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FIRST DAY’S PROCEEDINGS

Twenty-ninth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Sunday, March 11, 2001

The House of Representatives was called to order at 6:00 P.M., by
the Honorable Charlie DeWitt, Speaker of the House of
Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker  Gallot  Nevers
Alario  Glover  Ondet
Alexander, E  Green  Perkins
Alexander, R  Guillory  Pierre
Ansardi  Hammett  Pinac
Baudoin  Heaton  Pite
Baylor  Hebert  Powell
Bowler  Hill  Pratt
Broome  Holden  Quezaire
Bruce  Hopkins  Richmond
Bruneau  Hudson  Riddle
Carter, K  Hunter  Romero
Carter, R  Hutter  Salter
Cazayoux  Iles  Scalise
Clarkson  Jackson, L  Schneider
Crane  Jackson, M  Schweigmann
Crowe  Johns  Shaw
Damico  Katz  Smith, G—56th
Daniel  Kennard  Smith, J.D.—50th
Dartez  Kenney  Smith, J.H.—8th
Devillier  LaFleur  Smith, J.R.—30th
Diez  Lancaster  Sneed
Doerge  Landrieu  Stelly
Donelon  LeBlanc  Strain
Downer  Lucas  Thompson
Dupre  Martiny  Toomy
Durand  McCallum  Townsend
Erdey  McDonald  Trice
Farrar  McMains  Waddell

Faucheux  McVea  Walsworth
Flavin  Montgomery  Welch
Frith  Morrell  Winston
Fruge  Morrish  Wooton
Futrell  Murray  Wright

Total—102

ABSENT

Curtis

Total—1

The Speaker announced that there were 102 members present and
a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Riddle.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Petitions, Memorials and
Communications

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

W. Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
State of Louisiana
March 6, 2001

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to hand you herewith certified copy of the
Proclamation by his Excellency, M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of
the State of Louisiana, dated March 5, 2001, designating certain objects
to be considered at the Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of
Louisiana, to be convened at 6:00 o’clock p.m. on the 11th day of
March, 2001, and to adjourn, sine die, not later than 6:00 o’clock p.m.
on the 22nd day of March, 2001.

Sincerely,

W. Fox McKeithen

United States of America
State of Louisiana
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State

As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that
the attached pages contain a true and correct copy of the Proclamation
by his Excellency, M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of the State of
Louisiana, dated March 5, 2001, designating certain objects to be
considered at the Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana,
to be convened at 6:00 o’clock p.m. on the 11th day of March, 2001,
and to adjourn, sine die, not later than 6:00 o’clock p.m. on the 22nd day

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal
of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on this, the 6th
day of March, 2001.

Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
ITEM NO. 1: To amend and reenact certain provisions of Title 17 and Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to lower the required minimum annual compensation amount to be paid by the land based casino in New Orleans from $100 Million to not less than $50 Million, to revise or repeal the restrictions and limitations on restaurant operations, to revise or repeal the prohibition and limitations on owning or renting hotel rooms by the casino gaming operator, to revise or repeal the prohibition on the sale of products not directly related to gaming, to approve those suspensive conditions of the contract entered into by the state and the casino gaming operator, and to provide that the procedures relative to the negotiations and entering into such contract and issuing or modifying related regulatory approvals are exempt from the provisions of R.S. 27:25, 26, 89 and 255, and 49:950 et seq., to dedicate all state income, except for 10% of said revenue, from the casino gaming operations, to a fund to be used to provide an increase in the salary of certain public pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade certificated personnel and other public pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade classroom teachers and public post secondary education faculty as appropriated annually by the legislature.

ITEM NO. 2: To amend and reenact certain provisions of Title 17 and Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to increase the state license and franchise fees on riverboat gaming from 18 1/2% to 21 1/2% of net gaming proceeds for those riverboat licensees required to make excursions which make an election to conduct gaming operations dockside, to provide for a state license and franchise fee on riverboat gaming of 23 1/2% of net gaming proceeds for those riverboat licensees converting their operations to permanently moored riverboat vessel type operations, to authorize certain riverboat licensees to make an election to conduct gaming operations dockside, to authorize the Louisiana Gaming Control Board to regulate cruising, dockside gaming and gaming on permanently moored riverboat vessels, to authorize conversion of riverboat licensee operations to permanently moored riverboat vessel type operations, to define terms, to dedicate all state income in excess of 18 1/2% of net gaming proceeds to a fund to be used solely to provide an increase in the salary of certain public pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade certificated personnel and other public pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade classroom teachers and public post secondary education faculty, as appropriated annually by the legislature, and to otherwise provide relative thereto.

ITEM NO. 3: To extend the termination date for the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program.

ITEM NO. 4: To amend and reenact R.S. 47:162 to authorize the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to refund taxpayers overpayment under certain conditions and to provide relative thereto.

ITEM NO. 5: To legislate relative to the collection of unemployment taxes and payments of benefits by the state for Indian tribes and to provide relative thereto.

ITEM NO. 6: To legislate relative to exemptions from state and local sales and use taxes for purchases of utilities used by certain steelworks and blast furnaces and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

ITEM NO. 7: To authorize Esler Industrial Development District to transfer ownership of Esler Field in Rapides Parish to the Louisiana National Guard for military use and to provide relative thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 5th day of March, 2001.

M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
SECRETARY OF STATE

Message from the Secretary of State

The following message from the Secretary of State was received and read:

State of Louisiana
SECRETARY OF STATE
October 12, 2000

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

I have the honor to submit to you the name of Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr., who has been duly elected to fill the vacancy occurring in your honorable body since the last Session of the Legislature, caused by the death of Rep. Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson.

Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr., has been officially proclaimed duly and legally elected as Representative from the 11th Representative District of the State of Louisiana.

FOX McKEITHEN
Secretary of State
United States of America
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State

As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that the following candidate, having run in the election held on October 7, 2000, is declared elected by the people to the office set opposite his name for an unexpired term:

State Representative Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr., Representative of District 11.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of my office to be affixed at the city of Baton Rouge on this, the 15th day of November, 2000.

FOX McKEITHEN
Secretary of State

Oath of Office

Mr. Gallot presented himself before the bar of the House and took the following oath:

"I, Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr., do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution and laws of the United States and the constitution and laws of this state and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the House of Representatives according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God".

Message from the Secretary of State

The following message from the Secretary of State was received and read:

State of Louisiana
SECRETARY OF STATE

November 15, 2000

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

I have the honor to submit to you the name of Thomas H. "Tom" McVea, who has been duly elected to fill the vacancy occurring in your honorable body since the last Session of the Legislature, caused by the resignation of Rep. John D. Travis.

Thomas H. "Tom" McVea, has been officially proclaimed duly and legally elected as Representative from the 62nd Representative District of the State of Louisiana.

FOX McKEITHEN
Secretary of State

United States of America
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State

As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that the following candidate, having run in the election held on November 7, 2000, is declared elected by the people to the office set opposite his name for an unexpired term:

State Representative Nita Rusich Hutter, Representative of District 104.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of my office to be affixed at the city of Baton Rouge on this, the 20th day of December, 2000.

FOX McKEITHEN
Secretary of State
Oath of Office

Mrs. Hutter presented herself before the bar of the House and took the following oath:

"I, Nita Rusich Hutter, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution and laws of the United States and the constitution and laws of this state and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the House of Representatives according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God".

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Governor that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. Montgomery, Flavin, Murray, Doerge, and Welch.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Senate that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. Triche, Heaton, Iles, Dupre, and Lydia Jackson.

Reports of Special Committees

The special committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House had convened and was prepared to transact business reported that it had performed that duty.

The special committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House had convened and was prepared to transact business reported that it had performed that duty.

The Speaker thanked and discharged the committees.

Committee from the Senate

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

The Speaker thanked and dismissed the committee.

Message from the Senate

ASKING CONCORDENCE IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 11, 2001

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

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Senate Concurrent Resolutions at this time.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions contained in the message were taken up and acted upon as follows:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—
BY SENATOR LAMBERT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To invite the Honorable M. J. "Mike" Foster, Governor of Louisiana to address a joint session of the legislature.

Read by title.

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

Recess

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the Speaker declared the House at recess until 7:00 P.M.

Joint Session of the Legislature

The joint session of the legislature was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Honorable John J. Hainkel, Jr., President of the Senate.

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

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

The President of the Senate appointed the following special committee to escort the Honorable M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of the State of Louisiana, to the joint session:

On the part of the Senate: Senators Dardenne, Barham, Bill Jones, Schedler, Lentini, and Ellington.

On the part of the House: Representatives Alario, Kennard, Jack Smith, Katz, and Bruce.

The President of the Senate introduced the Honorable M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., who addressed the joint session of the legislature.

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

After Recess

Speaker DeWitt called the House to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker Gallot
Alexander, E Glover
Alexander, R Guillory
Ansardi Hammett
Baudoin Heaton
Perkins
Pierre
Pinac
Pitre
The Speaker announced there were 97 members present and a quorum.

Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1—**
**BY REPRESENTATIVE WALSWORTH**
A RESOLUTION
To commend Christopher Leader as a State Honoree in the 2001 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and to recognize and record his generous service and contributions to his community and to the state of Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2—**
**BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX**
A RESOLUTION
To commend Ben A. Taylor of Hammond as Louisiana's Conservationist of the Year.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Faucheux, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.
local option elections; to repeal certain requirements applicable to riverboat construction; 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. 3—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 27:52(2)(a) and R.S. 27:65(B)(1) and (2) and to repeal R.S. 27:24(E), relative to riverboat gaming; to require that all licensed riverboats in the state conduct cruises or excursions; to delete exceptions permitting certain riverboats to conduct gaming while docked; to provide that no gaming may be conducted while a riverboat is docked except under certain circumstances; to provide for the adoption of rules providing for a schedule for the embarking and disembarking of passengers when certain conditions exist; to repeal provisions prohibiting the adoption of certain rules regarding the conducting of gaming; to delete certain obsolete provisions authorizing certain local option elections; 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. 4—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARTINY
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 27:44(23), 65(A), (B)(1), 91(C), and 92(B)(2)(b) to enact R.S. 17:421.7, R.S. 27:44(17.1), 66, 66.1, and 66.2 and to repeal R.S. 27:44(16) and 52(2)(f), relative to riverboat gaming; to authorize licensed riverboats to conduct gaming while the riverboat is docked subject to certain provisions; to provide for gaming on a permanently moored riverboat vessel; to provide for riverboat gaming under certain conditions in the parish of the official gaming establishment and the payment of franchise fees; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for additional franchise fees; to establish a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the deposit of certain monies into the fund; to provide for uses of monies in the fund; to provide for applicability; to repeal obsolete provisions authorizing certain local option elections; to repeal certain requirements applicable to riverboat construction; 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. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVE RIDDLE AND SENATOR HINES
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1472(12)(F)(III)(c)(ii) and (v) and (e) and (j), 1552(A)(introdductory paragraph) and (2) and (E), and 1600(6)(a)(introdductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 23:1472(11)(i), (12)(F)(VII) and (H)(XXI), 1543(J), and 1592(H), relative to unemployment compensation taxes; to define employer and employment to include Indian tribes and services performed in the employ of an Indian tribe; to permit the imposition of taxes on Indian tribes for unemployment compensation purposes; to provide for the imposition of penalties for the delinquent payment of employment taxes by an Indian tribe; to permit an Indian tribe to elect payments in lieu of contributions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 6—
BY REPRESENTATIVES FARRAR AND DONELON AND SENATORS MCPHERSON AND ELLINGTON
AN ACT
To amend and reenact the heading of Subpart B-27 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to enact R.S. 29:33.2 and R.S. 33:130.541.1, and to repeal R.S. 33:130.541 through 130.547, relative to the Esler Industrial Development District; to transfer ownership by cooperative endeavor of the immovable and movable property and assets of the Esler Industrial Development District to the military department of the state for use by the Louisiana National Guard; to authorize the Rapides Parish Police Jury to transfer certain property including Esler Field in Rapides Parish to the military department of the state; to repeal provisions creating the Esler Industrial Development District; to provide for the Esler Industrial Development Area Advisory Board and the powers and duties thereof; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 7—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1621(A), (B), and (D), relative to the secretary of the Department of Revenue; to authorize the secretary to refund certain overpayments of tax; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 8—
BY REPRESENTATIVES PERKINS AND WALSWORTH
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 14:90.3(F), R.S. 27:2(B), 13(C)(2), (3), (4), (6), and (7)(b), 14(A), 15(B)(1), 20(C), 24(A)(4) and (B)(1), and 25(D) and to repeal R.S. 14:90(E) and R.S. 27:201 through 286, relative to the Louisiana Economic Development and Gaming Corporation Act; to repeal the authority and procedure for the conducting of land-based casino gaming operations and activities, and the exception of such operations and activities from the crime of gambling; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion
Rep. Bruneau moved that the bill be returned to the calendar.

Motion
Rep. Perkins moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.
**Point of Order**

Rep. Murray asked for a ruling from the Chair as to whether the object of the above bill is within the listing of objects contained in the governor's proclamation for this extraordinary session and whether House Bill No. 8 can be considered in this session.

**Ruling of the Chair**

The Chair ruled that the object of the above bill was not within the listing of objects contained in the governor's proclamation for this extraordinary session and under Louisiana Constitution Article III, Section 2 (B) cannot be considered in this session.

**Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair**

Rep. Perkins appealed the ruling of the Chair.

The vote recurred on sustaining the ruling of the Chair.

By a vote of 83 yeas and 12 nays, the Chair was sustained.

**Motion**

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 9—**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX**

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 3 of Act No. 535 of the 1988 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Section 2 of Act No. 285 of the 1992 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 3 of Act No. 1291 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Section 1 of Act No. 50 of the 1998 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program; to eliminate the termination date of the 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.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 10—**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER**

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1621, relative to the Department of Revenue; to expand the authority of the secretary to refund overpayments under certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 11—**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX**

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6005(D), relative to the qualified recycling equipment credit; to provide that certain industries may receive one hundred percent of the credit and any credit carry-forward during any taxable period; to provide that any excess credit amount over and above the amount of tax due shall be refunded to the taxpayer in the same manner as overpayments of tax; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 12—**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX**

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(10)(t) and to repeal R.S. 47:305.51, relative to the sales and use tax; to exempt purchases of utilities used by certain steelworks and blast furnaces by enacting a definition of exclusion relative to such purchases; to repeal the exemption for such purchases; to provide for the effectiveness of the exemption; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 13—**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT**

AN ACT

To provide, relative to the state and local sales and use tax, for the effectiveness of the exemption for utilities used by certain steelworks and blast furnaces; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 14—**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX**

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1621, relative to the Department of Revenue; to expand the authority of the secretary to refund overpayments under certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 15—**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE TOWNSEND**

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:44(23), 65(A), 65(B)(1), 91(C) and 92(B)(2)(b) and to enact R.S. 17:421.7 and R.S. 27:44(17.1), 65(C) and (D), 66, and 66.1 and to repeal R.S. 27:44(16), 52(2)(a) and (f) and 65(B)(2), relative to riverboat gaming; to authorize all licensed riverboats to conduct gaming while the riverboat is docked; to remove requirement that riverboats conduct cruises or excursions; to provide for gaming on a permanently moored riverboat vessel; to provide for riverboat gaming under certain conditions in the parish of the official gaming establishment; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to establish the revenue department; to provide for applicability; to remove requirement that riverboats be of new construction; to repeal provisions for approval of routes and the duration of riverboat excursions; to repeal requirements for the length of riverboat cruises or excursions; to establish a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the deposit of certain monies into the fund; to provide for uses of monies in the fund; to provide for applicability; to repeal obsolete provisions for certain local option elections; 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. 16**—
**BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, K. CARTER, DIEZ, SCALISE, SNEED, AND WINSTON AND SENATOR HOLLIS**
AN ACT
To amend and reenact Section 3 of Act No. 535 of the 1988 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Section 2 of Act No. 285 of the 1992 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 3 of Act No. 1291 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Section 1 of Act No. 50 of the 1998 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program; to change the termination date of the 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.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 17**—
**BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER**
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 47:44.3, relative to the individual income tax; to exempt certain income of public school classroom teachers from taxation; to provide for certification of classroom teacher status and income; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 18**—
**BY REPRESENTATIVES DANIEL, DOWNER, FAUCHEUX, LANCASTER, SCALISE, STRAIN, MONTGOMERY, AND WRIGHT**
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1621(A), (B), and (D), relative to the secretary of the Department of Revenue; to authorize the secretary to refund certain overpayments of tax; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 19**—
**BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT**
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 27:44(23), 65(A), (B)(1), 91(C), and 92(B)(2)(b), to enact R.S. 17:421.7 and R.S. 27:44(17.1), 66, 66.1, and 66.2, and to repeal R.S. 27:44(16) and 52(2)(f), relative to riverboat gaming; to authorize licensed riverboats to conduct gaming while the riverboat is docked subject to certain provisions; to provide for gaming on a permanently moored riverboat vessel; to provide for riverboat gaming under certain conditions in the parish of the official gaming establishment and the payment of franchise fees; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for additional franchise fees; to establish a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the deposit of certain monies into the fund; to provide for uses of monies in the fund; to provide for applicability; to repeal obsolete provisions authorizing certain local option elections; to repeal certain requirements applicable to riverboat construction; 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.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Martiny, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to meet on Monday, March 12, 2001, and consider the following legislative instruments without giving the notice required by House Rule 14.24(A):

House Bill Nos. 2, 3, 4, 15, and 19

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Guillory, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to meet on Monday, March 12, 2001, and consider the following legislative instruments without giving the notice required by House Rule 14.24(A):

House Bill No. 5

**Leave of Absence**

Rep. Curtis - 1 day

**Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, at 7:15 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Monday, March 12, 2001, at 5:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 5:00 P.M., Monday, March 12, 2001.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House