Regular Session, relative to income tax credits; to provide a tax credit for employers who provide alcohol and substance abuse treatment programs for their employees; to extend the authorization 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. 303—**

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. 304—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOWLER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1377(B)(1), (C)(2) and (3), and (E), relative to the Workers' Compensation Second Injury Fund; to provide for the methods of assessment and allocation of the liabilities of the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 305—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHWEGMANN (BY REQUEST) AND REPRESENTATIVES MORRELL AND WILLARD AND SENATOR JOHNSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:93.1, relative to the taxation of riverboats; to authorize the levy and collection of a tax on net gaming proceeds by certain levee districts for certain purposes; to provide for the duration of the tax; to provide for certain tax credits; 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. 306—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAUDOIN, PERKINS, AND WIGGINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:91(C) and to enact R.S. 27:311(D)(5) and Part IV of Chapter 7 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to consist of R.S. 27:501, all relative to taxation of gaming activities; to increase the franchise fee on net gaming proceeds of riverboat gaming operations; to increase the franchise fee on device owners of video draw poker devices; to provide for a credit for donations to aid in the support of pari-mutuel wagering facilities and the horse breeding industry; 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. 307—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRATT  
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 46 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:2611 through 2613, relative to assessments; to authorize the Department of Health and Hospitals to impose certain assessments on health maintenance organizations; to provide for definitions; to provide for the imposition, collection, administration, and appeal of such assessments; to provide for the distribution of monies derived from such assessments; to provide for severability; 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. 308—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS  
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. 309—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6012, relative to income tax credits; to establish a credit against the corporate and personal income taxes for the rehabilitation of historic structures; to provide for the determination of the credit; to provide for the taxable periods to which the credit applies; 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. 310—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:321(F), relative to state sales and use tax; to provide for the effectiveness of certain exemptions to 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. 311—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305.14(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:305.14(A)(5), relative to the state sales and use tax; to provide an exemption for temporary fundraising activities; 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. 312—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE R. ALEXANDER  
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 46 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:2611 through 2613, relative to taxes; to authorize the Department of Health and Hospitals to impose a health services tax on health maintenance organizations; to provide for definitions; to provide for the imposition, collection, administration, and appeal of such taxes; to provide for the distribution of monies derived from such taxes; to provide for severability; 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. 313—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MURRAY AND HUNTER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 23:1536(H), relative to unemployment compensation tax; to reduce the unemployment compensation tax by twenty-five percent for Fiscal Year 1998-1999; 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. 314—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES CLARKSON AND WINDHORST  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:820.5(D), relative to tolls on certain bridges; to specify the termination date of collection of tolls on certain bridges; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 315—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESTON  
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 education; 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. Dimos, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 316—**

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 such activities; to provide for certain tax compacts and agreements; 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. 317—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:93.1, relative to the taxation of riverboats; to authorize the levy and collection of a tax on net gaming proceeds by certain levee districts for certain purposes; to provide for the duration of the tax; to provide for certain tax credits; 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 and House Concurrent Resolutions  
Reported by Committees**

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions reported by committees were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request 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.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Representative Wilkerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "Louisiana" change "direct" to "urge and request"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 4, after "hereby" and before "Louisiana" change "directs" to "urges and requests"

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

On motion of Rep. McDonald, the resolution, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

On motion of Rep. Lancaster, the resolution was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES JOHN SMITH, DANIEL, DEVILLE, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREAU, HAMMETT, HEBERT, HILL, HOPKINS, HUDSON, MICHOT, ODINET, PIERRE, SCHNEIDER, JACK SMITH, AND TRICHE  
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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources.

On motion of Rep. John Smith, the resolution was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES PRATT AND DEWITT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the effect of obesity in both adults and children on costly health complications such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and stroke, and health complications in children, 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.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 by Representatives Pratt and DeWitt

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "urge and request" and insert "direct"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, between "obesity" and "on costly" insert "in both adults and children"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, after "and stroke," insert "and health complications in children,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

"WHEREAS, there is also great concern regarding what effect obesity in children may have on overall health in children, health care costs for children, and treatment modalities to address the problem of obesity in children; and"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 19, delete "urge and request" and insert "direct"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 20, between "obesity" and "on costly" insert "in both adults and children"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 21, after "and stroke," insert "and health complications in children, and"

On motion of Rep. Rodney Alexander, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Rodney Alexander, the resolution, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

On motion of Rep. McDonald, the resolution was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

On motion of Rep. McDonald, the resolution was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**Speaker Downer in the Chair**

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Landrieu, the rules were suspended in order to take up Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent at this time.

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

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE R. ALEXANDER

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals to modify the medical assistance estate recovery program guidelines to permit the deduction of maintenance expenses from the estimated value of an estate.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on  
Second Reading to be Referred**

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading to be referred to committees were taken up, read, and referred to committees, as follows:

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Landrieu, the Committee on Ways and Means was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 206.

**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.

**Motion**

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

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Theriot, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to add the following legislative instruments to its agenda without giving the notice required by House Rule 14.21(A).

House Resolution No. 36

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Chaisson, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Ways and Means to add the following legislative instruments to its agenda without giving the notice required by House Rule 14.21(A).

House Bill Nos. 305 and 317

**Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Landrieu, at 4:45 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, May 12, 1998, at 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 12, 1998.

**ALFRED W. SPEER**  
Clerk of the House

C. Wayne Hays  
Journal Clerk, *Emeritus*

