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**FIFTEENTH 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

Tuesday, May 26, 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	Guillory	Powell
Alario	Hammett	Pratt
Alexander, A.—93rd	Heaton	Quezaire
Alexander, R.—13th	Hebert	Riddle
Ansardi	Hill	Romero
Barton	Holden	Rousselle
Baudoin	Hopkins	Salter
Baylor	Hudson	Scalise
Bowler	Hunter	Schneider
Bruce	Iles	Schwegmann
Bruneau	Jenkins	Shaw
Carter	Jetson	Smith, J.D.—50th
Chaisson	Johns	Smith, J.R.—30th
Clarkson	Kennard	Stelly
Copelin	Kenney	Strain
Crane	Lancaster	Theriot
Curtis	Landrieu	Thomas
Damico	LeBlanc	Thompson
Daniel	Long	Thornhill
Deville	Marionneaux	Toomy
DeWitt	Martiny	Travis
Diez	McCain	Triche
Dimos	McCallum	Vitter
Donelon	McDonald	Waddell
Dupre	McMains	Walsworth
Durand	Michot	Warner
Farve	Mitchell	Welch
Faucheux	Montgomery	Weston
Flavin	Morrell	Wiggins

Fontenot	Morrish	Wilkerson
Frith	Murray	Willard
Fruge	Odinot	Winston
Gautreaux	Perkins	Wright
Glover	Pierre	
Green	Pinac	
Total—104		

ABSENT

Total—0

The Speaker announced that there were 104 members present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rev. Donald A. DeLukie.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rep. Walsworth 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 21, 1998, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials and Communications**

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

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment**

May 26, 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. 8—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE  
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of financial institutions to study and make recommendations as to the possibility of regulating or further regulating the check cashing, rent-to-own, and payday loan industries, and to report the findings and recommendations of such study to the House Commerce Committee and the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee prior to the beginning of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 51—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCALLUM  
A RESOLUTION

To recognize, commend, and congratulate Dr. William Calvin Reeves, upon the occasion of his retirement, for his fifty years of service and for his many contributions to his community.

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.

**Message from the Senate**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 26, 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. 66  
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 67  
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 69  
Returned without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

**Message from the Senate**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 26, 1998

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

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70—  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY**

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express condolences of the legislature upon the death of Mr. Anthony Joseph Smith, Sr. of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71—**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLDEN**

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Legislature of Louisiana, as it considers the FY 1998-99 budget, to consider enhancing the resources available to mass transit providers by substantially increasing the funding to the Mass Transit Account of the Parish Transportation Fund.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72—**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE GAUTREAU**

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Natural Resources and permit applicants publishing notices in official parish journals to also publish such notices in newspapers within affected localities when public notice in an official parish journal may be insufficient.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**House and House Concurrent Resolutions**

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68—**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG**

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Board of Regents to review and study the use of postsecondary educational institution physical plant facilities by public elementary and secondary schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, to recommend a uniform policy, including provisions for reasonable fees, which will encourage the use of such facilities by public and nonpublic schools subject to the administration of each management board, and to submit a written report of its findings to the House and Senate Committees on Education prior to the beginning of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—**

**BY SENATOR LAMBERT**

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to install flashing lights and "slow-school zone" signs at highways adjacent to the entrance of all public and private, elementary and secondary schools.

Read by title.

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

### 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. 41—**  
BY SENATOR GREENE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:306(B)(10), relative to taxation; to exempt drop shipment sales by a manufacturer to a wholesaler without a "W" number if the property is subsequently transferred to a wholesaler with a "W" number; to provide for evidence of such sale; 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. 64—**  
BY SENATOR MALONE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305.41 and 305.43(A), relative to sales taxation of Bass Life; to provide an exemption from state and local sales and use tax for Bass Life or any of its chapters; 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. 103—**  
BY SENATOR LANDRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:820.4, relative to funding; to provide for the duration of the TIMED program; to provide relative to the refunding of bonds issued for such program; 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. 119 (Substitute for Senate Bill No. 113 by Senator Schedler)—**  
BY SENATORS SCHEDLER AND LANDRY AND 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 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. 18—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary C to meet and to function as a joint committee to study the problems of funding and work overloads of Louisiana's probation and parole officers and to consider the possible transfer of probation supervision to local judicial districts.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Concurrent Resolution No. 18 by Representative Hammett

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2 and on line 3 delete "respect to" and insert the following:

"To request the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary C to meet and to function as a joint committee to study"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 19 and 20 and insert the following:

"does hereby request the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary C to meet and to function as a joint committee to study all aspects of probation and parole officers, particularly with a view"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 26 and 27 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 11

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 12, delete "special committee" and insert "joint committee"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, delete lines 17 through 25 and insert the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary C to allow an active probation and parole officer and a former probation and parole officer with more than ten years of experience in probation and parole selected by the governor to sit with the joint committee and participate in the discussion of the issues contained herein, including the right to ask questions; however, such persons shall not have the right to make motions or to vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary C to invite

the head of the probation and parole programs for adults in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee to give comment and testimony to the joint committee regarding the issues contained within this Concurrent Resolution."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 26, delete "special" and insert "joint"

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

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCAIN

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To request the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary C to meet and to function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the legal representation of persons confined on death row in Louisiana.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Concurrent Resolution No. 42 by Representative McCain

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "to study" delete "create a special committee" and insert "request the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary C to meet and to function as a joint committee"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the beginning of line 11, delete "hereby creates a special committee" and insert "does hereby request the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary C to meet and to function as a joint committee"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 14 through 27, and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 6 in their entirety and insert the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Legislature does hereby request that the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary C invite the president of the Louisiana State Bar Association or his designee, to give testimony and comment to the joint committee on the issues contained within this Resolution."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 7, after "that the" and before "committee" insert "joint"

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

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES R. ALEXANDER, CLARKSON, MCCALLUM, THOMPSON, WIGGINS, AND WILKERSON

**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 provide for a homestead exemption of fifty thousand dollars and to permit the deduction of automobile insurance and maintenance expenses from the estimated value of an estate.

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. 43 by Representative Rodney Alexander

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 3, add "provide for a homestead exemption of fifty thousand dollars and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "deduction of" and before "maintenance" insert "automobile insurance and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the end of line 7, change the period "." to a semicolon ";" and add "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"WHEREAS, the state of Kentucky has successfully provided for a homestead exemption of fifty thousand dollars in that state's estate recovery program through administrative rule."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 11, after "to provide for" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 12 and insert the following:

"a homestead exemption on the first fifty thousand dollars on the value of the estate of the deceased individual for the purpose of maintaining a residence or any other cost associated therewith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals to provide for a reduction in the estimated value of an estate by the amount of automobile maintenance and insurance costs incurred by an individual's survivors on the decedent's automobile during the decedent's stay in a nursing home."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 14, after "regulation" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 15 and 16 and insert a period "."

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. 44—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES WILKERSON AND WIGGINS 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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

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

**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.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES THOMPSON AND R. ALEXANDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Medical Vendor Program in the Department of Health and Hospitals to limit prescriptions written for Sildenafil Citrate, commonly referred to as Viagra.

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. 48 by Representative Thompson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "restrict" to "limit"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "Citrate" change the period "." to a comma "," and insert "commonly referred to as Viagra."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 17, change "restrict" to "limit"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 18, after "Sildenafil Citrate" delete the remainder of the line and insert a comma "," and "commonly referred to as Viagra, to the maximum extent allowed by law, and to cases of medical necessity only."

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. 62—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES R. ALEXANDER AND ILES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of public health to modify the immunization schedule to require that all students be immunized against Hepatitis B.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

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

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions  
Reported by Committees**

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—**  
BY SENATOR HINES AND REPRESENTATIVE R. ALEXANDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the attorney general to challenge the legality and constitutionality of the final rule governing the operation of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network which was promulgated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration on April 2, 1998, and to direct the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals to issue a formal comment letter to the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services objecting to the enactment of such rule and to the authority of the secretary to promulgate the rule and preempt Louisiana's laws and regulations on organ donation and allocation.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Rep. Toomy, the resolution was ordered passed to its third reading.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—**  
BY SENATORS HINES, IRONS, SCHEDLER, BAJOEI, BARHAM, BEAN, BRANCH, CAIN, CAMPBELL, CRAVINS, DARDENNE, DEAN, DYESS, ELLINGTON, EWING, W. FIELDS, HOLLIS, JOHNSON, LENTINI, ROBICHAUX, ROMERO, SHORT, SMITH, THEUNISSEN AND ULLO AND REPRESENTATIVES R. ALEXANDER, WINSTON, CLARKSON, MCCALLUM AND THOMAS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Gene Therapy Research Center Task Force to study the feasibility of developing a nationally prominent gene therapy research center in the greater metropolitan New Orleans area.

Read by title.

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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 Engrossed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23 by Senator Hines

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

"(12) A representative of Woman's Research Institute of Woman's Health Foundation in Baton Rouge."

### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, line 5, after "Foundation," delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 6, delete "Foundation in Baton Rouge,"

### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, line 7, after "New Orleans," and before "and the" insert "Northeast Louisiana University,"

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

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

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30— BY SENATOR C FIELDS

### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide a special committee, called the Nursing Assistants Study Committee, to study and make recommendations to the legislature on the compensation of nursing assistants and its relationship to job performance.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

## HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30 by Senator Cleo Fields

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2, and on line 3, delete "Study Committee," and insert "To request the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare to meet and to function as a joint committee"

### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "assistants" and before "and" insert "and social workers"

### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 15 and 16 insert the following:

"WHEREAS, social workers are also recognized as valuable service providers and serve a very important role in the delivery of services to persons in needs; and

WHEREAS, social workers also face the same issues regarding working conditions, benefits, and low morale; and

### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 17, after "assistants" and before "is" insert "and social workers"

### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete line 19 and at the beginning of line 20 delete "Committee," and insert "does request the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare to meet and to function as a joint committee"

### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 21, after "assistants" and before "and" insert "and social workers"

### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete lines 22 through 28, and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 12 in their entirety.

### AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, delete line 14, and insert "Hospitals and the Department of Social Services, when requested by the joint committee, shall provide the necessary staff to assist the joint committee in"

### AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 15, change "conduct" to "conducting"

### AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, line 15, change "make" to "making"

### AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, delete lines 16 through 23 in their entirety

### AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 3, line 24, after "that the" and before "committee" insert "joint"

### AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 4, line 1, after "Hospitals" and before the period "." insert "and the secretary of the Department of Social Services"

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

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

## 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. 77—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT

**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

Proposing to add Article VII, Section 21(J) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize the town of Vidalia to exempt certain property from certain municipal ad valorem taxes; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; 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. 77 by Representative Hammett

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, at the beginning of line 4, insert "certain"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 2, at the end of line 3, delete the period "." and insert the following "levied pursuant to Article VI, Section 27(A) of this constitution."

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 2, line 13, change "municipal ad valorem tax." to "certain municipal ad valorem taxes."

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

Under the rules, the above bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

**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 certain complimentary hotel rooms within its jurisdiction; to provide relative to such tax; 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. 289 by Representative Johns

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, at the beginning of line 4, insert "certain"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 3, at the end of line 6, delete the period "." and insert "but shall only include any hotel which is owned, owned in part, or operated, directly or indirectly, or any combination thereof, by a company which has, or which owns or owns in part, directly or indirectly, a company which has, a license to conduct gaming activities on a riverboat pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 27:41 et seq."

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 local and consent calendar.

**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.

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. 290 by Representative DeWitt

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, line 2, after "any" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 3 and on line 4 delete "hundred thousand persons" and insert "parish having a population exceeding four hundred seventy-five thousand persons as of the most recent federal decennial census"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 5, line 18, after "percent" and before the period "." insert the following:

": however, such tax shall only be levied if and when the state of Louisiana abates the tax on such sales of sleeping rooms, cottages, or cabins by hotels as to the tax levied by R.S. 47:321"

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, the bill was ordered to be placed on the local and consent calendar.

Rep. Clarkson objected and further moved the bill be placed on the regular calendar.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Reps. Ansardi, Barton, Baudoin, Bowler, Bruneau, Clarkson, Diez, Farve, Fontenot, Jenkins, Kennard, Lancaster, Martiny, McMains, Perkins, Pratt, Scalise, Stelly, Vitter, Welch, Wilkerson, Willard, and Windhorst.

Twenty-three members having voted in favor of the motion, the bill was placed on the regular calendar.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Montgomery, the rules were suspended in order to take up House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage at this time.

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage**

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on third reading and final passage were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 33—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MONTGOMERY, BAYLOR, FAUCHEUX, AND GLOVER

**AN ACT**

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

Read by title.

**Motion**

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 319 (Substitute for House Bill No. 252 by Representative Copelin)—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE COPELIN

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1068(E)(2)(d) and R.S. 51:1927(C)(introductory paragraph) and (2) through (5), 1928(B), and 1931 and to enact R.S. 51:1924(D), 1927.1, 1928(C), and 1935, relative to the Louisiana capital companies tax credit program; to provide for income tax credit or premium tax reductions; to provide relative to decertification; to provide for program termination; to provide for investment in an approved fund; to provide for an annual audit and rate of return; to provide relative to appreciation excess; to provide for a study of the capital companies tax credit program; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Copelin moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Hammett	Pratt
Alario	Heaton	Quezaire
Alexander, A.—93rd	Hebert	Riddle
Alexander, R.—13th	Hill	Romero
Ansardi	Holden	Rousselle
Baudoin	Hopkins	Salter
Baylor	Hudson	Scalise
Bowler	Hunter	Schneider
Bruce	Iles	Schwegmann
Bruneau	Jenkins	Shaw
Carter	Jetson	Smith, J.D.—50th
Chaisson	Johns	Smith, J.R.—30th
Clarkson	Kennard	Stelly
Copelin	Kenney	Strain
Crane	Lancaster	Theriot
Curtis	Landrieu	Thomas
Damico	LeBlanc	Thompson
Daniel	Long	Thornhill
Deville	Marionneaux	Toomy
DeWitt	Martiny	Travis
Diez	McCain	Triche
Dimos	McCallum	Vitter
Donelon	McDonald	Waddell
Dupre	McMains	Walsworth
Durand	Michot	Warner
Farve	Mitchell	Welch
Faucheux	Montgomery	Weston
Flavin	Morrell	Wiggins
Fontenot	Morrish	Wilkerson
Frith	Murray	Willard
Fruge	Odinot	Windhorst
Gautreaux	Perkins	Winston
Glover	Pierre	Wright
Green	Pinac	
Guillory	Powell	
Total—103		

**NAYS**

Total—0

**ABSENT**

Barton  
Total—1

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Copelin moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 180—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS  
**AN ACT**

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

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Representative Thomas to Engrossed House Bill No. 180 by Representative Thomas

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 9, after "sum of" delete the remainder of the line, and at the beginning of line 10, delete "\$99,053.57", and insert the following:

"Ninety-seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$97,500.00)"

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

Rep. Thomas moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Heaton	Powell
Alario	Hebert	Pratt
Alexander, A.—93rd	Hill	Quezaire
Alexander, R.—13th	Holden	Riddle
Ansardi	Hopkins	Romero
Baudoin	Hudson	Salter
Baylor	Hunter	Shaw
Bruce	Iles	Smith, J.D.—50th
Carter	Jenkins	Smith, J.R.—30th
Chaisson	Johns	Strain
Copelin	Kennard	Theriot
Curtis	Kenney	Thomas
Damico	LeBlanc	Thompson
Deville	Long	Thornhill
DeWitt	Marionneaux	Toomy
Diez	McCain	Travis
Dupre	McCallum	Walsworth
Durand	McDonald	Warner
Farve	Mitchell	Welch
Faucheux	Montgomery	Weston
Fontenot	Morrell	Wiggins
Frith	Morrish	Wilkerson
Gautreaux	Murray	Willard
Glover	Odinot	Winston
Green	Pierre	Wright
Hammett	Pinac	
Total—77		

**NAYS**

Barton	Flavin	Schneider
Bowler	Fruge	Schwegmann
Bruneau	Guillory	Stelly
Clarkson	Lancaster	Vitter
Crane	McMains	Waddell
Daniel	Michot	Windhorst
Dimos	Perkins	
Donelon	Scalise	
Total—22		

**ABSENT**

Jetson	Martiny	Triche
Landrieu	Rousselle	
Total—5		

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Thomas moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Daniel, House Rule 8.25 was suspended to allow House Bill No. 233 to be called from the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 233—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL AND SENATOR BARHAM  
AN ACT

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

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Representative Daniel to Engrossed House Bill No. 233 by Representative Daniel

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 5, change "R.S. 47:301(16)(a)(ii)" to "R.S. 47:301(16)(d)"

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

**Point of Order**

Rep. Crane asked for a ruling from the Chair as to whether House Bill No. 233 levies a new tax or increases an existing tax, and therefore would require the favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members to finally pass the House.

**Ruling of the Chair**

The Chair ruled the bill did levy a new tax or increases an existing tax, and therefore would require the favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members to finally pass the House.

Rep. Daniel moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Hammett	Pratt
Alario	Heaton	Riddle
Alexander, R.—13th	Hebert	Romero
Barton	Hudson	Rousselle
Baylor	Hunter	Schwegmann
Bruce	Iles	Smith, J.R.—30th

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Chaisson	Johns	Stelly
Clarkson	Kennard	Theriot
Copelin	Kenney	Thompson
Damico	Lancaster	Thornhill
Daniel	Long	Toomy
Deville	Marionneaux	Vitter
DeWitt	Martiny	Walsworth
Diez	McMains	Warner
Dimos	Michot	Welch
Dupre	Mitchell	Weston
Fauchoux	Montgomery	Willard
Frith	Morrish	Winston
Fruge	Murray	Wright
Glover	Odinot	
Green	Powell	

Total—61

NAYS

Alexander, A.—93rd	Hill	Salter
Baudoin	Holden	Scalise
Bowler	Hopkins	Schneider
Bruneau	Jenkins	Shaw
Crane	LeBlanc	Strain
Curtis	McCain	Thomas
Donelon	McCallum	Travis
Durand	McDonald	Triche
Farve	Morrell	Waddell
Flavin	Perkins	Wiggins
Fontenot	Pierre	Wilkerson
Gautreaux	Pinac	Windhorst
Guillory	Quezaire	

Total—38

ABSENT

Ansardi	Jetson	Smith, J.D.—50th
Carter	Landrieu	

Total—5

The bill, not having received a two-thirds vote of the elected members, failed to pass.

Motion to reconsider pending.

## Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Alario, the rules were suspended to limit the author or proponent handling the legislative instrument to ten minutes for opening remarks and all subsequent speakers on the instrument to five minutes.

## Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Alario, the rules were suspended in order to take up Special Order of the Day at this time.

## Special Order of the Day

The following legislative instruments on Special Order were taken up and acted upon as follows:

### HOUSE BILL NO. 2—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, LEBLANC, AND DOWNER AND SENATORS BARHAM AND HAINKEL  
AN ACT

To provide with respect to the capital outlay budget and the capital outlay program for state government, state institutions, and other public entities; to provide for the designation of projects and improvements; to provide for the financing thereof making

appropriations from certain sources; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

### HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representatives Alario and LeBlanc to Engrossed House Bill No. 2 by Representative Alario

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 16 through 20 in their entirety, and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 18, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

"(15) State Archives Building Repairs,  
Renovations, and Addition,  
Planning and Construction  
(East Baton Rouge)  
Payable from Fees and Self-  
Generated Revenues \$ 175,000"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 23, line 42, change "Call" to "Canal"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 27, delete line 26 and insert "(Avoyelles, Concordia, East Carroll, Madison, Pointe Coupee, Tensas)"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 32, line 10, change "1,125,000" to "1,375,000"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 32, line 15, change "3,295,000" to "3,545,000"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 62, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

### "50/J12 CAMERON PARISH

(1240) Phase I - Jetty Fishing Pier Project,  
Planning and Construction  
(Cameron)  
Payable from State General Fund (Direct) \$ 47,500"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 67, delete line 10, and insert the following:

"Priority 2 \$ 250,000  
Priority 5 \$ 250,000  
Total \$ 500,000"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 67, line 19, change "46" to "45"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 78, delete line 12, and insert "Planning, Design, Construction, and Land Acquisition"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 78, delete line 19, and insert "Planning, Design, Construction, and Land Acquisition"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 86, line 28, change "LEPETIT" to "LE PETIT THEATER", and on line 29, change "LePetit" to "Le Petit Theater"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 86, delete lines 39 through 41 and insert the following:

"November 1st deadline. This project has been approved for late submission of the capital outlay budget request by the Department of Economic Development pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 39:112."

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

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

**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Representatives Alario and LeBlanc to Engrossed House Bill No. 2 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 69, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

"(1116) Walnut Drainage Canal  
Flood Control Structure,  
Planning and Construction  
(\$52,800 Local Match)  
(St. Mary)  
Payable from State General Fund (Direct) \$ 300,000"

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

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

**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Representative Holden to Engrossed House Bill No. 2 by Representative Alario, et al.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 71, at the end of line 20, change "\$1,500,000" to "\$11,500,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 71, at the end of line 22, change "\$15,000,000" to "\$25,000,000"

On motion of Rep. Holden, the amendments were withdrawn.

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

**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Representative Willard to Engrossed House Bill No. 2 by Representative Alario, et al.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 74, line 40, after "Outlay" and before the period "." insert:

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ber of the House of Representatives serving the district of the city in which the Jazzland Theme Park will be located"

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

Rep. Alario moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Green	Powell
Alario	Guillory	Pratt
Alexander, A.—93rd	Hammett	Quezaire
Alexander, R.—13th	Heaton	Riddle
Ansardi	Hebert	Romero
Barton	Hill	Rousselle
Baudoin	Holden	Salter
Baylor	Hopkins	Scalise
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Carter	Johns	Smith, J.D.—50th
Chaisson	Kennard	Smith, J.R.—30th
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Flavin	Morrish	Wiggins
Fontenot	Murray	Wilkerson
Frith	Odinet	Willard
Fruge	Perkins	Winston
Gautreaux	Pierre	Wright
Glover	Pinac	
Total—101		

**NAYS**

Jenkins	Windhorst
Total—2	

**ABSENT**

Jetson
Total—1

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Alario moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO

**AN ACT**

To enact the Omnibus Bond Authorization Act of 1998, relative to the implementation of a five-year capital improvement program; to provide for the repeal of certain prior bond authorizations; to provide for new bond authorizations; to provide for authorization and sale of such bonds by the State Bond Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Alario moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Green	Powell
Alario	Guillory	Pratt
Alexander, A.—93rd	Hammett	Quezaire
Alexander, R.—13th	Heaton	Riddle
Ansardi	Hebert	Romero
Barton	Hill	Rousselle
Baudoin	Holden	Salter
Baylor	Hopkins	Scalise
Bowler	Hudson	Schneider
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Bruneau	Iles	Shaw
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Dupre	Michot	Walsworth
Durand	Mitchell	Warner
Farve	Montgomery	Welch
Faucheux	Morrell	Weston
Flavin	Morrish	Wiggins
Fontenot	Murray	Wilkerson
Frith	Odinet	Willard
Fruge	Perkins	Winston
Gautreaux	Pierre	Wright
Glover	Pinac	
Total—101		

**NAYS**

Jenkins	Windhorst
Total—2	

**ABSENT**

Jetson
Total—1

The Chair declared the above bill, having received a two-thirds vote of the elected members, was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Alario moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**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 certain additional appropriations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. LeBlanc moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Guillory	Pratt
Alario	Hammett	Quezairé
Alexander, A.—93rd	Heaton	Riddle
Alexander, R.—13th	Hebert	Romero
Ansardi	Hill	Rousselle
Barton	Holden	Salter
Baudoin	Hopkins	Scalise
Baylor	Hudson	Schneider
Bowler	Hunter	Schwegmann
Bruce	Iles	Shaw
Bruneau	Jenkins	Smith, J.D.—50th
Carter	Johns	Smith, J.R.—30th
Chaisson	Kennard	Stelly
Clarkson	Kenney	Strain
Copelin	Lancaster	Theriot
Crane	Landrieu	Thomas
Curtis	LeBlanc	Thompson
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Farve	Montgomery	Weston
Faucheux	Morrell	Wiggins
Flavin	Morrish	Wilkerson
Fontenot	Murray	Willard
Frith	Odinet	Windhorst
Früge	Perkins	Winston
Gautreaux	Pierre	Wright
Glover	Pinac	
Green	Powell	

Total—103

**NAYS**

Total—0

**ABSENT**

Jetson  
Total—1

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. LeBlanc moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, 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 26, 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. 2  
Returned with amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 11  
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 24  
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 70  
Returned without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

**Message from the Senate**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 26, 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. 8, 26, and 38

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

**Message from the Senate**

**SENATE BILLS**

May 26, 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. 14 and 18

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III  
Secretary of the Senate

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, 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. 14—**  
BY SENATORS BEAN AND THEUNISSEN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:462(B)(9) and 463(A)(4), relative to motor vehicles; to provide relative to license plates for trucks and private passenger vehicles; to require credit for time remaining on such plates under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**SENATE BILL NO. 18—**  
BY SENATOR ROMERO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:648.21(A) and (B), relative to severance tax; to provide for severance tax rates for certain nonhazardous oilfield waste; to provide for definitions; 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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES KENNARD, BRUCE, DIEZ, FONTENOT, HOLDEN, LONG, MCDONALD, PERKINS, POWELL, QUEZAIRE, ROMERO, SALTER, THOMPSON, AND TRAVIS  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt and submit for legislative approval a revised minimum foundation program formula for the 1998-1999 school year that provides for salary increases for all public elementary and secondary school employees who are required as a condition of employment to hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate.

Read by title.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. McDonald, the rules were suspended in order to refer the resolution to committee at this time.

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

**Reports of Committees**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

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

May 26, 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. 240, by Montgomery  
Reported with amendments. (16-1) (Regular)

JOHN A. ALARIO, JR.  
Chairman

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Windhorst, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to add the following legislative instruments to its agenda without giving the notice required by House Rule 14.21(A) and House Rule 14.53(B).

House Resolution No. 26

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. McDonald, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Education to add the following legislative instruments to its agenda without giving the notice required by House Rule 14.21(A) and House Rule 14.53(B).

House Concurrent Resolution Nos. 68 and 73

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Alario, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Ways and Means to meet on Wednesday, May 27, 1998, and consider the following legislative instruments without giving the notice required by House Rule 14.21(A) and House Rule 14.53(B):

House Bill Nos. 16, 34, 95, 114, 187, 192, 203, 213, 237, and 298

**Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Green, at 7:10 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, May 27, 1998, at 3:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 27, 1998.

ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House

C. Wayne Hays  
Journal Clerk, *Emeritus*