Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Curtis

Total—1

The Speaker announced that there were 101 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Salter.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Bowler 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. Frith, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Frith, the Journal of March 21, 2001, was adopted.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

March 22, 2001

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

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

The following House Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the LSU men's track and field team and its coaches, managers, and trainers upon winning the 2001 National Collegiate Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field Championship.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the LSU men's track and field team and its coaches, managers, and trainers upon winning the 2001 National Collegiate Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field Championship.
GLOVER, GREEN, GUILLOUX, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HOLDEN, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HUNTER, HUTTER, ILES, L. JACKSON, M. JACKSON, JOHNS, KATZ, KENNEDY, LAFLUR, LANCASTER, LANDRIEU, LEBLANC, LUCAS, MARTIN, MCCALLUM, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, MCEVA, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MORRIS, MURRAY, NEVERS, ODINET, PERKINS, PERRIER, PINAC, PITRE, POWELL, PRATT, QUEZARE, RICHMOND, RIDDEL, ROMERO, SALTER, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SCHWEMMANN, SHAW, GARY SMITH, JACK SMITH, JANE SMITH, JOHN SMITH, SNEED, STELLY, STRAIN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TOWNSEND, TRICHE, WADDELL, WALSORTH, WELCH, WINDSTON, WOOTON, AND WRIGHT AND SENATORS BAYOIE, BARHAM, BEAN, BOISSIERE, CAIN, CAMPBELL, CHAISON, CRAVINS, DARDEVNE, DEAN, DUPRE, ELLINGTON, C. FIELDS, W. FIELDS, FONTENOT, GAUTREAUX, HAINKEL, HEITMEIER, HINES, HOLLIS, HOYT, IRONS, JOHNSON, B. JONES, C. JONES, LAMBERT, LENTINI, MALONE, MARIONNEAUX, MCPherson, MICHOT, MOUNT, ROMERO, SCHEDLER, SMITH, TARVER, THEUNISSEN, THOMAS, AND ULLOL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend and congratulate LSU head basketball coach John Brady for his achievements in leading the Tigers through the 2000-2001 season.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY REPRESENTATIVES KENNARD, ALARIO, DANIEL, GLOVER, HOLDEN, MCEVA, MONTGOMERY, ODINET, POWELL, SALTER, E. ALEXANDER, ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, BAUDIN, BAYLOR, BOWLER, BROOME, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, K. CARTER, R. CARTER, CAZAYOUNX, CLARKSON, CRANE, CROWE, CURTIS, DAMICU, DARTEZ, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DIZ, DOBIE, DONELON, DOWNER, DURAND, EDEY, FARRAR, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FRITH, FRUGE, FURRELL, GALLOT, GREEN, GUILLOUX, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HUNTER, HUTTER, ILES, L. JACKSON, M. JACKSON, JOHNSON, KATZ, KENNEDY, LAFLUR, LANCASTER, LANDRIEU, LEBLANC, LUCAS, MARTIN, MCCALLUM, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PERKINS, PIERRE, PINAC, PITRE, PRATT, QUEZARE, RICHMOND, RIDDEL, ROMERO, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SCHWEMMANN, SHAW, GARY SMITH, JACK SMITH, JANE SMITH, JOHN SMITH, SNEED, STELLY, STRAIN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TOWNSEND, TRICHE, WADDELL, WALSORTH, WELCH, WINDSTON, WOOTON, AND WRIGHT AND SENATORS BAYOIE, BARHAM, BEAN, BOISSIERE, CAIN, CAMPBELL, CHAISON, CRAVINS, DARDEVNE, DEAN, DUPRE, ELLINGTON, C. FIELDS, W. FIELDS, FONTENOT, GAUTREAUX, HAINKEL, HEITMEIER, HINES, HOLLIS, HOYT, IRONS, JOHNSON, B. JONES, C. JONES, LAMBERT, LENTINI, MALONE, MARIONNEAUX, MCPherson, MICHOT, MOUNT, ROMERO, SCHEDLER, SMITH, TARVER, THEUNISSEN, THOMAS, AND ULLOL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend and congratulate LSU head football coach Nick Saban for his outstanding achievements in leading the Tigers to a remarkable 2000 season.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD RAY KENNARD
Chairman

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

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. 8—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD AND THOMPSON
A RESOLUTION
To commend the Honorable James H. Dumas and to proclaim March 29, 2001, as James H. Dumas Day in the Town of Oak Grove.

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

Suspension of the Rules
On motion of Rep. Faucheux, 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.

Conference Committee Reports for Consideration

The following Conference Committee Reports were taken up and acted upon as follows:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 2 By Representative DeWitt
March 21, 2001

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 2 by Representative DeWitt, recommend the following concerning the reengrossed bill:

1. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1 through 3 proposed by the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2001 be rejected.

2. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 proposed by Senator C.D. Jones and adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2001 be rejected.

3. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 3 proposed by Senator C.D. Jones and adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2001 be adopted.

4. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 through 17 proposed by Senator Bill Jones and adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2001 be rejected.

5. That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 2, after “reenact” and before “(B)(1),” delete “R.S. 27:44(23),” and insert “R.S. 27:65(A)”

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 3, after “R.S. 17:421.7,” delete the remainder of the line and insert “R.S. 27:66” and “70(B)(7)(c) and to”

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 6, after “provisions,” delete the remainder of the line and on line 7, delete “permanently moored riverboat vessel;”

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 3, line 17, delete “R.S. 27:44(23),” and insert “R.S. 27:” and on line 18, after “reenacted” delete the remainder of the line and insert “and R.S. 27:66 and 70(B)(7)(c) are”
AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 3, delete lines 20 through 26, and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 19 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 5, delete lines 5 and 6, in their entirety and insert:

"(1)(a) In the parish of the official gaming establishment, except as provided in R.S. 27:66,"

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 5, line 10, delete "authorized to conduct gaming pursuant to"

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 5, line 11, delete "Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph,"

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 6, line 9, after "R.S. 27:91(C)(1)" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and insert "the provisions of R.S. 27:65(B)(1)(c) and 66 shall apply.

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 6, line 12, change "R.S. 27:91(C)(1)" to "R.S. 27:91(C)(1) and the additional franchise fee in the amount provided in R.S. 27:91(C)(2)."

AMENDMENT NO. 11
On page 6, line 13, delete "may" and insert "shall only."

AMENDMENT NO. 12
On page 6, line 14, delete "R.S. 27:65(B)(1)(a) or (b)" and the remainder of the line in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 13
On page 7, delete lines 18 through 23 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(c) For all licensees other than those licensed pursuant to R.S. 27:65(B)(1)(a) or (b), gaming may only be conducted on a riverboat while it is docked and the licensee shall not conduct cruises or excursions. A riverboat gaming licensee authorized to conduct gaming on a riverboat while it is docked pursuant to this Subparagraph shall pay the franchise fee in the amount provided in R.S. 27:91(C)(1) and the additional franchise fee in the amount provided in R.S. 27:91(C)(2)."

AMENDMENT NO. 14
On page 7, delete lines 1 through 26 in their entirety and on page 8, delete lines 1 through 25 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 15
On page 10, delete lines 1 through 26 in their entirety and on page 11, delete lines 1 through 26 in their entirety and on page 12, delete lines 1 through 8 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 16
On page 10, line 9, change "§66.2. " to "§66."

AMENDMENT NO. 17
On page 10, line 9, after "docked" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 10, delete "moored riverboat vessel".

AMENDMENT NO. 18
On page 10, line 16, after "docked" and before "and" delete "or moored".

AMENDMENT NO. 19
On page 11, line 9, after "docked" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and insert "the provisions of R.S. 27:65(B)(1)(c) and 66 shall apply."

AMENDMENT NO. 20
On page 11, line 23, after "riverboat" delete the comma "," and delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and on line 24, delete "moored riverboat vessel,"

AMENDMENT NO. 21
On page 12, line 22, after " contrary," delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and insert "the provisions of R.S. 27:65(B)(1)(c) and 66 shall apply."

AMENDMENT NO. 22
On page 12, line 23, after "permanently moored riverboat vessel,"

AMENDMENT NO. 23
On page 13, line 1, after "riverboat" delete the comma "," and delete the remainder of the line in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 24
On page 13, at the beginning of line 2, delete "vessel,"

AMENDMENT NO. 25
On page 13, at the end of line 4, after "riverboat" delete the comma "," and delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and on line 5, delete "permanently moored riverboat vessel,"

AMENDMENT NO. 26
On page 13, line 10, after "riverboat" delete the comma "," and delete the remainder of the line in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 27
On page 13, at the beginning of line 11, delete "vessel,"

AMENDMENT NO. 28
On page 13, line 15, after "riverboat" delete the comma "," and delete the remainder of the line in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 29
On page 13, at the beginning of line 16, delete "vessel,"

AMENDMENT NO. 30
On page 14, line 7, after "docked" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety.
AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 14, at the beginning of line 8, delete "vessel"

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 14, delete lines 18 through 25, and on page 15, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert the following:

"(2) On and after April 1, 2001, except as provided in Paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Subsection, an additional franchise fee at an annual amount equal to three percent of net gaming proceeds shall be charged for the right to conduct gaming activities on a riverboat.

(3) Any riverboat gaming licensee conducting gaming activities as authorized by R.S. 27:65(B)(1)(b) shall pay an additional franchise fee for the right to conduct gaming activities on a riverboat as follows:

(a) On and after April 1, 2001 up to and including March 31, 2002, an additional franchise fee equal to one percent of net gaming proceeds.

(b) On and after April 1, 2002 up to and including March 31, 2003, an additional franchise fee equal to two percent of net gaming proceeds.

(c) On and after April 1, 2003, an additional franchise fee equal to three percent of net gaming proceeds.

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 15, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert the following:

"(4) On and after April 1, 2001, riverboat gaming licensee conducting gaming activities"

AMENDMENT NO. 33


AMENDMENT NO. 34

On page 15, line 7, change “(i)” to “(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 35

On page 15, line 11, change “(iii)” to “(b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 36

On page 15, line 16, change “(iii)” to “(c)"

AMENDMENT NO. 37

On page 15, delete lines 21 through 25 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 38

On page 16, delete lines 1 through 6 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 39

On page 16, lines 19 and 24, change “Fifteen” to “Nine”

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Charlie DeWitt
Representative Edwin R. Murray
Representative Daniel R. Martiny

Senator Donald R. Cravins
Senator Francis C. Heitmeier
Senator Joe McPherson

Rep. Murray moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker Heaton
Alario Hebert Piere
Alexander, R Hill Powell
Ansardi Holden Pratt
Bayor Hopkins Quezaire
Bowler Hudson Richmond
Bruce Hunter Romero
Bruneau Hutter Salter
Carter, K Iles Scalese
Carter, R Jackson, L Schneider
Carayoux Jackson, M Schwegmann
Clarkson Johns Shaw
Crane Katz Smith, G.—56th
Damico Kennard Smith, J.D.—50th
Daniel Kenney Smith, J.H.—8th
Dartez LaFleur Smith, J.R.—30th
Devillier Lancaster Sneed
Doerge Landrieu Stelly
Downer LeBlanc Strain
Durand Martiny Thompson
Farrar McCullum Toomy
Faucheux McDonald Townsend
Flavin Mains Triche
Frith McVea Waddell
Fruge Montgomery Walsworth
Gallot Morrell Welch
Glover Morrish Winston
Green Murray Wooton
Guillory Odinet
Hammett Pierre
Total—88

NAYS

Alexander, E Diez Nevers
Baudoin Donelon Perkins
Broome Erdey Riddle
Crowe Futrell Wright
Total—12

ABSENT

Curtis Lucas
Total—2

The Conference Committee Report, having received a two-thirds vote of the elected members, was adopted.

Petitions, Memorials and Communications

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:
Message from the Senate

ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

March 22, 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 the report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 2.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

Message from the Senate

SIGNED SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

March 21, 2001

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

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

Senate Bill No. 2

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

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

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

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Governor that the House has completed its labor and is prepared to adjourn sine die: Reps. June Smith, Welch, Katz, Lydia Jackson, and Durtex.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Senate that the House has completed its labor and is prepared to adjourn sine die: Reps. Thompson, Damico, Kenney, Stelly, and Wooton.

Reports of Special Committees

The special committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House had completed its labor and was prepared to adjourn sine die reported that it had performed that duty.

The special committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House had completed its labor and was prepared to adjourn sine die 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 completed its labor and is prepared to adjourn sine die.

The Speaker thanked and dismissed the committee.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

March 22, 2001

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BY REPRESENTATIVES MCDONALD AND THOMPSON
A RESOLUTION

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Respectfully submitted,

DONALD RAY KENNARD
Chairman

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

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

March 22, 2001

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

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

The following House Bills have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE BILL NO. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, MORRELL, MURRAY, ALARIO, ANSARD, BAYLOR, K. CARTER, DUPRE, FRITH, GLOVER, GUILLORY, HEATON, HOPKINS, HUDSON, L. JACKSON, JOHNS, MARTINY, MONTGOMERY, OJINET, PIERRE, PINAC, PRATT, RICHMOND, JACK SMITH, STELLY, TOWNSEND, TRICHE, WELCH, AND WOOTON AND SENATOR HEITMEIER
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 applicability; to repeal obsolete provisions authorizing certain local option elections; to repeal certain requirements applicable to
riverboat construction; to provide for the inspection and certification of riverboats; to provide for the number of riverboats which may operate on a designated waterway; and to provide for related matters.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD RAY KENNARD
Chairman

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

Leave of Absence

Rep. Curtis - 1 day

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Jane Smith, at 10:40 A.M., the House agreed to adjourn sine die.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned sine die.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House