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THIRTY-FOURTH DAY’S PROCEEDINGS

Thirty-second Regular Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Thursday, May 25, 2006

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

On motion of Rep. Alario, House Rule 6.25 was suspended to consider House Bill No. 1 in the Committee of the Whole House by schedule.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 7, line 5, change "49:314.B(1),(2)" to "49:314(B)(1) and (2),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 11, line 26, change "CARE, Inc." to "Community Awareness Revitalization and Enhancement Corporation"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 11, line 35, change "HAMCO" to "HAMPCO, Inc."

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 11, line 37, after "Newcorp" insert a comma," and "Inc."

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 14, line 42, after "the" and before "Neighborhood" insert "New Orleans"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 14, line 44, change "100,000" to "250,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 14, line 46, change "100,000" to "50,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 14, line 48, after "Community" and before "Outreach" delete "Opportunity"

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 14, delete lines 51 and 52, and insert the following:
"to CARE Unlimited, Inc. $ 300,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 15, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:
"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to Evangeline Community Action, Inc. for acquisitions $ 32,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 11
On page 15, delete lines 5 and 6 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 12
On page 17, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:
"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the village of Dry Prong for a new generator $ 26,765"

AMENDMENT NO. 13
On page 17, delete lines 20 and 21 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 14
On page 23, line 13, change "Athletic League" to "Foundation, Inc."

AMENDMENT NO. 15
On page 25, line 14, change "Hollygrove Senior Center for flood repairs" to "Community Economic Development Corporation"

AMENDMENT NO. 16
On page 28, delete lines 32 and 33 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 17
On page 35, line 15, change "Women's" to "Female"

AMENDMENT NO. 18
On page 35, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:
"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) through the Museum and
Other Operations Program to the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame in Winnfield  $ 196,374

**AMENDMENT NO. 19**

On page 49, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Fees and Self-generated Revenues to the Market Compliance Program for two (2) positions and computer enhancements to allow for automated licensing of claims adjusters in the event that House Bill No. 518 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law $ 118,346"

Payable out of the State General Fund by Fees and Self-generated Revenues to the Market Compliance Program for one (1) position and computer enhancements to allow for automated licensing of public adjusters in the event that House Bill No. 520 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law $ 69,954"

**AMENDMENT NO. 20**

On page 51, delete line 35, and insert the following:

"to provide funding for the cooperative endeavor agreement for the Farmerville Civic"

**AMENDMENT NO. 21**

On page 51, delete lines 47 through 52 in their entirety.

**AMENDMENT NO. 22**

On page 54, delete lines 6 through 8 in their entirety.

**AMENDMENT NO. 23**

On page 54, line 10, change "100,000" to "50,000"

**AMENDMENT NO. 24**

On page 56, line 48, after "for" delete the remainder of the line, and insert the following:

"downtown development and for matching funds for grants and donations $ 29,500"

**AMENDMENT NO. 25**

On page 57, line 11, after "for" delete the remainder of the line, delete line 12 in its entirety, and insert the following:

"mainstreet or downtown development activities $ 25,000"

**AMENDMENT NO. 26**

On page 57, line 27, change "Tipitiana's" to "Tipitina's"

**AMENDMENT NO. 27**

On page 62, line 43, change "50,000" to "25,000"

**AMENDMENT NO. 28**

On page 62, after line 51, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Water Resources and Intermodal Program for the Fifth Levee District for maintenance and construction expenses $ 150,000"

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### EXPENDITURES:

**PAYMENTS TO PUBLIC PROVIDERS PROGRAM FOR VILLA FELICIANA MEDICAL COMPLEX**

Total Expenditures $ 800,000

### MEANS OF FINANCE:

State General Fund by:
- Interagency Transfers from Prior and Current Year Collections $ 242,240
- Federal Funds $ 557,760

Total Means of Financing $ 800,000
### AMENDMENT NO. 41

On page 106, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

**EXPENDITURES:**

Payments to Private Providers Program  
for an additional one hundred (100) New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) slots  

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**MEANS OF FINANCE:**

- State General Fund (Direct)  
  $1,637,391 
- Federal Funds  
  $3,770,109 

**TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING**  
$5,407,500

Provided, however, that the re-basing of private nursing homes shall be in accordance with the existing Medicaid state rule for payment of nursing facility services as published in the Louisiana Register. Further provided, that the use of Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly funds derived from federal Medicaid funds pursuant to R.S. 46:2691 to pay the state matching costs for re-basing of private nursing homes shall be subject to prior approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Further provided, that the Department of Health and Hospitals shall submit a BA-7 that adjusts this appropriation to reflect the anticipated costs of the final rates established by the re-basing determination.

Provided, however, that if the implementation of Average Manufacturing Price (AMP) payments for ingredient costs as mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) jeopardizes participation of retail pharmacies in the Medicaid program, the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals shall adjust the anticipated costs of the final rates established by the re-basing determination.

### AMENDMENT NO. 42

On page 106, delete lines 31 through 48 in their entirety, and on page 107, delete lines 1 through 5 in their entirety.

### AMENDMENT NO. 43

On page 109, after line 47, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Interagency Transfers for operational expenses, including 21 positions $800,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 44

On page 125, after line 54, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to Progress 63 Inc. $300,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 45

On page 126, at the end of line 9, change "100,000" to "175,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 46

On page 130, line 14, after "Support" and before "for" insert "to continue initiatives that provide"

### AMENDMENT NO. 47

On page 135, line 1, change "(58)" to "(59)"

### AMENDMENT NO. 48

On page 138, line 39, change "(154)" to "(149)"

### AMENDMENT NO. 49

On page 143, line 2, change "492,100" to "742,100"

### AMENDMENT NO. 50

On page 143, line 7, change "7,938,230" to "7,688,230"

### AMENDMENT NO. 51

On page 175, between lines 4 and 5, insert "MEANS OF FINANCE"

### AMENDMENT NO. 52

On page 176, line 25, after "College" and before "students" change "attract" to "attracts"

### AMENDMENT NO. 53

On page 219, at the end of line 47, change "175,000" to "100,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 54

On page 231, line 32, change "$17.29" to "$17.39"

### AMENDMENT NO. 55

On page 233, line 10, change "$125,000" to "$250,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 56

On page 235, line 11, change "$125,000" to "$250,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 57

On page 238, line 1, change "$215,000" to "$260,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 58

On page 238, line 2, change "$175,000" to "$210,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 59

On page 238, line 3, change "$175,000" to "$210,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 60

On page 238, line 4, change "$175,000" to "$210,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 61

On page 238, line 5, change "$50,000" to "$60,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 62

On page 238, line 6, change "$50,000" to "$60,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 63

On page 242, line 39, change "$270,000" to "$160,000"

### AMENDMENT NO. 64

On page 242, after line 47, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the South Louisiana Economic Council for the Center for Economic Growth and Technology $75,000  
Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the city of Jeanerette for property acquisitions and improvements to expand City Park $100,000"
Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the town of Erath for Youth Sports $ 10,000
Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the town of Berwick for police department acquisitions $ 50,000
Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the town of Baldwin for police department acquisitions $ 50,000

AMENDMENT NO. 65
On page 244, line 23, change "Section 16" to "Section 19" and change "Section 15" to "Section 18"

AMENDMENT NO. 66
On page 254, line 47, change "Section 17" to "Section 20"

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

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Morrish in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 8, line 1, change "Section 17." to "Section 17.A."

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 8, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

"B.(1) Any amendment considered by a standing committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate to the General Appropriation Bill which proposes to provide funding for an entity which is neither a budget unit nor political subdivision of the state shall require the submission of information pursuant to the procedure provided in this Subsection.

(2) Such information shall be provided in the form of a document which shall be known as the "recipient data form", which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

(a) Recipient entity's corporate or legal name and address.
(b) Type of entity (for instance, a nonprofit corporation) and, if the entity is a corporation, the names of the incorporators.
(c) The taxpayer identification number.
(d) Proposed sponsor of amendment.
(e) Governing board and officers thereof.
(f) Dollar amount of proposal.
(g) Purpose for use of state monies.
(h)(i) Proposed detailed budget to include amounts budgeted for salaries, professional services, contracts, acquisitions, major repairs, and supplies.
(ii) List of employees, if any.
(i) Goals and objectives for achievement through use of state monies.
(j) Expected duration of project.
(k) Whether a member of the legislature or member of their immediate family is an officer or employee of the entity or holds any ownership interest therein.

(3) Any entity which has received funding in the preceding fiscal year shall only be required to provide any such information which differs from that which it submitted in the prior year.

(4)(a) The completed recipient data form shall be submitted to the appropriate standing committee of the House of Representatives no later than the twentieth day of the regular session in an even-numbered year and no later than the fifth day of the regular session in an odd-numbered year. The completed recipient data form shall be submitted to a standing committee of the senate no later than the thirty-fourth day of the regular session in an even-numbered year and no later than the twenty-fifth day of the regular session in an odd-numbered year. A committee may change the date for submission of the form for a particular year through approval by two-thirds vote of the members of the committee present and voting. A committee may authorize the late submission of a form for a particular entity through approval by two-thirds vote of the members of the committee present and voting

(b) Copies of the forms shall be distributed to the members of the respective committee. A committee may authorize changes to a particular recipient data form which was submitted timely, such authorization to be effectuated through approval by two-thirds vote of members of the committee present and voting, but in no case shall changes be submitted less than forty-eight hours prior to the committee reporting the bill."

On motion of Rep. Morrish, the amendments were withdrawn.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Wooton in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 9, after line 27, insert the following:

"Section 19. Of the net video draw poker proceeds available to the state, no funds shall be distributed to any parish that has not officially approved video draw poker in an election."

Rep. Wooton moved the adoption of the amendments.

By a vote of 32 yeas and 63 nays, the amendments were rejected.

The amendments were rejected.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 9, after line 27, insert the following:
"(4) No funds appropriated in this Act shall be transferred to any entity subject to Paragraph (B) of this Section unless such agency or entity is in good standing with the Secretary of State prior to July 1, 2006."

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

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by Representative Triche in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 9, after line 27, insert the following:

"09-306 MEDICAL VENDOR PAYMENTS

EXPENDITURES:
Payments to Public Providers Program for Metropolitan Development Center $ 21,604,298

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $ 21,604,298

MEANS OF FINANCE:
State General Fund by:
Statutory Dedications by:
Louisiana Medical Assistance Trust Fund $ 6,541,781
Federal Funds $ 15,062,517

TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING $ 21,604,298"

09-340 OFFICE FOR CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Payable out of State General Fund by Interagency Transfers to Metropolitan Developmental Center $ 21,604,298"

Point of Order

Rep. Alario asked for a ruling from the Chair as to whether the amendment was in order for consideration in the preamble of the bill.

Ruling of the Chair

The Chair ruled the amendment dealt with Schedule 09, Item 306 of the bill and not the preamble and therefore was out of order.

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

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by Representative Quezaire in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 66, between lines 35 and 36, insert the following:

"The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to reduce the State General Fund (Direct) appropriations contained in this schedule for all agencies in Corrections Services, including the Office of the Secretary, to achieve a total amount of $1,295,000. The allocation of the reduction among the various budget units shall be approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget prior to implementation of the reduction."

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 74, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

"EXPENDITURES
Administration $ 315,000
Incarceration $ 880,000
Health Services $ 100,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $ 1,295,000

MEANS OF FINANCE
State General Fund (Direct) $ 1,295,000

TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING $ 1,295,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 80, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)
to the Incarceration Program for operations, including twenty-three positions $ 307,206

Provided that two positions shall be added to the Health Services Program of this agency."

Rep. Quezaire moved the adoption of the amendments.


By a vote of 37 yeas and 56 nays, the amendments were rejected.

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 Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 88, between lines 34 and 35, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications out of the Sex Offender Registry Technology Fund to the Operational Support Program, in the event that House Bill No. 695 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law $ 100,000
Payable out of the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications out of the Sex Offender Registry Technology Fund to the Operational Support Program, for distribution to the sheriff of each parish in accordance with C.C.P. Art. 895.1(F) in the event that House Bill No. 695 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted into law $ 35,000"

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

Rep. Walsworth sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Walsworth in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 68, after line 49, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Office of the Secretary for provision of a ten percent salary increase for all classified civil service employees of Corrections Services, to include correctional officers and probation and parole officers $18,400,000"

Rep. Walsworth moved the adoption of the amendments.


By a vote of 32 yeas and 59 nays, the amendments were rejected.

Acting Chairman John Smith in the Chair

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Morrish in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1
In House Floor Amendment No. 38 proposed by Representative Alario and adopted by the House on May 25, 2006, on page 4, line 24, change "826,789,595" to "822,489,595"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
In House Floor Amendment No. 39 proposed by Representative Alario and adopted by the House on May 25, 2006, on page 4, line 26, change "321,175,064" to "325,475,064"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 122, between lines 45 and 46, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to developmental centers for operational expenses $4,300,000"

Rep. Morrish moved the adoption of the amendments.


By a vote of 32 yeas and 59 nays, the amendments were rejected.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative McVea in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 106, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

"EXPENDITURES:
Payments to Public Providers Program for Metropolitan Development Center $21,604,298
TOTAL EXPENDITURES $21,604,298"

MEANS OF FINANCE:
State General Fund by:
Federal Funds $21,604,298
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING $21,604,298"

On motion of Rep. McVea, the amendments were withdrawn.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 107, between lines 5 and 6 insert the following:

"EXPENDITURES:
Payments to Public Providers Program for Metropolitan Development Center $21,604,298
TOTAL EXPENDITURES $21,604,298"
MEANS OF FINANCE:
State General Fund by:
  Statutory Dedications by:
    Louisiana Medical Assistance Trust Fund $ 6,541,781
    Federal Funds $ 15,062,517
  TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING $ 21,604,298

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 122, between lines 45 and 46, insert the following:
"Payable out of State General Fund
by Interagency Transfers to
Metropolitan Developmental Center $ 21,604,298"

Rep. Triche moved the adoption of the amendments.
By a vote of 34 yeas and 48 nays, the amendments were rejected.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by Representative Winston in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 125, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:
"Payable out of the State General Fund
by Statutory Dedications out of the
Barrier Island Stabilization and
Preservation Fund for purposes of the
Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation
and Restoration Program, in the event that
Senate Bill No. 229 of the 2006 Regular
Session of the Legislature is enacted into law $ 18,000,000"

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

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by Representative M. Powell in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 222, after line 50, insert the following:
"Payable out of the State General Fund by
Statutory Dedications out of the Academic
Improvement Fund for a per pupil allocation to
each of the sixty-eight local school systems for
expenses related to health insurance,
retirement, and fuel $ 13,000,000"

Rep. Michael Powell moved the adoption of the amendments.
By a vote of 26 yeas and 74 nays, the amendments were rejected.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS
Amendments proposed by Representative Hebert in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 242, after line 47, insert the following:
"Payable out of the State General Fund
by Statutory Dedications out of the 2004
Overcollections Fund to the Louisiana
Citizens Property Insurance Corporation
for any current or other obligations on
bonds or other indebtedness issued by the
corporation for the purpose of paying any
costs and claims that arose due to losses
caused by hurricanes in the year 2005 $ 50,000,000"

Rep. Hebert moved the adoption of the amendments.
By a vote of 37 yeas and 51 nays, the amendments were rejected.
Rep. Karen Carter sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative K. Carter in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 242, after line 47, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications out of the State Emergency Response Fund to the New Orleans Police Department for emergency preparedness activities and crime prevention measures $ 10,000,000"

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

Motion

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

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House