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Under the Adoption of the Constitution of 1974

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April 8, 2013 thru June 6, 2013

The information in this addendum to the Official Journal of the Thirty-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature under the adoption of the Constitution of 1974 contain the veto messages that were received after the legislative session sine' die adjournment of June 6, 2013.

ALFRED W. SPEER
CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received on the dates indicated:

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Bobby Jindal
Governor
June 20, 2013

The Honorable Alfred Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 320 by Representative Leger

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 320 by Representative Leger diverts the first $1.8 million away from the Support Education in Louisiana First (SELF) Fund, a fund used to support salary expenses for K-12 and higher education, to a new Casino Support Services Fund.

House Bill No. 320 restructures the revenue flow into the SELF Fund and imperils future funding for K-12 and higher education salaries. The objective of the bill is to fund the City of New Orleans’ casino support services contract, which has already been achieved through HB 1. I have vetoed similar legislation for the last three years and have included funding in HB 1 to fulfill the obligation of this contract for the last three years as well.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 320 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Bobby Jindal
Governor
June 20, 2013

The Honorable Alfred Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: House Bill No. 415 by Representative Stephen Ortego

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 415 requires the Department of Transportation and Development to submit a plan amendment to the US Department of Transportation to allow new and replacement standard traffic signs to be bilingual. As originally filed, the bill restricted bilingual signage to French, a language with which Louisiana has a long and standing cultural history. However, the bill was amended to include any language, which may or may not have a cultural connection to Louisiana.

In lieu of this legislation, I will issue an executive order instructing the Department of Transportation and Development to submit a plan amendment to the US Department of Transportation to allow new and replacement standard traffic signs to be displayed in both English and French.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 415 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Bobby Jindal
Governor
June 20, 2013

The Honorable Alfred Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: House Bill No. 516 by Representative Walt Leger

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 368 by Representative Norton is duplicative of another bill I have already signed into law, Act 50 of 2013 by Representative Bob Hensgens. Both bills provide an outline for school safety and crisis response plans in schools.
Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 516 by Representative Walt Leger grants additional powers to the Ernest N. Morial-New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority. The bill also would allow for the first time the Authority to use non-traditional tax free bonds that would benefit any properties being developed by commercial, private entities and the bonded debt could count against the state debt limit. In addition, this project could be funded through the capital outlay bill.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 516 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal
Governor
June 21, 2013

Mr. Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Mr. Glenn Koepp
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

RE: House Bill No. 1 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature provides for the ordinary operating expenses of the state government for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Dear Gentlemen:

As authorized by Article III, Section 18(B), and more particularly, Article IV, Section 5(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, I have exercised my right to veto 31 items of the General Appropriation Bill. I respectfully request that you deliver on my behalf the following message to the members of the Legislature:

Both the House and Senate did great work on a fiscally responsible budget that is good for the people of Louisiana. The single biggest challenge facing the budget was the Medicaid rate change made by Congress last July, lowering Louisiana’s FMAP rate to the lowest it’s been in 25 years, with a total impact to Louisiana’s healthcare budget of $1.8 billion. Despite this challenge, the budget protects funding for healthcare. The budget also includes tens of millions of dollars more for higher education next year.

The hard work of legislators from both parties and increased revenue projections have produced a balanced budget that invests in our top priorities and protects our reforms. We’ve made an investment of an additional $69 million in K-12 education, half of which will go toward teacher pay raises, and protected our historic educations reforms from last session, including the Louisiana Scholarship Program and our changes to teacher tenure without raising taxes. We’ve also rejected the Obamacare Medicaid expansion that could have cost Louisianans $1.7 billion while moving over 240,000 of our citizens off of private insurance.

With this budget, Louisiana continues to chart a path that expands economic opportunities for our people while reducing government’s footprint, not only shrinking its size and cost, but making government more effective and efficient by consolidating functions and applying smarter technologies that save taxpayer dollars.

By pursuing such initiatives, the FY 14 Budget reflects the strategic reduction of more than 12,000 full-time executive branch positions, a number that brings the total of state government positions reduced since the beginning of our administration to over 28,000. Even before the new position reductions passed in this budget, the number of state government employees is already at its lowest level in over 20 years.

While protecting critical services and restructuring government operations, the FY 14 Budget includes total funding of $25.4 billion, a decrease of $350 million, compared to the FY 13 total existing operating budget of $25.75 billion.

As such, the budget reflects our belief that Louisiana’s future success doesn’t depend on a larger government that takes more resources away from our private sector economy, nor a larger role for government in the lives of our citizens. Instead, it continues our efforts to make government nimble, more compact, and more modernized, saving money while at the same time improving and protecting critical services.

I commend the Legislature for its work.

This letter is to communicate that I have vetoed items in House Bill No. 1, as follows:

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 1**

On page 2, at the end of line 8, delete "or the"; on line 9, delete "Department of Wildlife and Fisheries."

This language is unnecessary to achieve efficiencies and savings that help protect critical services such as higher education and healthcare; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 2**

On page 4, line 22, after "department.", delete the remainder of the line; delete line 23 in its entirety.

This language is unnecessary to achieve efficiencies and savings that help protect critical services such as higher education and healthcare; therefore, I am vetoing this item.
VETO MESSAGE NO. 3
On page 5, delete lines 22 through 30 in their entirety, and on page 6, delete lines 1 through 2 in their entirety:

Louisiana Revised Statutes 23:332 prohibits intentional discrimination in employment; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 4
On page 20, delete lines 54 through 56 in their entirety:

This language is unnecessary as additional funds were provided to restore adequate funding for local emergency management programs; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 5
On page 27, delete lines 40 through 42 in their entirety:

The additional positions and funding conflict with the effort of downsizing the state government; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 6
On page 60, delete lines 51 and 52 in their entirety:

This activity has been adequately funded in the budget; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 7
On page 92, delete lines 44 through 46 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 8
On page 94, delete lines 31 through 33 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 9
On page 96, delete lines 9 through 11 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 10
On page 96, delete lines 49 through 51 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 11
On page 98, delete lines 4 through 6 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 12
On page 102, delete lines 31 through 38 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 13
On page 103, delete lines 1 through 26 in their entirety:

This is a contingency. Senate Bill 125 and House Bill 233 failed to pass; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 14
On page 103, delete lines 35 through 42 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 15
On page 104, delete lines 1 through 9 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 16
On page 106, delete lines 35 through 37 in their entirety:

There is no actual funding source to generate the funds; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 17
On page 108, delete lines 4 through 6 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 18
On page 109, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 19
On page 112, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.
VETO MESSAGE NO. 20
On page 114, delete lines 14 through 17 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 21
On page 118, delete lines 25 through 27 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 22
On page 119, delete lines 36 through 38 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 23
On page 120, delete lines 36 through 38 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 24
On page 121, delete lines 36 through 38 in their entirety:

In light of the legislative reduction to Medicaid utilization, this program expansion cannot be funded; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 25
On page 127, delete lines 35 through 37 in their entirety:

A separate amendment provides $2,400,000 of State General Fund (Direct) which will maintain the FY 2012-2013 level of funding. This amendment is duplicative; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 26
On page 129, delete lines 39 through 41 in their entirety:

This amendment would reduce funding necessary for consolidation of back office functions resulting in savings that help protect critical services such as higher education and health care; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 27
On page 150, delete lines 24 through 28 in their entirety:

This language is unnecessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the department's aquatic weed control initiatives in the most cost effective manner; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 28
On page 171, line 16, after "operations.", delete the remainder of the line; delete lines 17 through 18 in their entirety.

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the Southern University Board of Supervisors; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 29
On page 211, delete lines 49 through 51 in their entirety:

This amendment provides for a reduction in professional services contracts which would inhibit the state's ability to adequately measure student progress in elementary and secondary education as well as prevent the department from initiating contracts relating to the implementation of the Early Childhood Program as contained in Act 3 of the 2012 Regular Session. The Department, local school systems, and child care centers rely on this information to guide targeted interventions for students and professional development for educators; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 30
On page 232, delete lines 17 through 20 in their entirety:

This amendment would reduce funding necessary to meet contractual obligations; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 31
On page 235, delete lines 1 through 8 in their entirety:

House Bill No. 320 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature was not enacted into law; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 26, 2013

Honorable Glenn Koepp
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Gentlemen:
Since the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature adjourned, I have sent to you veto messages and returned the instruments for the following three (3) Senate bills and four (4) House bills:

**Senate Bill Vetoes:** SB 50, SB 61, and SB 162

**House Bill Vetoes:** HB 320, HB 368, HB 415, and HB 516

I have also sent to you veto messages with reference to line items in House Bill 1.

This completes my consideration of all bills passed during the Regular Session of 2013. I am sending this notice to you pursuant to the requirements of Article III, Section 18 of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 24:10.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor