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

Durand       Martiny      White
Erdey        McDonald     Winston
Fannin       McVea        Wooton
Farrar       Montgomery
Total - 104
ABSENT

Total - 0

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

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Hunter.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Dartez 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. McDonald, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Jane Smith, the Journal of February 6, 2006, was adopted.

Petitions, Memorials and Communications

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

Message from the Senate

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS
February 7, 2006

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. 5
- Returned without amendments

- House Concurrent Resolution No. 8
- Returned without amendments

- House Concurrent Resolution No. 13
- Returned without amendments

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

Message from the Senate

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS
February 7, 2006

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. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate
Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Glover, 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. 3—
BY SENATOR JACKSON
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of the first lady of the civil rights movement, Coretta Scott King, and to celebrate her life and legacy.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY SENATOR HINES
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of a true legend in Louisiana politics, Edwin L. Reed.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY SENATOR JONES
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of the first lady of the civil rights movement, Coretta Scott King, and to celebrate her life and legacy.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY SENATORS ELLINGTON AND BARHAM AND REPRESENTATIVES HAMMETT AND KENNEY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of political columnist Sam Hanna and to offer the enduring gratitude of the members of the legislature for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—
BY SENATOR BAJOIE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend the "Women of the Storm" for their non-partisan activism in encouraging members of Congress to visit post-Katrina New Orleans to view the devastation firsthand in hopes of receiving increased federal funds.

Read by title.

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

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. 14—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To urge and request the adjutant general, Military Department, state of Louisiana to bestow a medal of honor on each member of the Louisiana National Guard who served during Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita for their courageous and valuable service during and in the aftermath of the states of emergency caused by these hurricanes in 2005.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Faucheux, 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 entitled House Bills and Joint Resolutions which were read the first time by their titles and, under a suspension of the rules, were referred to committee as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 75—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BADON
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 24 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for a single tax assessor in Orleans Parish; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; 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. 76—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEARD
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 36:501(B) and (C)(1), 502(A) and (B) and 508.3(A), and R.S. 49:213.1(D), 213.4(A)(3) and (4), and 213.6(D)(1) and (2), to enact R.S. 36:508.4 and R.S. 38:292, 301.1, 301.2, 301.3, 301.4, 301.5, 301.6, and 301.7, and to repeal R.S. 38:301, 306, 307, 327, 328, 329, and 338, relative to flood protection levees; to provide for the creation of the office of levee and flood protection within the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for the officers of the office of levee and flood protection and the appointment, salary, powers, duties and functions of such office; to create the Levee and Flood Protection Priority Program; to establish a methodology for the submission and evaluation of levee and flood protection project applications; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations under certain circumstances; to provide relative to the duties and responsibilities of local levee districts; 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.
To enact R.S. 29:42, relative to contracts let by the adjutant general and the Military Department; to authorize the adjutant general and the Military Department to utilize the design-build method to construct projects under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

To provide relative to levee district commissioners; to provide relative to the terms of certain commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

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

To enact R.S. 38:291.1, 291.2, and 291.3 and to repeal R.S. 38:291(D), (G), (K), and (R), 304.2, 304.3, 307, 308, 310, 311, 313, 314, 316, 326.1, 326.2, 327, 328, 329, 330, Part IV of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 38:331 though 345 and R.S. 38:421 and 421, relative to levee districts; to consolidate the Atchafalaya Basin, Bossier, Caddo, East Jefferson, Fifth Louisiana, Lafourche Basin, Lake Borgne Basin, Nineteenth Louisiana, North Bossier, Orleans, Pontchartrain, Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf, South Lafourche, Tensas Basin, West Jefferson, and Grand Isle Independent Levee Districts; the Natchitoches and Red River Levee and Drainage Districts, the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District and the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District into the Louisiana Levee Authority; to create the Louisiana Levee Authority; to provide relative to jurisdiction and purpose of such authority; to establish a board of commissioners; to provide relative to the nomination, appointment, qualifications, terms, vacancies, and compensation of such commissioners; to provide relative to the powers and duties of such board; to establish a Levee and Flood Protection Priority Program; to provide relative to priority program project applications and evaluations; to authorize the board to employ an executive director; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; to abolish the Natchitoches and Red River Levee and Drainage Districts, the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District; the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District; and the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District; to repeal all rights, powers, and authority of the Atchafalaya Basin, Bossier, Caddo, East Jefferson, Fifth Louisiana, Lafourche Basin, Lake Borgne Basin, Nineteenth Louisiana, North Bossier, Orleans, Pontchartrain, Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf, South Lafourche, Tensas Basin, West Jefferson, and Grand Isle Independent Levee Districts, the Natchitoches and Red River Levee and Drainage Districts, the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District and the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District; to provide relative to the debts, assets, property, and employees of the East Jefferson, Lake Borgne Basin, Orleans, Pontchartrain, Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf, South Lafourche, Tensas Basin, West Jefferson, and Grand Isle Independent Levee Districts, the Natchitoches and Red River Levee and Drainage Districts, the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District; 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.

To enact R.S. 42:808(A)(11), relative to insurance coverage for certain persons retired from the employment of a city or parish public school system; to provide relative to the eligibility of such persons to participate in programs sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits; to provide for limitations; and to provide for related matters.

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

To enact R.S. 38:291.1, 291.2, and 291.3 and to repeal R.S. 38:291(D), (G), (K), and (R), 304.2, 304.3, 307, 326.2, 327, 328, 335, 336, 337, and 421(F), relative to levee districts; to consolidate the East Jefferson, Lake Borgne Basin, Orleans, and West Jefferson Levee Districts into the Southeast Louisiana Levee District; to create the Southeast Louisiana Levee District; to provide relative to such district's jurisdiction and purpose; to establish a board of commissioners; to provide relative to the nomination, appointment, qualifications, terms, vacancies, and compensation of such commissioners; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the board; to repeal all rights, powers, and authority of the Atchafalaya Basin, Bossier, Caddo, East Jefferson, Fifth Louisiana, Lafourche Basin, Lake Borgne Basin, Nineteenth Louisiana, North Bossier, Orleans, Pontchartrain, Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf, South Lafourche, Tensas Basin, West Jefferson, and Grand Isle Independent Levee Districts, the Natchitoches and Red River Levee and Drainage Districts, the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District and the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District; to provide relative to the debts, assets, property, and employees of the East Jefferson, Lake Borgne Basin, Orleans, and West Jefferson Levee Districts; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

To enact R.S. 38:291.1, 291.2, and 291.3 and to repeal R.S. 38:291(D), (G), (K), and (R), 304.2, 304.3, 307, 326.2, 327, 328, 335, 336, 337, and 421(F), relative to levee districts; to consolidate the East Jefferson, Lake Borgne Basin, Orleans, and West Jefferson Levee Districts into the Southeast Louisiana Levee District; to create the Southeast Louisiana Levee District; to provide relative to such district's jurisdiction and purpose; to establish a board of commissioners; to provide relative to the nomination, appointment, qualifications, terms, vacancies, and compensation of such commissioners; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the board; to repeal all rights, powers, and authority of the East Jefferson, Lake Borgne Basin, Orleans, and West Jefferson Levee Districts; to provide relative to the debts, assets, property, and employees of the East Jefferson, Lake Borgne Basin, Orleans, and West Jefferson Levee Districts; 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. 83—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BADON
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 9:1425, R.S. 11:1481(2)(b)(g), (c), and (d)(i), R.S. 13:4405, R.S. 18:602(C), R.S. 35:281, R.S. 42:261(D)(2), R.S. 44:205, R.S. 47:1901, 1901.1, 1903, 1903.2, 1904(A) and (B), 1905, 1906, 1907(A), 1908(C), 1925.3(A), 1931, 1932, 1952(F), 1956(A), 1958(E), 1959, 1964, 1969, 1987(A), 1992(F), 1993(D)(1), and 1997 and to repeal R.S. 47:1909, 1910, 1910.1, 1910.2, 1960, and 1992(G), relative to the reorganization of certain levee districts in areas of southeast Louisiana; to retain the territorial limits of such levee districts; to transfer authority, duties, powers, functions, and responsibilities from such levee boards to the authority; to provide for obligations, tax proceeds, and property of the district; to provide for a regional executive director; to create and provide for the Mississippi River West Region within the authority; to provide for funding; to transfer and provide for the management and control of certain facilities and improvements of levee districts within the authority that are not related to flood protection and to provide for the allocation of revenue derived therefrom; to provide for applicability; 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. 84—
BY REPRESENTATIVES K. CARTER, BADON, DORSEY, LABRIZZO, QUEZARE, SCALISE, AND WALKER AND SENATORS BOASSO AND MOUNT
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Sections 38(A) and 39(A) and to add Section 38.1 of Article VI of the Constitution of Louisiana and to redesignate the title to Part III of said Article, relative to flood protection; to provide for the establishment of a regional flood protection authority and its governing authority, powers, duties, and functions; to provide for the governing authority of levee districts within the territorial jurisdiction of the regional flood protection authority; to provide for the establishment of regions within the authority; to provide for taxing authority; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; 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. 85—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PITRE
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(F)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (f), (P)(1), and (T)(1) and to repeal R.S. 38:291(F)(2)(g), relative to the reorganization of certain levee districts in Lafourche Parish; to change the boundaries of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District and the Lafourche Basin Levee District; to provide for exclusive jurisdiction of the South Lafourche Levee District; to provide relative to boards of commissioners; to provide for the transfer of certain property and documents; 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. 86—
BY REPRESENTATIVES K. CARTER, BADON, DORSEY, LABRIZZO, QUEZARE, SCALISE, AND WALKER AND SENATORS BOASSO AND MOUNT
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(D)(2), (G)(2), (K)(2), (L)(1), and (R)(2), 301(B), 304(A) and (B), 305, and 313(C), R.S. 42:808(A)(10), and R.S. 49:213.1(C), 213.4(A)(2), 213.5(A)(10), and 213.6(A)(2)(b), to enact R.S. 38:291(V), (W), (X), and (Y) and 304(D) and Part 3-A of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 38:330.1 through 330.12, and to repeal R.S. 38:291(D)(3), 304.2, and 304.3, relative to flood protection; to establish the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority; to provide for its powers, duties, jurisdiction, and members; to provide for appointments to the board of commissioners of the authority; to provide for qualifications of commissioners; to provide for meetings of the board; to establish regions within the authority and provide for its governance, powers, and duties; to provide for the management of certain levee districts in areas of southeast Louisiana; to retain the territorial limits of such levee districts; to terminate the terms of commissioners on certain levee boards and to reorganize the governance of such levee districts; to transfer authority, duties, powers, functions, and responsibilities from such levee boards to the authority; to provide for obligations, tax proceeds, and property of the district; to provide for a regional executive director; to create and provide for the Livingston Levee District; to create and provide for the St. Tammany Levee District; to create and provide for the Tangipahoa Levee District; to create and provide for the West Lake Pontchartrain Levee District; to create and provide for the Mississippi River West Region within the authority; to create and provide for the Mississippi River West Region within the authority; to provide for funding; to transfer and provide for the management and control of certain facilities and improvements of levee districts within the authority that are not related to flood protection and to provide for the allocation of revenue derived therefrom; to provide for applicability; 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. 87—
BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1566, to enact R.S. 13:1566.1 through 1566.12, and to repeal R.S. 13:1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1568.3, and 1595.2, relative to consolidating the jurisdiction of the domestic relations division of the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans into the Orleans Parish Juvenile and Family Court; to establish the Orleans Parish Juvenile and Family Court; to provide for jurisdiction; to provide for special divisions of court; to provide for a judicial expense fund; to provide for local court rules; to provide for transfer of cases; to provide for service of process; to provide for fees; to repeal provisions providing for the domestic relations division of the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans; to repeal provisions providing for special divisions of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court; to repeal provisions providing for the judicial expense fund for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 88—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAY
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 29:726(E)(13) and to enact R.S. 29:726(E)(14), (15), (16), and (17), relative to the duties of the office of homeland security and emergency preparedness; to require the office to prepare and maintain a homeland security and state emergency operations plan to include components providing for evacuation, shelter, post-disaster response and recovery, and lead and support responsibilities of state agencies; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
HOUSE BILL NO. 89—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAY
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 23:1552(B)(6) and (7), relative to unemployment compensation; to provide with respect to contributions; to provide for reimbursement of unemployment compensation benefits charged to state and local governments and eligible nonprofit organizations during a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency; to provide for deferment of payments; to provide for the waiver of penalty and interest; to provide for extended payment terms; 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. 90—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 39:1367(E)(2)(b)(iii), relative to state debt; to exclude from the definition of net state tax supported debt certain bonds or notes issued by the state to provide relief from the natural catastrophe caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and to provide for related matters.

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

Reports of Committees
The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs
February 7, 2006
To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:
I am directed by your Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 6, by St. Germain
Reported with amendments. (8-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 18, by Hammett
Reported with amendments. (9-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 27, by Lancaster
Reported with amendments. (9-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 28, by Lancaster
Reported favorably. (9-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 29, by Lancaster
Reported with amendments. (9-0) (Regular)

CHARLES D. LANCASTER, JR.
Chairman

Report of the Committee on Insurance
February 7, 2006
To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:
I am directed by your Committee on Insurance to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 2, by Bowler
Reported favorably. (7-3) (Regular)

KAREN CARTER
Chairman

Report of the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works
February 7, 2006
To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:
I am directed by your Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 47, by Triche
Reported favorably. (8-5) (Regular)

ROY QUEZAIRE
Chairman

Report of the Committee on Ways and Means
February 7, 2006
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. 21, by Hammett
Reported favorably. (11-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 22, by Montgomery
Reported favorably. (11-0) (Regular)

House Bill No. 46, by Arnold
Reported favorably. (11-0) (Regular)

BRYANT O. HAMMETT, JR.
Chairman

Suspension of the Rules
On motion of Rep. Lancaster, the rules were suspended in order to take up House Bills contained in the committee report at this time.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committee
The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading reported by committee were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOWLER
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 22:1430.6(E), relative to bonds issued by the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; to provide for the payment of bonds; to provide for authority of the board; to provide for federal funds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.
Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance.
Rep. Bowler sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Representative Bowler to Original House Bill No. 2 by Representative Bowler

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Change the author from "Representative Bowler" to "Representative Pinac"

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

On motion of Rep. Karen Carter, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 6—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. GERMAIN AND BURNS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1123(36), relative to ethics; to allow a public employee who was affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita to receive certain specified disaster aid and relief; to require certain disclosures of such aid and relief; and to provide for related matters.

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 6 by Representative St. Germain

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, line 11, after "Attorneys Association," and before "and the Friends" insert "the IAFF Disaster Relief Fund, the Federation of Tax Administrators, the LATEC Charities, Inc.,"

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

On motion of Rep. Lancaster, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 17—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LABRUZZO

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:682, relative to homeowners' insurance damage claims; to provide for presumption of coverage; to provide for disaster related claims; to provide for burden of proof; to provide for proof of losses; to provide for procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Original House Bill No. 17 by Representative LaBruzoo

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 3, after "claims;" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"to prohibit automatic denial of coverage; to provide for proof of losses; to provide for repairs; and to provide for"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, delete line 4 in its entirety.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 1, delete lines 9 through 14, both inclusive and in their entirety.

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 1, at the beginning of line 15, change "C." to "A."

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**

On page 2, at the beginning of line 10, change "D." to "B."

On motion of Rep. Lancaster, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 18—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 30 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, relative to the homestead exemption; to change the effective date for the provisions which provide for an extension of the homestead exemption when property is damaged or destroyed during a disaster or emergency declared by the governor; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 18 by Representative Hammett

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 15, change "November 7," to "September 30,"

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

On motion of Rep. Karen Carter, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Karen Carter, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.
On motion of Rep. Lancaster, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 21—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HAMMETT, DORSEY, SALTER, AND SCALISE AND SENATOR MOUNT
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 47:293(3)(b)(i)(introductory paragraph), relative to the state income tax; to change the taxable periods for which the federal income tax deduction will not be reduced when an individual carries back a casualty loss resulting from a loss in a presidially declared disaster area for federal income tax purposes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.
Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Rep. Hammett, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 22—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 47:635(A)(3) and 640(B), relative to the severance tax on oil and gas; to provide that the one-time severance tax payment required by R.S. 47:635(A)(3) or 640(B) due on or before November 25, 2005, may be credited to the taxpayer's future liabilities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.
Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Rep. Hammett, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 27—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER
AN ACT
To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 70 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, relative to the proposed constitutional amendment to provide for the continuation of the homestead exemption and special assessment level under certain specified circumstances; to change the date on which the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.
Reported with amendments by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 27 by Representative Lancaster

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, at the end of line 12, change "November 7, 2006." to "September 30, 2006."

On motion of Rep. Lancaster, the amendments were adopted.
On motion of Rep. Lancaster, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 28—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER
AN ACT
To repeal Act No. 24 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, to remove provisions for the holding and conduct of a special statewide election on the fifth Saturday in April of 2006 for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments to the electors of the state.

Read by title.
Reported favorably by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

On motion of Rep. Lancaster, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 29—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER
AN ACT
To amend and reenact Section 3 of Act No. 69 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, relative to the proposed constitutional amendment to change the name of the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund and to provide relative to such fund; to change the date on which the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.
Reported with amendments by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 29 by Representative Lancaster

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, at the end of line 15, change "November 7, 2006." to "September 30, 2006."

On motion of Rep. Lancaster, the amendments were adopted.
On motion of Rep. Lancaster, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 45—
BY REPRESENTATIVE K. CARTER
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 22:1430.6(E), 1430.19, 1430.20 and 1430.21 and to amend and reenact R.S. 22:1430.6(D)(5), 1430.16(G), and 1430.17, relative to the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; to provide for bonds and obligations; to provide for security interests; to provide for dissolution; to provide for
payment of bonds and obligations; to provide for the plan of operation; to provide for impairment of obligations; to provide for covenants with the state and the legislature; to provide for bankruptcy; to provide for severability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Original House Bill No. 45 by Representative K. Carter

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, delete lines 2 and 3 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

“To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1430.6(D)(5), 1430.16(G), and 1430.17, to enact R.S. 22:1430.6(E), 1430.19, 1430.20, and 1430.21, and to repeal R.S. 22:1430.7(C), relative to the Louisiana Citizens’...”

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, delete lines 10 and 11 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

“Section 1. R.S. 22:1430.6(D)(5), 1430.16(G), and 1430.17 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:1430.6(E), 1430.19, 1430.20, and 1430.21 are hereby enacted to read...”

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 2, line 12, After “E.” delete the remainder of the line

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 2, line 13, at the beginning of the line delete “the contrary, the” and insert in lieu thereof “The”

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**

On page 3, line 16, after “premium.” delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof “The”

**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

On page 3, line 17, at the beginning of the line delete “law or of the plan of operation to the contrary, the”

**AMENDMENT NO. 7**

On page 4, line 18, after “purpose.” delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof “Any”

**AMENDMENT NO. 8**

On page 4, line 19, at the beginning of the line delete “to the contrary, any”

**AMENDMENT NO. 9**

On page 5, line 9, at the end of the line after “period.” delete the remainder of the line, delete line 10, and insert in lieu thereof “The”

**AMENDMENT NO. 10**

On page 5, line 21, after “be” delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof “subject to the provisions of”

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**AMENDMENT NO. 11**

On page 5, between lines 26 and 27 insert the following:

“Section 2. R.S. 22:1430.7(C) is hereby repealed in its entirety.”

**AMENDMENT NO. 12**

On page 5, line 27, change “Section 2.” to “Section 3.”

On motion of Rep. Karen Carter, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Karen Carter, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 46—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1978.1(A)(1)(b) and (3)(b), (B)(1) and (2), and (C)(1)(a), to enact R.S. 47:1978.1(C)(4), and to repeal R.S. 47:1978.1(D), relative to the assessment of land and property damaged or destroyed during a disaster or emergency declared by the governor; to provide for assessment procedures; to limit the application of certain assessment procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Rep. Hammett, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 47—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(F)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (f), (P)(1), and (T)(1) and to repeal 38:291(F)(2)(g), relative to the consolidation of certain levee districts in Lafourche Parish; to change the boundaries of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District and the Lafourche Basin Levee District; to provide for exclusive jurisdiction of the South Lafourche Levee District; to provide relative to boards of commissioners; to provide for the transfer of certain property and documents; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

On motion of Rep. Quezaire, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

**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. 15—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to temporarily ease restrictions on the Sanitary Code for victims of Hurricane Katrina currently living in trailers.

Read by title.
On motion of Rep. Hebert, 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 entitled House Bills and Joint Resolutions which were read the first time by their titles and, under a suspension of the rules, were referred to committee as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 91—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 36:501(B) and (C)(1), 502(A) and (B), and 508.3(A) and R.S. 49:213.1(D), 213.4(A)(3) and (4), and 213.6(D)(1) and (2), to enact R.S. 36:508.4 and 509(B)(5) and R.S. 38:292 and 301.1 through 301.8, and to repeal R.S. 38:301, 306, 307, 327, 328, 329, and 338, relative to hurricane flood protection levees; to provide for the creation of the office of levee and flood protection within the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for the officers of the office of levee and flood protection and the appointment, salary, powers, duties, and functions of such office; to create the Levee and Flood Protection Priority Program; to provide relative to certain definitions; to establish a methodology for the submission and evaluation of levee and flood protection project applications; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations under certain circumstances; to authorize the establishment of a Levee and Flood Protection Technical Commission; to provide relative to the nomination and appointment of commissioners; to provide relative to the duties of such commission; to provide relative to the duties and responsibilities of local levee districts; 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.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

February 7, 2006

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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—
BY REPRESENTATIVES STRAIN, ALARIO, ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, ARNOLD, BADON, BAILOUT, BAOUDIN, BAYLO, BOWLER, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, BURNS, BURRELL, K. CARTER, R. CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CRANE, CRAVINS, CROWE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DARTEZ, DEWITT, DORGE, DORSEY, DOVE, DOWNS, DURAND, ERDEY, FANNIN, FARRAR, FAUCHEUX, FRITH, GALLOW, GEYMANN, GLOVER, GREENE, E. GUILLORY, J. GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HARRIS, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HONEY, HOPKINS, HUNTER, HUTTER, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JOHNS, KATZ, KENNARD, KENNY, KLEUKEY, LABRUSZO, LAFFEUR, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LANCASTER, MARCHAND, MARTIN, MCDONALD, MCVEA, MCGROHAN, MONTGOMERY, MORRIS, MORRISH, ODINET, PIERRE, PINAC, PITRE, M. POWELL, T. POWELL, QUEZAIREF, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROMERO, SALTER, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JACK SMITH, JANE SMITH, JOHN SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TOWNSEND, TRAHAN, TRICHE, TUCKER, WADDELL, WALKER, WALSORTH, WHITE, WINTON, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS SCHEDLER, ADLEY, AMEDEE, BAYH, BARIAM, BOASSO, BROOME, CAIN, CHAISON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, DARDEINE, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ELLINGTON, FIELDS, FONTENOT, B. GAUTREAUX, N. GAUTREAUX, HEITMEIER, HINES, HOLLIS, JACKSON, JONES, KOSTELKA, LENTINI, MALONE, MARIONNEAUX, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, ROMERO, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THEUNISSEN, AND ULLO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Maurice L. “Bud” Mapes who served with excellence as a lobbyist for fifty years.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BRUNEAU, SCALISE, AND LANCASTER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Mary Gemelli Hansen of New Orleans and to recognize her outstanding achievements.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY REPRESENTATIVES WINSTON AND BURNS AND SENATOR SCHEDLER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Roxanne Lagarde of Tchefuncte Middle School, Middle/Junior High School Division, upon being named the 2005-2006 Principal of the Year for St. Tammany Parish.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDONALD
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Leslie Remi Lavergne of Baton Rouge.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY REPRESENTATIVES SMILEY, LAMBERT, AND QUEZAIREF AND SENATOR AMEDEE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Jason Garey for winning the Hermann Trophy.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY REPRESENTATIVES SALTER, DEWITT, ALARIO, ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, ARNOLD, BADON, BALDOINE, BARROW, BAUDOIN, BAYLO, BEARD, BOWLER, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, BURNS, BURRELL, K. CARTER, R. CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CRANE, CRAVINS, CROWE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DARTEZ, DORGE, DORSEY, DOVE, DOWNS, DURAND, ERDEY, FANNIN, FARRAR, FAUCHEUX, FRITH, GALLOW, GEYMANN, GLOVER, GREENE, E. GUILLORY, J. GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HARRIS, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HONEY, HOPKINS, HUNTER, HUTTER, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JOHNS, KATZ, ORDERED TO THE SENATE.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

February 7, 2006

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 RESOLUTION NO. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT
A RESOLUTION
To urge and request President George W. Bush, Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, and the Louisiana congressional delegation to ensure enactment of legislation to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide the same level of assistance to the residents of Louisiana affected by Hurricane Katrina, including funding assistance with demolition and removal of damaged housing.

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.
KENNARD, KENNEY, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFLEUR, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LANCASTER, MARCHAND, MARTINY, MCDONALD, MCVEA, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MORRISH, ODINET, PIERRE, PINAC, PITRE, M. POWELL, T. POWELL, QUEZAIRE, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROMERO, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JACK SMITH, JANE SMITH, JOHN SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STRAIN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TOWNSSEND, TRAHAN, TRICHE, TUCKER, WADDELL, WALKER, WALSORTH, WHITE, WINSTON, AND WOOTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Michael J. Bourgeois and to recognize his outstanding achievements.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—


A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Glenny Lee Buquet upon her service as president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for five terms and to recognize and record her myriad accomplishments and her remarkable contributions to the field of education.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—

By Representative Lafonta and Senator Marionneau

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Coca-Cola system for the generous donations and contributions it gave to Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—

By Representative Lafonta

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Kentwood Springs Water Company for the generous donations that it made to the recovery effort in Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

By Representative Schneider

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the people of Ohio, particularly the citizens of Hamilton and Fairfield, for their generosity upon the occasion of the Ohio Concert for Katrina, which featured Louisiana’s own world-renowned pianist Ronnie Kole.

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.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Pinac, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Commerce to meet and consider the following legislative instruments without giving the notice as required by House Rule 14.24(A):

House Bill No. 80

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Kenney, at 5:37 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 5:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 8, 2006.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House