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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Organizational Session of the 71st Legislature
Since Admission to Statehood**

**Ninth Organizational Session Since
Adoption of the Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 11, 2016

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

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Abraham	Foil	Leopold
Abramson	Franklin	Lopinto
Adams	Gaines	Lyons
Amedec	Garofalo	Mack
Anders	Gisclair	Magee
Armes	Glover	Marcelle
Bacala	Guinn	McFarland
Bagley	Hall	Miguez
Bagneris	Harris, J.	Miller, D.
Barras	Harris, L.	Miller, G.
Berthelot	Havard	Montoucet
Billiot	Hazel	Moreno
Bishop	Henry	Morris, Jay
Bouie	Hensgens	Morris, Jim
Broadwater	Hilferty	Norton
Brown, C.	Hill	Pearson
Brown, T.	Hodges	Pierre
Carmody	Hoffmann	Pope
Carpenter	Hollis	Price
Carter, G.	Horton	Pugh
Carter, R.	Howard	Pylant
Carter, S.	Hunter	Reynolds
Chaney	Huval	Richard
Connick	Ivey	Schexnayder
Coussan	Jackson	Schroder
Cox	James	Seabaugh
Cromer	Jefferson	Shadoin

Danahay	Jenkins	Simon
Davis	Johnson, M.	Smith
DeVillier	Johnson, R.	Stokes
Dwight	Jones	Talbot
Edmonds	Landry, N.	Thibaut
Edwards	Landry, T.	White
Emerson	LeBas	Willmott
Falconer	Leger	Zeringue
Total - 105		

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

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Dr. Ken Ward, Coordinator of Chaplain Services.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Petitions, Memorials, and
Communications**

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

**SECRETARY OF STATE
State of Louisiana**

December 1, 2015

To the Members-elect of the House of Representatives
State of Louisiana

Dear Members-elect:

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.

With best wishes,

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	Samuel L. "Sam" Jenkins, Jr.
3rd	Representative District	Barbara Norton
4th	Representative District	Cedric B. Glover
5th	Representative District	Alan Seabaugh
6th	Representative District	Thomas Gaughan Carmody, Jr.
7th	Representative District	Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
8th	Representative District	"Mike" Johnson
9th	Representative District	"Dodie" Horton
10th	Representative District	H. E. "Gene" Reynolds
11th	Representative District	Patrick Jefferson
12th	Representative District	"Rob" Shadoin
13th	Representative District	Jack McFarland
14th	Representative District	"Jay" Morris

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15th Representative District Frank Hoffmann
16th Representative District Katrina Jackson
17th Representative District Marcus Hunter
18th Representative District Major Thibaut
19th Representative District Charles R. "Bubba" Chaney
20th Representative District Steven E. "Steve" Pylant
21st Representative District "Andy" Anders
22nd Representative District Terry Brown
23rd Representative District Kenny Cox
24th Representative District "Frankie" Howard
25th Representative District Lance Harris
26th Representative District "Jeff" Hall
27th Representative District "Chris" Hazel
28th Representative District Robert Johnson
29th Representative District Ronnie Edwards
30th Representative District James Armes, III
31st Representative District Nancy Landry
32nd Representative District Dorothy Sue Hill
33rd Representative District Mike Danahay
34th Representative District "A. B." Franklin
35th Representative District Stephen Dwight
36th Representative District Mark Abraham
37th Representative District John E. "Johnny" Guinn
38th Representative District H. Bernard LeBas
39th Representative District Julie Emerson
40th Representative District Dustin Miller
41st Representative District Phillip DeVillier
42nd Representative District Jack Montoucet
43rd Representative District Stuart Bishop
44th Representative District Vincent J. Pierre
45th Representative District Jean-Paul Coussan
46th Representative District "Mike Pete" Huval
47th Representative District "Bob" Hensgens
48th Representative District Taylor Barras
49th Representative District Blake Miguez
50th Representative District Sam Jones
51st Representative District Beryl Adams Amedee
52nd Representative District Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
53rd Representative District Tanner Magee
54th Representative District Jerry "Truck" Gisclair
55th Representative District Jerome "Dee" Richard
56th Representative District Gregory Miller
57th Representative District Randal Gaines
58th Representative District "Ed" Price
59th Representative District "Tony" Bacala
60th Representative District Chad Brown
61st Representative District C. Denise Marcelle
62nd Representative District "Kenny" Havard
63rd Representative District Barbara West Carpenter
64th Representative District Valarie Hope Hodges
65th Representative District Barry Ivey
66th Representative District "Rick" Edmonds
67th Representative District Patricia Smith
68th Representative District "Steve" Carter
69th Representative District Paula Davis
70th Representative District Franklin Foil
71st Representative District J. Rogers Pope
72nd Representative District "Robby" Carter
73rd Representative District "Steve" Pugh
74th Representative District Scott M. Simon
75th Representative District Malinda Brumfield White
76th Representative District Kevin Pearson
77th Representative District John M. Schroder
78th Representative District "Kirk" Talbot
79th Representative District Julie S. Stokes
80th Representative District Joseph Lopinto, III
81st Representative District Clay Schexnayder
82nd Representative District J. Cameron Henry
83rd Representative District Robert E. Billiot
84th Representative District Patrick Connick

85th Representative District Bryan J. Adams
86th Representative District Chris Broadwater
87th Representative District Rodney Lyons, Sr.
88th Representative District John A. "Johnny" Berthelot
89th Representative District Reid Falconer
90th Representative District "Greg" Cromer
91st Representative District Walter "Walt" Leger, III
92nd Representative District "Tom" Willmott
93rd Representative District Helena Moreno
94th Representative District Stephanie Hilferty
95th Representative District Sherman Q. Mack
96th Representative District Terry C. Landry, Sr.
97th Representative District Joseph "Joe" Bouie, Jr.
98th Representative District Neil Abramson
99th Representative District "Jimmy" Harris
100th Representative District John Bagneris
101st Representative District Edward "Ted" James
102nd Representative District Gary Carter, Jr.
103rd Representative District "Ray" Garofalo
104th Representative District Paul Hollis
105th Representative District Christopher J. "Chris" Leopold

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 December 1, 2015

Tom Schedler
Secretary of State

The Chair called for the voicing 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. Davis led the House in bestowing of the 2016-2020 Member Identification Lapel Pins.

Election of the Clerk of the House

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

Rep. N. Landry 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 the Honorable Judge Hunter Greene.

Election of the Speaker of the House

Rep. Mack placed in nomination the name of Rep. Henry for Speaker of the House.

Rep. Chaney placed in nomination the name of Rep. Leger for Speaker of the House.

Rep. Schexnayder placed in nomination the name of Rep. Abramson for Speaker of the House.

Rep. Bishop placed in nomination the name of Rep. Barras for Speaker of the House.

Rep. N. Landry moved that the nominations be closed.

ROLL CALL

A voice roll call was taken on the question of the election of the Speaker with the following results:

FOR REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

Election Results: Reps. Amedee, Bagley, Carmody, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Guinn, L. Harris, Henry, Hodges, Hoffmann, Hollis, Horton, Howard, Ivey, M. Johnson, Leopold, Mack, McFarland, G. Miller, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Pearson, Pylant, Richard, Simon, Talbot, and Willmott - 28 votes

FOR REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

Election Results: Acting Speaker Anders and Reps. Adams, Armes, Bagneris, Billiot, Bouie, C. Brown, T. Brown, Carpenter, G. Carter, R. Carter, Chaney, Connick, Cox, Danahay, Edwards, Franklin, Gaines, Glover, Hall, J. Harris, Hazel, Hilferty, Hill, Hunter, Jackson, James, Jefferson, Jenkins, R. Johnson, Jones, T. Landry, LeBas, Leger, Lopinto, Lyons, Marcelle, D. Miller, Montoucet, Moreno, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, Smith, Thibaut, and White - 49 votes

FOR REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON

Election Results: Reps. Abramson and Gisclair - 2 votes

FOR REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

Election Results: Reps. Abraham, Bacala, Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Broadwater, S. Carter, Coussan, Cromer, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Emerson, Garofalo, Havard, Hensgens, Huval, N. Landry, Magee, Miguez, Pugh, Schexnayder, Schroder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Zeringue - 26 votes

Acting Speaker Anders declared a run-off election between Reps. Henry and Leger.

Motion

Rep. Henry withdrew his name as a candidate in the run-off election for Speaker of the House, to which there was no objection.

Acting Speaker Anders declared a run-off between Reps. Leger and Barras.

ROLL CALL

A voice roll call was taken on the question of the run-off election of the Speaker with the following results:

FOR REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

Election Results: Acting Speaker Anders and Reps. Adams, Armes, Bagneris, Billiot, Bouie, C. Brown, T. Brown, Carpenter, G. Carter, R. Carter, Chaney, Connick, Cox, Danahay, Edwards, Franklin, Gaines, Gisclair, Glover, Hall, J. Harris, Hazel, Hill, Hunter, Jackson, James, Jefferson, Jenkins, R. Johnson, Jones, T. Landry, LeBas, Leger, Lopinto, Lyons, Marcelle, D. Miller, Montoucet, Moreno, Norton, Pierre, Pope, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, Smith, Thibaut, and White - 49 votes

FOR REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

Election Results: Reps. Abraham, Abramson, Amedee, Bacala, Bagley, Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, S. Carter, Coussan, Cromer, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Foil, Garofalo, Guinn, L. Harris, Havard, Henry, Hensgens, Hilferty, Hodges, Hoffmann, Hollis, Horton, Howard, Huval, Ivey, M. Johnson, N. Landry, Leopold, Mack, Magee, McFarland, Miguez, G. Miller, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Pearson, Pugh, Pylant, Richard, Schexnayder, Schroder, Seabaugh, Simon, Stokes, Talbot, Willmott, and Zeringue - 56 Votes

The Acting Speaker declared Rep. Barras elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Barras by Mr. Alfred W. Speer, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Speaker Barras in the Chair**Election of the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House**

Rep. Carmody placed in nomination the name of Rep. Jim Morris for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House.

Rep. G. Miller placed in nomination the name of Rep. Shadoin for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House.

Rep. Stokes placed in nomination the name of Rep. Leger for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House.

Motion

Rep. Shadoin withdrew his name as a candidate for Speaker Pro Tempore, to which there was no objection.

Motion

Rep. Jim Morris withdrew his name as a candidate for Speaker Pro Tempore, to which there was no objection.

Rep. N. Landry 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 Mr. 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 4, 2016

To: All Members of the House of Representatives

From: Alfred W. Speer

Re: Appropriations Committee Election Results

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

BESE District 1 - Run-off election
Election Results: Stephanie Hilferty - 2 votes; Paul Hollis - 5 votes; John M. Schroder, Sr. - 7 votes.

BESE District 2 - Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr. - Elected
Election Results: Elected without opposition

BESE District 3 - Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue - Elected
Election Results: Elected without opposition

BESE District 4 - Run-off election
Election Results: James K. Armes, III - 0 votes; Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley - 0 votes; Thomas G. Carmody, Jr. - 2 votes; Frank A. Howard - 0 votes; Jack G. McFarland - 3 votes; James H. "Jim" Morris - 4 votes; Barbara M. Norton - 1 vote.

BESE District 5 - Representative Charles R. "Bubba" Chaney - Elected
Election Results: Elected without opposition

BESE District 6 - Representative Franklin J. Foil - Elected
Election Results: Elected without opposition

BESE District 7 - Representative Stuart J. Bishop - Elected
Election Results: Mark Abraham - 3 votes; Stuart J. Bishop - 6 votes.

BESE District 8 - Representative Patricia Haynes Smith - Elected
Election Results: Elected without opposition

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Billiot, at 11:10 A.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 10:30 A.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House