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House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

The House of Representatives was called to order at 5:00 P.M., by the Honorable Joe R. Salter, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Faucheux	Odinet
Alario	Frith	Pierre
Alexander	Gallot	Pinac
Ansardi	Geymann	Pitre
Arnold	Glover	Powell, M.
Badon	Gray	Powell, T.
Baldone	Greene	Quezaire
Barrow	Guillory, E.	Richmond
Baudoin	Guillory, M.	Ritchie
Baylor	Hammett	Robideaux
Beard	Heaton	Romero
Bowler	Hebert	Scalise
Bruce	Hill	Schneider
Bruneau	Honey	Shepherd
Burns	Hopkins	Smiley
Burrell	Hunter	Smith, G.
Carter, K.	Hutter	Smith, J.D.—50th
Carter, R.	Jackson	Smith, J.H.—8th
Cazayoux	Johns	Smith, J.R.—30th
Crane	Katz	St. Germain
Cravins	Kennard	Strain
Crowe	Kenney	Thompson
Curtis	Kleckley	Toomy
Damico	LaBruzzo	Townsend
Daniel	LaFleur	Trahan
Dartez	LaFonta	Triche
DeWitt	Lambert	Tucker
Doerge	Lancaster	Waddell
Dorsey	Marchand	Walker
Dove	Martiny	Walsworth

Downs	McDonald	White
Durand	McVea	Winston
Erdey	Montgomery	Wooton
Fannin	Morrell	Wright
Farrar	Morrish	
Total - 104		

ABSENT

Jefferson
Total - 1

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

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Honey.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Townsend 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. Elcie Guillory, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Wooton, and under a suspension of the rules, the Journal of April 25, 2005, was corrected to indicate House Bill No. 22 was withdrawn from the files of the House prior to introduction.

On motion of Rep. Waddell, the Journal of Monday, April 25, 2005, was adopted.

**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. 13—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PITRE
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to grant permission to the Lafourche Parish governing authority to install and maintain, at the parish's expense, flashing red lights above stop signs at certain intersections along Louisiana Highway 3235 in Ward 10 of Lafourche Parish.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WINSTON
A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 1 through 8, 2005, as Cover the Uninsured Week.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLOT AND SENATOR KOSTELKA
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Saturday, May 7, 2005, as Air Force ROTC Detachment 311 Day and to commend Air Force ROTC Detachment 311 of Grambling State University.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL AND SENATOR HINES
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 10 in Oakdale, Louisiana, as the "Dr. George B. Mowad Memorial Highway" and to erect proper signage along this route reflecting this designation.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER AND SENATOR JONES
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Allen H. Reynolds upon his retirement as director of the Louisiana Department of State Civil Service and recognizes his contributions during more than three decades of highly productive public service.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to inform applicants for issuance and renewal of Louisiana drivers' licenses of the availability of forms in driver's license examining offices for applicants to make declarations concerning life-sustaining procedures and the living will designation on the reverse side of the license.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KLECKLEY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Aretta J. Rathmell of Lake Charles for receiving the Edward H. Knight, M.D. Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association and for her outstanding contributions in the field of mental health throughout her career.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ERDEY AND SENATOR FONTENOT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Michael Chase Courtney of Holden upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOWLER AND SENATOR LENTINI
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Betty Vollenweider Reed upon the occasion of her retirement as a third grade teacher at St. Rita School in Harahan.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CRAVINS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate, upon the death of a legislator, to notify each legislator who represents in whole or in part the area formerly represented by the deceased legislator about any capital outlay requests the deceased legislator had submitted for inclusion in the capital outlay budget or Capital Outlay Bill for the current fiscal year and for the next fiscal year.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**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. 255—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ANSARDI
AN ACT

To repeal Part VIII of Chapter 2 of Subtitle IV of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 11:3251 through 3267, to repeal provisions relative to the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund for the City of Kenner; to provide for disposition of monies remaining to the credit of the fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 717—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDONALD
AN ACT

To enact Part XXXI of Chapter 13 of Title 38, to be comprised of R.S. 38:3087.281 through 3087.294, to create the Bayou Desiard Lake Restoration Commission as a political subdivision of the state; to provide relative to the purpose and boundaries of the commission; to provide for a board of commissioners to manage the commission; to provide for powers and duties of the commission and board; to provide relative to the power of taxation and the issuance of bonds; to prohibit certain actions; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to the commission's relationship with the Department of Transportation and Development and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 742—
BY REPRESENTATIVES K. CARTER, GRAY, AND JEFFERSON
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 27-C of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:9039.51 through 9039.67, and to repeal R.S. 36:109(M) and Part III of Chapter 6 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:811 through 813.1, relative to the Greater New Orleans Health and Biosciences Economic Development District; to create and provide for such district and its board of commissioners and their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities; to repeal provisions providing for the Louisiana Biomedical Research and Development Park Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 815—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:293(6)(a)(i) and (7) and to enact R.S. 47:293(2) and 302(T), relative to state taxes; to impose a sales tax on food and utilities and dedicate the proceeds for teacher, faculty, and school support personnel pay increases; to provide for an individual income tax deduction for home mortgage interest and charitable deductions; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 816—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1184, relative to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to provide for changes in the fee schedule; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 817—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1675 and to repeal R.S. 47:287.34, relative to income and corporation franchise tax credits; to provide for eligibility and application of the tax credits; to provide general administrative provisions for tax credits; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 818—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:287.87, relative to the corporation income tax; to provide for a deduction for interest, dividends, and profits from sales and exchanges of capital assets consisting of incorporeal property or rights; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on Appropriations

April 26, 2005

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. 117, by Frith
Reported favorably. (11-0) (Regular)

JOHN ALARIO
Chairman

Report of the Committee on Ways and Means

April 26, 2005

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Ways and Means to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 128, by Hammett
Reported favorably. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 131, by Hammett
Reported favorably. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 132, by Hammett
Reported favorably. (15-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 156, by Hammett
Reported favorably. (15-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 513, by Hammett
Reported favorably. (14-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 719, by Hammett
Reported favorably. (13-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 741, by Durand
Reported favorably. (12-0) (Regular)

BRYANT O. HAMMETT, 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. 3—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER
A RESOLUTION

To adopt House Rule No. 6.27 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to create and provide for a special subcommittee to be comprised of members of certain House committees to examine and study all matters relative to compensation and benefits of state employees; to provide for the powers and responsibilities of the subcommittee; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITH
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rules 2.3 and 2.7 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives, to provide that a member who has been elected Speaker of the House shall not be eligible for any subsequent election as Speaker and to provide that a

member who has been elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House shall not be eligible for any subsequent election as Speaker Pro Tempore.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BURNS

A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 14.33 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives, to require any person who submits data or statistical information in a prepared statement filed with a committee to include sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the State Civil Service Commission and Department of State Civil Service to provide for a workforce planning program for state departments and agencies, to provide for review of such reports by the Department of State Civil Service and for reports thereon, and to provide for legislative oversight of such program.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY REPRESENTATIVE STRAIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize September of 2005 as Parent Teacher Association Month in Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUCE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana to study the feasibility of dividing the Eleventh Judicial District Court into two separate districts to be comprised of DeSoto Parish and Sabine Parish and to submit to the appropriate standing committee of the House of Representatives and the Senate its recommendations on or before October 1, 2006.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs to develop a comprehensive Internet site with information and

resources focused on enhancing and improving the lives of Louisiana's elderly population.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—
BY REPRESENTATIVES FAUCHEUX AND QUEZAIRE AND SENATOR AMEDEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of state parks of the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in coordination with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the suitability of establishing a state park in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and to report findings to the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources prior to the beginning of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States of America to take such actions as are necessary to enact legislation establishing English as the official language of the United States.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALKER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana Commission on Employment of Mental Health Consumers to study and develop a plan to address barriers that prevent persons with mental illness from seeking, obtaining, and maintaining employment.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections to create a system to notify individuals convicted of a felony who have completed their terms of confinement or parole relative to the reinstatement of voter registration.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CROWE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request that each of the state's public postsecondary education management boards undertake a complete and thorough review of board policies, rules, and procedures and the

policies, rules, and procedures of the institutions under its jurisdiction in order to assure that such policies, rules, and procedures meet specified guidelines and standards designed to secure the intellectual independence of faculty members and students, protect the principles of academic freedom, promote intellectual diversity, and support the pursuit of knowledge and truth; to provide that each management board shall take such action as necessary to revise any policy, rule, or procedure that fails to meet the guidelines and standards and establish a process to assure that newly enacted board and institutional policies, rules, and procedures meet such guidelines and standards; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the division of administration to study, review, and examine current state printing practices.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and request a divided vote Medicare referendum option for state employees who are members of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and were hired prior to April 1, 1986.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BADON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of alcohol and tobacco control within the Department of Revenue to aggressively enforce Louisiana's laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products in quantities of less than twenty or in packaging which does not comply with state law.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JANE SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to inform applicants for issuance and renewal of Louisiana drivers' licenses of the anatomical gift donor and living will designations on the reverse side of the license.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROWE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the support of the Legislature of Louisiana for the practice of prayer at the beginning of school board meetings, to recognize that such prayer is a protected act in accordance with the fundamental principles upon which the United States of America was founded, and to disapprove of a decision by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana that ruled that the opening of meetings of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board with prayer is unconstitutional.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide alternative teacher certification procedures for any person who has met all of the requirements of an approved teacher education program and all other qualifications for certification as a teacher as prescribed by the board except the student teaching requirements due to grading errors made by the Educational Testing Service on any examination administered by the Educational Testing Service to teacher candidates from January 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ANSARDI, BALDONE, FAUCHEUX, T. POWELL, AND GARY SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana to study the implementation of a one-day, one-trial system for petit juries in civil and criminal cases.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROWE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States senators from Louisiana to move quickly to confirm all nominations by President George W. Bush to the United States Supreme Court.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TOWNSEND

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents to study the need for and feasibility of creating a community college in Natchitoches and to submit a report of study findings and recommendations in writing to the legislature and to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education prior to the beginning of the 2006 Regular Session.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DAMICO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to develop a Louisiana mercury action plan with the goals of continual reduction in the use of mercury, continual reductions in releases of mercury to the environment, and minimization of human exposure to mercury.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TOWNSEND

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide community college services at Northwestern State University using existing resources and facilities to the greatest extent possible.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SMILEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the legislative auditor in the auditing of state agencies, as that term is defined in R.S. 39:2, to include in the performance of such audits an examination of the fiscal efficiency of the entity by determining the relationship between fees charged and services rendered and to report entities levying excessive fees to the Legislative Audit Advisory Council and to the appropriate legislative oversight committees.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ALEXANDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the future income-earning capacity of individuals who pass the General Education Development (GED) examination in comparison to the future income-earning capacity of individuals who obtain a standard high school diploma, to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than two weeks prior to the beginning of the 2006 Regular Session, and if the study finds that individuals who obtain a GED have a lower income-earning capacity than those who obtain a standard high school diploma, to include in the report an explanation of reasons the GED is promoted as an equivalent to a standard high school diploma in Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—
BY SENATOR HINES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Bayou Boeuf Advisory Committee to study and make proposals to the Senate and House Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works relative to uses of Bayou Boeuf, and the feasibility of the creation of a freshwater district along Bayou Boeuf from Alexandria to Washington in the parishes of Rapides, Avoyelles, and St. Landry.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY SENATOR SCHEDLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To affirm the establishment of an ongoing association between the state of Louisiana and the province of Alberta, Canada as "Twin" regions and to authorize the development of a "twinning agreement" between the state and the province in time for the centennial celebration of Alberta, Canada in 2005.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY SENATOR AMEDEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study possible solutions to problems of flooding in the area of Bayou Manchac and Bayou Fountain.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—
BY SENATOR SCHEDLER AND REPRESENTATIVE MCVEA

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend Louisiana native Kim Mulkey-Robertson, Head Coach of the Baylor University Lady Bears, for her leadership throughout the season culminating in the 2005 NCAA Women's National Basketball Championship.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—
BY SENATOR SCHEDLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Mrs. Dolores "Dodie" Brisbi Treen, former first lady of Louisiana.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Winston, 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. 676—
BY REPRESENTATIVE M. POWELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:27(C)(6) and 250.2(C) and to enact Part VI-A of Chapter 7 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:820.10, relative to funding the construction of Interstate 49 North; to provide for the issuance of bonds and the dedication of revenue for Interstate 49 North; to establish the Interstate 49 North NOW Fund Account within the Transportation Trust Fund and to provide for disbursements from the account; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Called from the calendar.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 811—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRISH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302(R) and 321(I) and to enact R.S. 47:301(3)(j) and (13)(l) relative to the state sales and use tax; to provide for a limitation on the sales price and cost price of natural gas; to provide for a phase in of the restoration of the sales tax exemption for natural gas; 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. 812—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HOPKINS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:297(H)(1), relative to the individual income tax; to increase the credit for physicians who practice in designated under-served areas; 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. 813—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HOPKINS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(N), relative to the tax; to provide an income tax credit to rural physicians for medical malpractice insurance premiums; to provide for applicability of the credit; 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. 814—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DAMICO AND SENATOR FONTENOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6020, relative to income tax credits; to provide relative to environmental economic development incentives; to provide for income tax credits for brownfields investors; to provide for definitions; to provide for certification of such brownfields projects; to provide for the administration, amount, eligibility, use, and other transactions of such credits; to provide for the assessment of a processing fee; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

April 26, 2005

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. 1—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rules 2.1 and 2.10(D)(1) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives and to adopt House Rules 2.10(D)(10), 2.13, and 6.3(C)(5) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives, to provide for the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives, his duties, and appointment; to provide for the duties of the Clerk of the House of Representatives; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HONEY
A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, April 28, 2005, as Workers Memorial Day in recognition of workers killed, injured, and disabled on the job.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PINAC
A RESOLUTION

To declare May 17, 2005, as Future Farmers of America Day at the Louisiana House of Representatives and to commend the current state officers of Future Farmers of America.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WADDELL
A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of George Dewey Perkins, who was the oldest living United States Marine in the United States.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCVEA
A RESOLUTION

To commend Marjorie M. Dubea of Bains Elementary School in West Feliciana Parish upon being named 2005 Louisiana Elementary School Teacher of the Year and to recognize her outstanding contributions to the education of the youth of Louisiana.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNS

A RESOLUTION

To commend New Hope Baptist Church in Choudrant upon the occasion of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRUNEAU, MONTGOMERY, SALTER, ALARIO, ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, ARNOLD, BADON, BALDONE, BARROW, BAUDOIN, BAYLOR, BEARD, BOWLER, BRUCE, BURNS, BURRELL, K. CARTER, R. CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CRANE, CRAVINS, CROWE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DARTEZ, DEWITT, DOERGE, DORSEY, DOVE, DOWNS, DURAND, ERDEY, FANNIN, FARRAR, FAUCHEUX, FRITH, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GLOVER, GRAY, GREENE, E. GUILLORY, M. GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HONEY, HOPKINS, HUNTER, HUTTER, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JOHNS, KATZ, KENNARD, KENNEY, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFLEUR, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LANCASTER, MARCHAND, MARTINY, MCDONALD, MCVEA, MORRELL, MORRISH, ODINET, PIERRE, PINAC, PITRE, M. POWELL, T. POWELL, QUEZAIRE, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROMERO, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SHEPHERD, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JACK SMITH, JANE SMITH, JOHN SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STRAIN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TOWNSEND, TRAHAN, TRICHE, TUCKER, WADDELL, WALKER, WALSWORTH, WHITE, WINSTON, WOOTON, AND WRIGHT

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the members and staff of the Louisiana House of Representatives upon the death of Suzanne Hughes-Francis, former director of the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library and thirty-three-year member of the House staff, and to recognize and record her many significant contributions to the Legislature of Louisiana.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance to study the feasibility of establishing a student loan repayment program for certified school psychologists who are employed in Louisiana public schools.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYLOR

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 26, 2005, as Omega Psi Phi/Purple and Gold Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

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.

Leave of Absence

Rep. Jefferson - 1 day

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Kenney, at 5:25 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at 3:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 27, 2005.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House