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SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Twenty-fifth Regular Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, March 30, 1999

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:00 P.M., by the Honorable Hunt Downer, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Green	Pierre
Alario	Guillory	Pinac
Alexander	Hammett	Powell
Ansardi	Heaton	Pratt
Barton	Hebert	Quezairé
Baudoin	Hill	Riddle
Baylor	Holden	Romero
Bowler	Hopkins	Salter
Bruce	Hudson	Scalise
Bruneau	Hunter	Schneider
Carter	Iles	Schwegmann
Chaisson	Jenkins	Shaw
Clarkson	Johns	Smith, J.D.—50th
Copelin	Kennard	Smith, J.R.—30th
Crane	Kenney	Stelly
Curtis	Lancaster	Theriot
Damico	Landrieu	Thompson
Daniel	LeBlanc	Toomy
Deville	Long	Travis
DeWitt	Marionneaux	Triche
Diez	Martiny	Waddell
Dimos	McCain	Walsworth
Doerge	McCallum	Warner
Dupre	McDonald	Welch
Durand	McMains	Weston
Farve	Michot	Wiggins
Faucheux	Mitchell	Wilkinson
Flavin	Montgomery	Willard
Fontenot	Morrell	Windhorst
Frith	Morrish	Winston

Fruge	Murray	Wright
Gautreaux	Odinot	
Glover	Perkins	
Total—97		
	ABSENT	
Donelon	Thornhill	
Jetson	Vitter	
Strain		
Total—5		

The Speaker announced that there were 97 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Kenney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Pinac 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 motion of Rep. Walsworth, the Journal of March 29, 1999, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials and
Communications**

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

Message from the Senate

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 30, 1999

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. 22
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 27
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 31
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 32
Returned without amendments.

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. 41
Returned without amendments.

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House Concurrent Resolution No. 47
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 48
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 49
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 50
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 51
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 52
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 53
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 54
Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 60
Returned without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

March 30, 1999

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 DOWNER A RESOLUTION

To recognize and record the accomplishments and contributions of a distinguished jurist, Darrell D. White, and commend him for his service to the City of Baton Rouge, the State of Louisiana, and the United States of America as he prepares to retire from office after twenty-eight years of public service.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9— BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCALLUM A RESOLUTION

To commend ConAgra Poultry Company, Farmerville Division, on obtaining five million man-hours without a lost time accident.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12— BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHWEGMANN A RESOLUTION

To proclaim March 30, 1999, as Doctors Day in the state of Louisiana in order to honor and recognize all physicians who dedicate themselves and their careers to the care of their patients and the advancement of medicine and to thank them for their contributions to improving the quality of life for all of Louisiana's citizens.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, ALARIO, ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, BARTON, BAUDOIN, BAYLOR, BOWLER, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, CARTER, CHAISSON, CLARKSON, COPELIN, CRANE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DEVILLE, DEWITT, DIEZ, DIMOS, DOERGE, 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, SALTER, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SCHWEGMANN, SHAW, JACK SMITH, JOHN SMITH, STELLY, STRAIN, THERIOT, THOMPSON, THORNHILL, TOOMY, TRAVIS, TRICHE, VITTER, WADDELL, WALSWORTH, WARNER, WELCH, WESTON, WIGGINS, WILKERSON, WILLARD, WINDHORST, WINSTON, AND WRIGHT

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives to the family of the Reverend Avery C. Alexander and to recognize his many contributions to the causes of civil and human rights.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15—

BY REPRESENTATIVES JOHN SMITH AND DOWNER
A RESOLUTION

To commend Mrs. Betty R. Welch, upon the occasion of her retirement from Fort Polk, for her selfless commitment to serving Fort Polk, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

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.

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. 76—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to support the efforts and call for action by the Louisiana Independent Oil and Gas Association.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

Introduction of House Bills and Joint Resolutions

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1990—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:235.2, relative to commitments by public school students and their parents or guardians; to require public school students and their parents or guardians to sign statements of compliance relative to school attendance, homework assignments,

and school rules; to provide relative to rules and regulations of city and parish school boards; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1991—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 17:176(F), relative to participation in extracurricular interscholastic athletic activities; to repeal provisions which allow for participation of certain nonpublic high school students in such activities.

Read by title.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on Appropriations

March 30, 1999

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. 198, by Bruneau
Reported with amendments. (13-0) (Regular)

JERRY LUKE LEBLANC
Chairman

Report of the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

March 30, 1999

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 8, by McCain
Reported with amendments. (9-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 17, by Bruneau
Reported favorably. (9-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 62, by Schneider
Reported with amendments. (9-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 76, by Bruneau
Reported with amendments. (9-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 88, by Bruneau
Reported favorably. (9-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 94, by Bruneau
Reported favorably. (9-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 217, by Bruneau
Reported with amendments. (9-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 389, by McMains
Reported with amendments. (7-2) (Regular)

F. CHARLES MCMAINS, 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. 7—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY
A RESOLUTION

To the House Committee on Appropriations to study state law and policy on contracting for management services for buildings and facilities owned and operated by or for the state.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOWLER
A RESOLUTION

To direct the Louisiana Gaming Control Board to end the practice of assessing full application fees each time an application for licensure has to be amended, revised, and resubmitted to that board.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Department of Commerce, the United States Department of Transportation, the National Transportation Safety Board, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Transportation and Development, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Governor's Office of Maritime Advisor, and the Offshore Terminal Authority, to require all barges, cargo ships, and vessels of any type transporting hazardous materials on the Mississippi River adjacent to the cities of Gramercy and Litcher and abutting the parishes of St. James and St. John the Baptist to identify all hazardous materials being transported by utilizing a placarding system recognized by the United Nations or the North American Placarding System.

Read by title.

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

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

To prohibit the Office of Elderly Affairs from making certain planning and service area changes and federal funding distribution changes relative to the Older Americans Act.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUILLORY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the traffic problems at the intersection of Prien Lake Road and Interstate 210 in Lake Charles, and to consider the inclusion of traffic mitigation improvements at this intersection when compiling the Highway Priority Program.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to implement a policy which prohibits the future construction of additional correctional facilities as well as the expansion of existing facilities.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to impose a five-year moratorium on construction of chemical plants in Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRISH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, to strictly enforce the provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statutes which govern vehicles driving on the right side of the road, overtaking, and passing.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LONG AND JOHN SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to establish a rest area at the Interstate 49 and Highway 6 interchange and to urge and request the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to maintain a tourist information center at that site.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG AND SENATOR SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development and United States Army Corps of Engineers to study drainage problems on the lower Cane River in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and make recommendations to the legislature prior to the 2000 Regular Session.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG AND SENATOR SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to erect lighting at the intersection of Interstate Highway 49 and Louisiana Highway 6 in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request that the Department of Natural Resources study the possibility of establishment of new rental and royalty requirements for the lease of state land and the possibility of incorporating such new requirements into existing leases.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX AND SENATOR LAMBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to construct an exit ramp from Louisiana Highway 3213 to Louisiana Highway 641 in Gramercy, Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to install a new traffic light at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 3274 and Louisiana Highway 3125 in Gramercy, Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to update and modernize Louisiana Highway 3274, located in the town of Gramercy, Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to extend its office hours and to open additional "express" offices.

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 HEBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request each state department and agency which employ state classified employees to adopt a rewards and recognition policy in accordance with Civil Service regulations to recognize and reward outstanding achievements by its employees in the performance of their public service.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the legislature and its agencies to use plain language to the extent possible in the drafting of laws, rules, and regulations and in all communications with the public and to urge and request the governor and the statewide elected officials to direct all executive branch agencies to use plain language to the extent possible in the drafting of rules and regulations and in all communications with the public.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend state police riverboat gaming division rule (LAC 42:XIII.4329(2)), which provides for minimum standards for electronic gaming devices; to increase the minimum payout to ninety-five percent and to direct the Louisiana Register to print amendment in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, DOWNER, MCMAINS, DIEZ, AND CRANE AND SENATORS DARDENNE, EWING, HAINKEL, BARHAM, AND SCHEDLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2000 Regular Session of the Legislature the provisions of Chapter 6-A of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 15:601 through 620 and providing for the DNA Detection of Sexual and Violent Offenders Law.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLDEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Commerce and Industry to prohibit recipients of certain tax exemption contracts from issuing employee bonuses or stock dividends.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the legislative auditor to conduct a comprehensive study and comparison of state operated correctional and privately operated facilities in Louisiana to determine the overall effectiveness and efficiency of each.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to conduct a feasibility study of adopting Chapters 2 and 2A of the Uniform Commercial Code and repealing the Civil Code articles regarding sales and leases.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, division of charitable gaming control rule (LAC 42:I.2215), which provides for prohibited combination of interests for commercial lessors and their immediate family members, and to direct the Louisiana Register to print the amendments in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the results and consequences of the introduction of livestock on the Dewey Wills Wildlife Management Area, and to report findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Natural Resources prior to the convening of the 2000 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUDSON, PIERRE, FRUGE, AND MICHOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Civil Service Commission to study and consider the feasibility and possibility of allowing state employees to evaluate their managers and supervisors; to request a report of the commission's findings to the House and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee by February 15, 2001.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ANSARDI AND CHAISSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to install lighting on Interstate Highway 10 and Interstate Highway 310 in the vicinity of the intersection of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, and St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Transportation and Development to select the route of the east-west corridor project from Vidalia, Louisiana, to Clarence, Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to investigate solutions to flooding problems at Black Lake/Clear Lake and to present to the legislature by March 1, 2000, a report detailing its findings and recommendations.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59—

BY REPRESENTATIVES RIDDLE, DEWITT, DOWNER, MCMAINS, DIEZ, AND CRANE AND SENATORS DARDENNE, EWING, HAINKEL, BARHAM, SCHEDLER, AND LANDRY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to review the following statutory provisions and in all locations it deems appropriate change current references to the Department of Health and Human Resources to the correct agency indicated.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCAIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To repeal Louisiana Gaming Control Board rule (LAC 42:III.104), which provides for delegation of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board's authority to the chairman of the board and to direct the Louisiana Register to print the notice of the repeal in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of motor vehicles, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, to expedite the procedures for acquiring a handicapped insignia.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX AND SENATOR LAMBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Transportation and Development to install a left-turn signal light at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 3125 and Louisiana Highway 3274 in St. James Parish, Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER, BARTON, BAUDOIN, CRANE, DOERGE, KENNEY, LONG, MCDONALD, POWELL, PRATT, SALTER, SHAW, WINSTON, AND WRIGHT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Department of Labor to work together to develop a comprehensive prison education, vocation, and rehabilitation program.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2000 Regular Session of the Legislature certain provisions of Part I of Title 40 of the Louisiana Administrative Code, relative to workers' compensation hearing procedures, specifically LAC 40:I.5529, 5709, 5803, 5917, 5961, 6103, 6105, and 6303.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JETSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the division of administration to study and develop a strategy to preserve public access to public waterways and to report findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Natural Resources prior to the convening of the 2000 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Department of Commerce, the United States Department of Transportation, the National Transportation Safety Board, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Transportation and Development, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Governor's Office of Maritime Advisor, and the Offshore Terminal Authority, to require all barges, cargo ships, and vessels of any type transporting hazardous materials on the Mississippi River adjacent to the cities of Gramercy and Litcher and abutting the parishes of St. James and St. John the Baptist to identify all hazardous materials being transported by utilizing a placarding system recognized by the United Nations or the North American Placarding System.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARVE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to promulgate rules to authorize and encourage members of the clergy to provide daily ministerial services to state and parish prisoners.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Natural Resources to study the effects of the Keystone Lock and Dam located on Bayou Teche on fields and siltation, and to report study findings and recommend-

ations to the House and Senate Committees on Natural Resources prior to the convening of the 2000 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

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 THEUNISSEN AND CASANOVA AND REPRESENTATIVE PINAC

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate May 11, 1999, as "FFA Day" at the Louisiana Legislature.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY SENATOR HAINKEL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Leonell Wilkes Clausen, mother, grandmother, sister, manager, civic leader, bus driver, justice of the peace, and friend.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—

BY SENATOR CAIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate and proclaim the first week in August of each year as "Week of Prayer for Schools".

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—

BY SENATOR CAIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To declare the last weekend of September of each year in Ragley, Louisiana, to be the "Ragley Annual Heritage and Timber Festival".

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY SENATOR ELLINGTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of David Patten, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, businessman, civic and community leader, and former member of the House of Representatives.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—

BY SENATOR ELLINGTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Lantz Womack, husband, father, brother, uncle, businessman, farmer, civic and community leader, and retired state representative.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY SENATOR ELLINGTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana on the death of Sturgis Sprague "S.S." DeWitt, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, veteran, farmer, civic and community leader, and former member of the House of Representatives.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—

BY SENATOR THEUNISSEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend James V. Soileau, Sr. on many years of outstanding service and dedication to the Louisiana educational system and congratulate him on his much deserved retirement.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—

BY SENATORS JORDAN, BEAN, BRANCH, BOISSIERE, CRAVINS, DARDENNE, C. FIELDS, W. FIELDS, HEITMEIER, HINES, LANDRY, ROMERO, TARVER, THEUNISSEN AND ULLO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard to establish the Cold War Victory Medal to commemorate those members of the Louisiana National Guard who served during the Cold War era from 1945 until 1991.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—

BY SENATORS JORDAN, BEAN, BRANCH, BOISSIERE, CRAVINS, DARDENNE, C. FIELDS, W. FIELDS, HEITMEIER, HINES, LANDRY, ROMERO, TARVER, THEUNISSEN AND ULLO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize Congress to establish the Cold War Victory Medal to commemorate those members of America's armed services who served during the Cold War era from 1945 until 1991.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—

BY SENATORS GREENE, BARHAM, DARDENNE, EWING, HAINKEL AND SCHEDLER AND REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD, DEWITT, DOWNER AND MCMAINS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the support of the Legislature of Louisiana for including secondary and postsecondary vocational education programs in the Unified State Plan to be submitted in compliance with the federal Workforce Investment Act.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37—

BY SENATOR GREENE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate April 22, as "Earth Day", and the month of April as "Earth Month".

Read by title.

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

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. 1977—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:33, relative to civil service; to provide relative to employment in the state civil service; to require proof of draft registration to be eligible for certain classified and unclassified state civil service employment; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1978—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS

AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the state and the Department of Health and Hospitals to transfer certain tracts of land situated in East Feliciana Parish to the town of Jackson; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1979—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCALLUM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 938, relative to rights of successors; to provide for a successor's exercise of rights of ownership with respect to his interests in the estate; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1980—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.15(A), relative to waterskiing; to provide for an exception to the requirement of having two persons in a motorboat which is towing a water-skier; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1981—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LONG, DEWITT, DOWNER, MCMAINS, DIEZ, AND CRANE AND SENATORS DARDENNE, EWING, HAINKEL, BARHAM, AND SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(A)(3), relative to the Board of Parole; to provide for salaries of board members; to provide that salaries are set by executive order of the governor; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1982—

BY REPRESENTATIVES JOHN SMITH, DEWITT, DOWNER, MCMAINS, DIEZ, AND CRANE AND SENATORS DARDENNE, EWING, HAINKEL, BARHAM, AND SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:6.1, 86(E)(5), and 91(D), relative to the office of conservation; to provide relative to emergencies declared by the commissioner of conservation; to provide for powers of the commissioner; to provide certain procedures and conditions; to provide for funding in the event of an emergency; to provide for notice; to provide relative to costs; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1983—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOPKINS, DEWITT, DOWNER, MCMAINS, DIEZ, AND CRANE AND SENATORS DARDENNE, EWING, HAINKEL, BARHAM, AND SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:907(B)(16) and (C) and 927(2), and to enact R.S. 30:907(B)(17), (18), (19), and (20), relative to the Louisiana Surface Mining and Reclamation Act; to require additional information on surface coal mining permit applications to protect the environment, historic places, wildlife, and threatened and endangered species; to increase eligibility requirements for the Small Operator Assistance Program; to eliminate the permit exemption for mines of two acres or less; to provide a permit exemption for certain mining operations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1984—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 938, relative to rights of successors; to provide for a successor's exercise of rights of ownership with respect to his interests in the estate; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1985—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEZ, DEWITT, DOWNER, MCMAINS, AND CRANE AND SENATORS DARDENNE, EWING, HAINKEL, BARHAM, AND SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:252(A)(1) and (I)(2)(b), relative to the bidding requirements of Department of Transportation and Development projects; to provide for the time period in which written invitations for quotations are to be sent; to provide relative to facsimile or telecopier transmission of addenda; 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. 1986—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RIDDLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(B), relative to parole eligibility; to provide that certain inmates are eligible for parole provided that they have served a portion of their sentence without any disciplinary incidents; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1987—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RIDDLE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:237, relative to unpaid child support; to authorize the Department of Social Services, office of family support, to enter into cooperative endeavors with private attorneys for the purpose of collecting unpaid child support; to provide for the release of certain information; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1988—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CRANE, DEWITT, DOWNER, MCMAINS, AND DIEZ AND SENATORS DARDENNE, EWING, HAINKEL, BARHAM, AND SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1754(A)(3), relative to procurement of telecommunications systems and services; to provide for evaluation of requests for proposals; to provide for revision of proposals; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1989—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CRANE, DEWITT, DOWNER, MCMAINS, AND DIEZ AND SENATORS DARDENNE, EWING, HAINKEL, BARHAM, AND SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1642(2) and 1643(C), relative to required fire protection sprinkler systems; to provide for the definition of "existing high rise buildings; to provide for extensions of time to meet the requirement for high rise buildings in certain cases; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

Motion

On motion of Rep. Faucheux, the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 1202.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1202—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(L)(2), relative to levee districts; to provide for the membership of the board of commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

Joint Session of the Legislature

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

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

On motion of Rep. Walsworth, the calling of the roll on the part of the House was dispensed with.

The honorable Chief Justice Calogero addressed the joint session.

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

House Business Resumed

Leave of Absence

Rep. Vitter - 1 day

Rep. Strain - 1 day

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Quezaire, at 4:30 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at 3:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 31, 1999.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House

C. Wayne Hays
Journal Clerk, *Emeritus*