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of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the Constitution of 1974

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The information in this addendum to the Official Journal of the Fortieth Regular Session of the Legislature under the adoption of the Constitution of 1974 contains the veto messages that were received after the legislative session sine die adjournment of June 2, 2014.

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 12, 2014

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

Re: House Bill No. 22 by Representative Kevin Pearson

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 22 by Representative Pearson contains language that it shall become effective only if House Bill No. 1278 does not become effective.

On this date, I have signed House Bill No. 1278; however, it contains five separate sections with two different effective dates, one of which does not occur until July 1, 2015 and depends on a future action taken by the Public Retirement Systems’ Actuarial Committee. Due to the length of time prior to all sections of House Bill No. 1278 becoming effective and the uncertainty this would cast over the implementation of House Bill No. 22, the author has requested a veto of House Bill No. 22.

For these reasons I have vetoed House Bill No. 22 and hereby return it to the House.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 13, 2014

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

RE: House Bill No. 953 by Representative Walt Leger

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 953 would significantly impair parents ability to have clear information about the performance of their child’s school and teachers ability to have meaningful feedback. The bill sacrifices the important education reforms supported by this Legislature in 2010 and 2012 in order to implement a set of national standards and tests that take away local control and standardize our education system.

Louisiana needs to raise the academic performance of our students so we can compete in the 21st century, but not at the expense of handing away our school system to the federal government through Common Core and PARCC, and sacrificing the important reforms that empower parents to choose the best school for their children.

The opposition to this bill has come from both sides of the Common Core issue. The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Louisiana Federation for Children, Black Alliance for Educational Options, Stand for Children, Louisiana Association of Charter Schools, and the Council for a Better Louisiana opposed the bill during the Legislative session because it delays reform and deprives our children of high quality teachers, accountable administrators, and clear information about the performance of their schools. Others opposed the bill for enshrining Louisiana’s participation in Common Core and PARCC. The Louisiana School Boards Association, the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, and the Louisiana Association of Educators also opposed the bill during the session. They are joined by countless parents who have requested a veto.

Given the widespread opposition and the gravity of any decision that affects our children, I have vetoed House Bill No. 953 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 13, 2014

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

RE: House Bill No. 1091 by Representative Tom Willmott

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 1091 would place a significant burden on our citizens, particularly those who reside in rural areas, while providing questionable benefit to their pets. The bill’s broad definition of the criterion by which a dog must be crated has rightly caused concern to Louisiana sportsmen and farmers for being overly broad. Animal cruelty is explicitly prohibited by current law, and I trust that our citizens can care for their pets without the nanny state intervening to dictate how a dog is secured in the bed of a pickup truck.

For these reasons, and as requested by Louisiana Farm Bureau and Louisiana Sportsmen’s Alliance, I have vetoed House Bill No. 1091 and hereby return it to the House.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor
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 8 items of the General Appropriation Bill. This letter is to communicate that I have vetoed items in House Bill No. 1, as follows:

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 1**
On page 6, delete lines 3 through 13 in their entirety:

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

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 2**
On Page 30, delete lines 20 through 23 in their entirety:

This function has been integrated into Adult Protective Services, and this funding is insufficient to perform this function; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 3**
On Page 30, delete lines 24 through 26 in their entirety:

This language will cause a funding shortfall in other Senior Centers in the Orleans Parish; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 4**
On page 60, delete lines 55 through 57 in their entirety:

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the Department of Economic Development; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 5**
On page 99, line 50, after "Schedule,", delete the remainder of the line, delete line 51 in its entirety, and on line 52, delete "reimbursement rate for inpatient hospital services and":

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the Department of Health and Hospitals during fiscally challenging times; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 6**
On page 112, delete lines 47 through 53 in their entirety:

The Department of Health and Hospitals needs to have flexibility in implementing reimbursement methodologies; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 7**
On page 120, delete lines 53 through 56 in their entirety:

This amendment would create an inefficient duplication of service delivery systems, affecting some of the State’s most vulnerable citizens; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 8**
On page 125, delete lines 7 through 9 in their entirety:

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the Department of Health and Hospitals during fiscally challenging times; therefore, I am vetoing this item.
Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 20, 2014

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

Re: House Bill No. 437 by Representative Jim Fannin

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 437 adds an additional layer of bureaucracy to the contracting process, which could delay the contracting process and introduce uncertainty. Such uncertainty could discourage businesses from contracting with the state and competing to provide high quality services to our citizens. Partnering with the private sector has saved Louisiana taxpayers millions of dollars, while improving services for our people. Unlike smaller value Requests For Proposals (RFPs), large value contracts often have a very small pool of potential bidders due to their scale and scope. In order to ensure that we have the widest and most competitive process possible, it is important to ensure that these companies have a streamlined, fair, and transparent bidding process.

I am committed to such a process to achieve the highest quality services for the best expenditure of taxpayer dollars, which is why the Division of Administration has sought continually to improve the RFP and contracting processes. That's also why I have instructed agencies to work with the Legislature and provide opportunities for input and oversight on these significant RFPs and contracts. In addition, this year, I have signed Senate Bill No. 480 by Senator Mike Walsworth, which Representative Fannin graciously sponsored on the House side of the Legislature and which streamlines and clarifies the Procurement Code. However, House Bill No. 437 could have unintended negative consequences and, therefore, I have vetoed it 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, 2014

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

Re: House Bill No. 907 by Representative Karen St. Germain

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 907 authorizes the state to implement the federal REAL ID Act. Under the Act, states are required to come into
compliance by January 2016 to ensure access for their residents on
domestic commercial flights. This timeline is still a year and a half
away while this legislation would subject the State of Louisiana to
unnecessary federal oversight of our drivers’ licenses. This is why the
Eagle Forum, the Louisiana Family Forum and Tea Party of
Louisiana have asked for a veto of the bill due to concerns about
whether it will compromise Louisiana’s sovereignty over what is
fundamentally a state method of identification.

These concerns appear to be shared in other states. In fact, as of April
2014, only 20 states are recognized as compliant by the federal
Department of Homeland Security. Given the time still available to
review the unintended and potentially far-reaching consequences of
compliance in Louisiana, Louisiana State Police has requested
additional time to vet this change and requested that I veto this
legislation. Therefore, I have vetoed House Bill No. 907 and hereby
return it to the House.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 20, 2014

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

Re: House Bill No. 1255 by Representative Katrina Jackson

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 1255 would allow criminals convicted of certain
crimes of violence to become eligible for parole at a significantly
earlier date and lower the bar for Parole Board approval for such
parole. These crimes include: Solicitation for murder; Manslaughter;
Aggravated battery; Second degree battery; Aggravated assault;
Manslaughter; Aggravated sexual battery; Molesting children;
Forcible rape; Intentional exposure to AIDS virus; Second degree
kidnapping; Simple kidnapping; Aggravated arson; Aggravated
criminal damage to property; Aggravated burglary; Simple robbery;
Purse snatching; Extortion; Assault by drive-by shooting; Terrorism;
Aggravated second degree battery; Aggravated assault upon a peace
officer with a firearm; Aggravated assault with a firearm; Second
degree robbery; Disarming of a peace officer; Stalking; Aggravated
flight from an officer; Aggravated incest (with an adult); and Human
trafficking (with an adult).

The expansion in parole eligibility authorized by this bill is outside
the range used by many other states. Furthermore, the current
unanimous vote requirement is an effort to best ensure that these
types of offenders are qualified and prepared to re-enter into society
under supervision. Reducing the vote requirement weakens the
current mechanism in place designed to protect Louisiana citizens
and reduce the risk of reoffending.

Louisiana has made many strides in sentencing reform over the last
few years, prioritizing drug treatment for nonviolent, non sex
offenders whose addiction is at the root of their offense, streamlining
how good time is calculated to simplify and ensure accuracy, and
accelerating parole eligibility for nonviolent, non sex
offenders. Indeed, this year, I signed HB732 by Rep. Jackson, which
extends the sentencing hinge to some crimes of violence that could
occur without a violent act, and HB681 by Rep. Ledricka Thierry,
which removes low level marijuana offenses from what is
considered a violation of probation or parole. But to lower the bar
for release of offenders who have committed violent crimes like
Forcible Rape, Manslaughter, and Human Trafficking is a step too
far that could put our citizens at risk. For these reasons, I have
vetoed House Bill No. 1255 and hereby return it to the House.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 23, 2014

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

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

Dear Gentlemen;

Since the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature
adjourned, I have sent to you veto messages and returned the
instruments for the following four (4) Senate bills and eight (8)
House bills:

Senate Bill Vetoes: SB 143, SB 318, SB 418, and SB 543

House Bill Vetoes: HB 22, HB 142, HB 187, HB 437, HB 907,
HB 953, HB 1091, and HB 1255

I have also sent you veto messages with reference to line items in
House Bill No. 1 and House Bill No. 1094.

This completes my consideration of all bills passed during the
Regular Session of 2014. I am sending this notice to you to fulfill
the requirements of Article III, Section 18 of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 24:10.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor