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Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:00 P.M., by the Honorable H. B. "Hunt" Downer, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

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

Fruge
Gautreaux
Glover
Guillory
Total—99

Perkins
Pierre
Pinac
Powell

Willard
Windhorst
Winston
Wright

ABSENT

Donelon
Fontenot
Total—5

Green
Holden

Jenkins

The Speaker announced that there were 99 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rev. Clyde Frizzelle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. McCallum 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. Walsworth, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On joint motion of Reps. Alario and Thornhill, the Journal of May 11, 1998, was corrected to reflect them as being present for the opening roll call.

On motion of Rep. Walsworth, the Journal of May 11, 1998, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials and
Communications**

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

Message from the Senate

SENATE BILLS

May 12, 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 No. 54

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Alario, 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. 54—
BY SENATOR BARHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.95(C) and to enact R.S. 47:601.1, relative to corporate income tax and franchise tax of certain transportation companies; to provide a minimal nexus standard for certain trucking companies before their income is apportioned to Louisiana for income tax purposes and before corporation franchise tax is imposed; to provide for an effective date; 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. 48—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALSWORTH
A RESOLUTION

To commend Vera Painich of West Monroe on the occasion of her induction into the Louisiana Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame in recognition of her over fifty years of dedication to the sport.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON AND SENATOR IRONS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to require acute care hospitals to have stroke plans and for state medical centers in New Orleans and Shreveport to become comprehensive stroke centers.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Dorothy I. Height upon her retirement at age 85 from the presidency of the National Council of Negro Women, concluding 60 years of activism and extraordinary leadership in the arena of civil rights.

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. 46—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALSWORTH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Christine Clampit Owens of West Monroe on the occasion of being named Louisiana Mother of the Year in recognition of the qualities and service that have made her a role model for her children, her community, and her state.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, in conjunction with the Louisiana chapters of the National Federation of the Blind and the American Council of the Blind, and the Department of Social Services, division of rehabilitation services, to prepare information describing resources available to persons who become blind or severely visually impaired and to make such information available to licensed physicians.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Medical Vendor Program in the Department of Health and Hospitals to restrict prescriptions written for Sildenafil Citrate.

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
Transportation, Highways and Public Works**

May 12, 1998

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, by Long
Reported favorably. (9-0)

House Concurrent Resolution No. 20, by Theriot
Reported favorably. (9-0)

House Concurrent Resolution No. 21, by Michot
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Concurrent Resolution No. 30, by Odinet
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Concurrent Resolution No. 31, by Odinet
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Concurrent Resolution No. 32, by Wilkerson
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Concurrent Resolution No. 36, by Hudson
Reported favorably. (9-0)

House Bill No. 250, by Diez
Reported with amendments. (11-0) (Regular)

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13, by Landry
Reported favorably. (10-0)

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14, by Branch
Reported favorably. (10-0)

JOHN C. DIEZ
Chairman

Report of the Committee on Ways and Means

May 12, 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. 69, by Hammett
Reported favorably. (10-0) (Regular)

JOHN A. ALARIO, JR.
Chairman

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Alario, the rules were suspended in order to take up House Bills contained in the committee report at this time.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading reported by committees were taken up and acted upon as follows:

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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

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. 47— BY REPRESENTATIVES DURAND, BAUDOIN, DEVILLE, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREAU, 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.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Durand, the resolution was returned to the calendar subject to call.

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.

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

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.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4— BY SENATORS HAINKEL AND SHORT A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study that portion of the Tchefuncte River from the Highway 22 Bridge to its entrance into Lake Pontchartrain for possible inclusion in the Louisiana natural and scenic rivers system.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20— BY SENATOR SCHEDLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to adopt Senate Joint Resolution 40 relative to the American flag.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22— BY SENATOR HINES AND REPRESENTATIVE RIDDLE A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate May 15th as National Police Officers Day.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Caleb J. Mire, war hero, college graduate, accomplished businessman, community leader, and friend.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—

BY SENATOR SHORT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to study the feasibility of consolidating the school systems of Washington Parish and the city of Bogalusa, and to include a cost benefit analysis of such consolidation.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—

BY SENATOR C. FIELDS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the legislature upon the death of Leroy M. Smith, Sr.

Read by title.

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

Motion

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading reported by committees were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVES JOHN SMITH, DANIEL, DURAND, FAUCHEUX, AND PIERRE

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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

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.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 8 by Representative Walsworth

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 2, delete "2001" and insert "2000".

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

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 extend the time period of the exemption for certain trucks and trailers used in interstate commerce; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 25 by Representative Montgomery

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "tax;" delete the remainder of the line, delete line 4 in its entirety, and on line 5, delete "used in interstate commerce null and void on July 1, 1998;" and insert in lieu thereof:

"to extend the time period of the exemption for certain trucks and trailers used in interstate commerce;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 13, insert "The provisions of R.S. 47:305.50 shall become null and void on July 1, ~~1998~~ 2000."

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 75—
BY REPRESENTATIVES CHAISSON, R. ALEXANDER, BOWLER, DANIEL, DEVILLE, DIEZ, DURAND, FAUCHEUX, HAMMETT, HEATON, HUNTER, JETSON, LANCASTER, LANDRIEU, MARTINY, MONTGOMERY, ODINET, PIERRE, POWELL, VITTER, WALSWORTH, AND WINSTON

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 extend the effective period of the exclusion for certain transactions involving motor vehicles purchased for subsequent lease; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 75 by Representative Chaisson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "tax;" delete the remainder of the line and insert "to extend the effective period of the"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 4, and insert "exclusion for"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "lease" delete the comma "," and delete "null and void on July 1, 1998"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the end of line 11, insert "This Act shall become null and void on July 1, ~~1998~~ 2000."

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 124—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1501(E)(8), relative to East-Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1; to authorize the governing authority of the district to levy and collect, subject to voter approval, an

additional tax for maintenance and operation of the fire district; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

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.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to Original House Bill No. 134 by Representatives Stelly and Flavin

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 4, and insert the following:

"(2) Pursuant to a contract between the municipality and the fire protection district, the municipality provided regular fire protection to the area prior to annexation in exchange for revenues of the fire protection district received from the levy of ad valorem taxes."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the end of line 6, change "bonds." to "bonded indebtedness."

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 145—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MONTGOMERY AND FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact 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 change the provision which made such credit null and void on June 30, 1998.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 145 by Representative Montgomery

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "repeal" and insert "amend and reenact".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, delete "repeal" and insert "change".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, delete "repealed in its entirety." and insert "amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become null and void on June 30, ~~1998~~ 2000."

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

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 and suspension for boiler fuel; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 229 by Representative Daniel

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "extension" and before "of" insert "and suspension"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 9 and 10 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

"Section 2. The exemption provided in R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(h) by this Act shall be effective until June 30, 2000, except to the extent suspended by House Bill No. 126 of the 1998 Regular Session of the Legislature."

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 270—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC
AN ACT

To provide with respect to the Revenue Sharing Fund and the allocation and distribution thereof for Fiscal Year 1998-1999; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Original House Bill No. 270 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 17, line 14, delete "61.32%" and insert "61.90%"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 17, line 15, delete "27.25%" and insert "27.81%"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 17, line 16, delete "2.95%" and insert "3.51%"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 17, line 17, delete "2.13%" and insert "2.69%"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 17, line 18, delete "3.53%" and insert "4.09%"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 17, delete lines 19 through 23 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 18, line 24, delete "24.31%" and insert "24.59%"

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AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 18, line 25, delete "2.94%" and insert "3.22%"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 20, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"Road Dist. #1--4.86 mills/1992
Road Dist. #1--20.69 mills/1995
Road Dist. #1A--8 mills/1995"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 20, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

"Road Dist. #3--30 mills/1995
Road Dist. #4--21.12 mills/1995"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 30, between lines 24 and 25, insert "Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center--3 mills/1995"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 32, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"Library--.60 mills/1984"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 32, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

"Fire Dist. #1--2.10 mills/1978
Fire Dist. #1--5.65 mills/1996"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 32, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

"Fire Dist. #2--10 mills/1996"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 32, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

"Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center--3 mills/1995
Pontchatoula Recreation Dist.--10 mills/1996
Independence Recreation Dist.--15 mills/1996"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 33, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"Bonner Creek Fire Dist.--8.46 mills/1987
Bonner Creek Fire Dist.--5 mills/1996
Spring Hill Fire Dist. #8--5.73 mills/1995
Mt. Herman Fire Dist. #9--16 mills/1995
Pine Fire Dist. #4--10 mills/1995
Angie Fire Dist. #5--10 mills/1992
Varnado Fire Dist. #6--10 mills/1992
Fire Dist. #7--5 mills/1996
Fire Dist. #7--12.27 mills/1992
Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center--3 mills/1995"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 33, between lines 9 and 10, insert "Assessment District"

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

House and House Concurrent Resolutions on Third Reading for Final Consideration

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions on third reading for final consideration 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.

Rep. Wilkerson sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Wilkerson to Engrossed House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Representative Wilkerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana additionally requests that the Louisiana State University Medical Center, upon establishing the internship program, extensively publicize and otherwise disseminate information about the program and its opportunities to students at Grambling State University and establish methods and procedures that both encourage and facilitate program application by qualified students at the university."

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

On motion of Rep. Wilkerson, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

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.

Rep. Windhorst moved the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Hammett	Powell
Alario	Heaton	Pratt
Alexander, A.—93rd	Hebert	Quezaire
Alexander, R.—13th	Hill	Riddle
Ansardi	Holden	Romero
Barton	Hopkins	Rousselle
Baudoin	Hudson	Salter
Baylor	Hunter	Scalise
Bowler	Iles	Schneider
Bruce	Jenkins	Schwegmann
Bruneau	Jetson	Shaw
Carter	Johns	Smith, J.D.—50th
Chaisson	Kennard	Smith, J.R.—30th
Clarkson	Kenney	Stelly
Copelin	Lancaster	Strain
Crane	Landrieu	Theriot
Curtis	LeBlanc	Thomas
Damico	Long	Thompson
Daniel	Marionneaux	Toomy
Deville	Martiny	Travis
Diez	McCain	Triche
Dimos	McDonald	Vitter
Donelon	McMains	Waddell
Dupre	Michot	Walsworth
Durand	Mitchell	Warner
Farve	Montgomery	Welch
Faucheux	Morrell	Weston
Flavin	Morrish	Wilkerson
Fruge	Murray	Willard
Gautreaux	Odinot	Windhorst
Glover	Perkins	Winston
Green	Pierre	Wright
Guillory	Pinac	
Total—98		

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

DeWitt	Frith	Thornhill
Fontenot	McCallum	Wiggins
Total—6		

The resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—

BY REPRESENTATIVES JOHN SMITH, DANIEL, DEVILLE, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREUX, 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.

Rep. Gautreaux moved the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Green	Powell
Alario	Hammett	Pratt
Alexander, A.—93rd	Heaton	Quezaire
Alexander, R.—13th	Hebert	Riddle
Ansardi	Hill	Romero
Barton	Hopkins	Rousselle
Baudoin	Hudson	Salter
Baylor	Hunter	Scalise
Bowler	Iles	Schneider
Bruce	Jenkins	Schwegmann
Bruneau	Johns	Shaw
Carter	Kennard	Smith, J.D.—50th
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Daniel	Martiny	Thornhill
Deville	McCain	Toomy
DeWitt	McDonald	Triche
Diez	McMains	Vitter
Dimos	Michot	Waddell
Donelon	Mitchell	Walsworth
Dupre	Montgomery	Warner
Durand	Morrell	Welch
Farve	Morrish	Weston
Faucheux	Murray	Wilkerson
Flavin	Odinot	Willard
Fruge	Perkins	Windhorst
Gautreaux	Pierre	Winston
Glover	Pinac	Wright
Total—96		

NAYS

Total—0

ABSENT

Fontenot	Holden	Travis
Frith	Jetson	Wiggins
Guillory	McCallum	
Total—8		

The resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

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.

On motion of Rep. Pratt, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

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.

On motion of Rep. Jetson, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

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.

On motion of Rep. Jetson, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

Suspension of the Rules

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

House and House Concurrent Resolutions

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

Motion

On motion of Rep. Long, the Committee on Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of House Concurrent Resolution No. 37.

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.

On motion of Rep. Long, the rules were suspended in order to consider the adoption of the resolution.

Rep. Long sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Long to Original House Concurrent Resolution No. 37 by Representative Long

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 16, after "seasons" and before "within" insert ", including deer seasons,"

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

On motion of Rep. Long, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 12, 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. 40
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 41
Returned without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

Message from the Senate

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 12, 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. 28 and 30

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Appropriations to meet at adjournment on Wednesday, May 13, 1998.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Toomy, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Judiciary to meet at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 13, 1998.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Weston, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to meet at noon on Wednesday, May 13, 1998.

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Dimos, at 5:05 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, May 13, 1998, at 1:30 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 1:30 P.M., Wednesday, May 13, 1998.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House

C. Wayne Hays
Journal Clerk, *Emeritus*

