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House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 9, 2012

The House of Representatives was called to order at 10:00 A.M., by the Honorable Jeffery J. Arnold, Acting Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour
ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT
Abramson Geymann Mack
Adams Gisclair Miller
Anders Greene Montoucet
Armes Guillory Moreno
Arnold Guinn Morris, Jay
Badon Harris Morris, Jim
Barras Harrison Norton
Barrow Havard Ortego
Berthelot Hazel Pearson
Billiot Henry Pierre
Bishop, S. Hensgens Ponti
Bishop, W. Hill Pope
Broadwater Hodges Price
Brossett Hoffmann Pugh
Brown Holis Pylant
Burford Howard Richard
Burns, T. Huval "Gene"
Burrell Jackson, G. "Rob"
Carmody Jackson, K. Schexnayder
Carter James Schroder
Champagne Jefferson Schuhard
Connick Johnson Seabaugh
Cox Jones Simon
Crocker Kleckley Smith
Danahay Lambert St. Germain
Dixon Landry, N. Taibot

Dove Landry, T. Thibaut
Edwards LeBas Thierry
Fannin Leger Thompson
Foil Leopold Whitney
Franklin Ligt Williams, A.
Gaines Lopinto Williams, P.
Garofalo Lorusso Willmott

Total - 105

The Acting Speaker announced that there were 105 members-elect present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Dr. Ken Ward.

Pledge of Allegiance

Representative-elect Lorusso led the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Miss Ali LeBlanc sang The National Anthem.

Petitions, Memorials, and Communications

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

SECRETARY OF STATE
State of Louisiana
November 29, 2011

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives
State of Louisiana

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with R.S. 18:573, the name of the persons who have received the greatest number of votes cast for State Representative in the Legislature of Louisiana from their respective Representative Districts, and who have been duly proclaimed elected.

Sincerely,

Tom Schedler
Secretary of State

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana

Tom Schedler
Secretary of State

As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby Certify that the following candidates are declared elected by the people to the office set above their names:

1st Representative District James H. "Jim" Morris
2nd Representative District Roy A. Burrell
3rd Representative District Barbara Norton
4th Representative District Patrick C. Williams
5th Representative District Alan Seabaugh
6th Representative District Thomas Gaughan Carmody, Jr.
7th Representative District Richard "Richie" Burford
8th Representative District "Jeff" Thompson
9th Representative District Henry L. Burns
10th Representative District "Gene" Reynolds
11th Representative District Patrick O. Jefferson
12th Representative District "Rob" Shadoin
13th Representative District James R. "Jim" Fannin
There being but one nominee, Mr. Alfred W. Speer was duly elected Clerk of the House of Representatives.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on November 29, 2011

Tom Schedler
Secretary of State

The Chair called for the voting of objections to the qualifications or elections of the members-elect.

Hearing no objections, the Chair declared each member-elect duly qualified and elected.

Oath of Office

The membership-elect presented themselves before the bar of the House and took the following oath of office administered by Mr. Alfred W. Speer, Clerk of the House of Representatives:

"I, ..., do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution and laws of the United States and the constitution and laws of this state and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God."

Personal Privilege

Rep. Champagne led the House in bestowing of the 2012-2016 Member Identification Lapel Pins.

Election of the Clerk of the House

Rep. Greene placed in nomination the name of Mr. Alfred W. Speer for Clerk of the House.

Rep. St. Germain seconded the nomination of Mr. Alfred W. Speer.

Rep. Fannin moved that the nominations be closed.

There being but one nominee, Mr. Alfred W. Speer was duly elected Clerk of the House of Representatives.
Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Alfred W. Speer by Mary F. Quaid.

Election of the Speaker of the House


Rep. Fannin moved that the nominations be closed.

There being but one nominee, Rep. Kleckley was duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Kleckley by the Honorable John F. DeRosier, District Attorney, 14th Judicial District Court.

Speaker Kleckley in the Chair

Election of the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House


Rep. Fannin moved that the nominations be closed.

There being but one nominee, Rep. Leger was duly elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Leger by Walt Leger, Jr.

Appointment of the Sergeant at Arms of the House

Pursuant to House Rule 2.11, the Speaker appointed Mr. Clarence R. Russ Sergeant at Arms of the House.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Clarence R. Russ by the Honorable Alfred W. Speer, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Petitions, Memorials, and Communications

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

LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Office of the Clerk
January 3, 2012

To: All Members of the House of Representatives
From: Alfred(142,107),(857,840)

Re: Appropriations Committee Election

The following members were elected to the Appropriations Committee in accordance with House Rule 6.4:

Congressional District 1 - Representative John M. Schroder, Sr. - Elected. Election results: Anthony Ligi - 1 vote; Joseph P. Lopinto, III - 0 votes; Stephen E. Pugh - 1 vote; John M. Schroder, Sr. - 13 votes; Scott Simon - 0 votes.

Congressional District 2 - Representative Jared C. Brossett - Elected. Election results: Jared C. Brossett - 6 votes; Patrick Connick - 1 vote; Girod Jackson, III - 0 votes.

Congressional District 3 - Run-off election. Election results: Simone B. Champagne - 6 votes; Raymond E. Garofalo - 1 vote; Jerome Richard - 5 votes.


Congressional District 5 - Representative James R. Fannin - Elected. Election results: James R. Fannin - 11 votes; Marcus L. Hunter - 1 vote; Bernard LeBas - 1 vote.

Congressional District 6 - Representative J. Rogers Pope Elected. Election results: Edward C. "Ted" James, II - 1 vote; J. Rogers Pope - 9 votes; Alfred C. Williams - 3 votes.

Congressional District 7 - Representative Brett Geymann Elected. Election results: Brett F. Geymann - 7 votes; Jack Montoucet - 7 votes. (Representative Jack Montoucet withdrew on 1/3/12).

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Billiot, at 11:00 A.M., the House agreed to adjourn sine die.

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

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House