The Committee was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Thompson.

On motion of Rep. Alario, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Alario, the Committee took under consideration House Bill No. 1 at this time.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO AND TRICHE
AN ACT
Making appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive branch of state government, pensions, public schools, public roads, public charities, and state institutions and providing with respect to the expenditure of said appropriations.

Read by title.

Suspension of the Rules


By a vote of 62 yeas and 25 nays, the House agreed to suspend House Rule 6.25.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Crowe in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representatives Alario and Triche

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 65, between lines 36 and 37, insert the following:

"In the event Senate Bill No. 762 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law, and in the event the state interest in the tract of land owned by Southeast Louisiana State Hospital located in Section 42, Township 8S, Range 12E in St. Tammany Parish, totalling between seven hundred and eight hundred acres located north and east of the sewarge treatment ponds is sold, and the proceeds of such sale are deposited into the State General Fund, an amount not to exceed Nine Million and No/100 ($9,000,000.00) Dollars, or an amount equal to the sale proceeds deposited into the State General Fund if such proceeds are less than $9,000,000.00, is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund (Direct) for construction of an interchange at the intersection of I-12 and Louisiana Highway No. 1088."  

Rep. Crowe moved the adoption of the amendments.


By a vote of 13 yeas and 68 nays, the amendments were rejected.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representatives Triche, Baldone, Pitre, and Dove in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representatives Alario and Triche

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 238, between lines 17 and 18 insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for operational expenses of Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center $ 582,992"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 253, line 32, change "3,793,289" to "3,210,297"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 253, line 37, change "3,830,789" to "3,247,797"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 253, line 39, change "3,830,789" to "3,247,797"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 253, line 40, change "3,830,789" to "3,247,797"

Rep. Triche moved the adoption of the amendments.


By a vote of 14 yeas and 69 nays, the amendments were rejected.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representatives Triche, Baldone, Pitre, and Dove in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representatives Alario and Triche
AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 238, between lines 17 and 18 insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for operational expenses of Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center $ 263,492

Provided, however, the commissioner of administration shall reduce the annual appropriation allocated and distributed to Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes from the Rural Development Fund by the amount of $263,492."

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

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Pierre in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representatives Alario and Triche

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 94, delete lines 4 through 6 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 149, line 34, change "300,000" to "200,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 149, line 37, change "300,000" to "200,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 252, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

"Payable out of State General Fund (Direct) to North St. Antoine, Inc. $ 325,000"

Rep. Pierre moved the adoption of the amendments.


By a vote of 40 yeas and 46 nays, the amendments were rejected.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Alario, the Committee of the Whole House agreed to rise and report.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House