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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Organizational Session of the 72nd Legislature
Since Admission to Statehood**

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

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 13, 2020

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

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Adams	Freiberg	McFarland
Amedee	Frieman	McKnight
Bacala	Gadberry	McMahen
Bagala	Gaines	Miguez
Bagley	Garofalo	Miller, D.
Beaulieu	Glover	Miller, G.
Bishop	Goudeau	Mincey
Bourriaque	Green	Moore
Brass	Harris	Muscarello
Brown	Henry	Nelson
Bryant	Hilferty	Newell
Butler	Hodges	Owen, B.
Carpenter	Hollis	Owen, C.
Carrier	Horton	Phelps
Carter, G.	Hughes	Pierre
Carter, R.	Huval	Pressly
Carter, W.	Illg	Riser
Cormier	Ivey	Romero
Coussan	James	Schamerhorn
Cox	Jefferson	Schexnayder
Crews	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Davis	Johnson, M.	Selders
DeVillier	Johnson, T.	St. Blanc
Deshotel	Jones	Stagni
DuBuisson	Jordan	Stefanski
Duplessis	Kerner	Tarver
Dwight	LaCombe	Thomas

Echols	Landry	Thompson
Edmonds	Larvadain	Turner
Edmonston	Lyons	Villio
Emerson	Mack	Wheat
Farnum	Magee	White
Firment	Marcelle	Willard
Fontenot	Marino	Wright
Freeman	McCormick	Zeringue
Total - 105		

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

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Speaker Taylor Barras.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep.-elect Glover 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**

January 3, 2020

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives
State of Louisiana

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with La. R.S. 18:573, the names 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,

R. KYLE ARDOIN
Secretary of State

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana**

**R. Kyle Ardoin
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	Danny McCormick
2nd	Representative District	Samuel L. "Sam" Jenkins, Jr.
3rd	Representative District	Tammy Phelps
4th	Representative District	Cedric B. Glover
5th	Representative District	Alan Seabaugh
6th	Representative District	Thomas Pressly
7th	Representative District	Lawrence "Larry" Bagley
8th	Representative District	Raymond J. Crews
9th	Representative District	"Dodie" Horton
10th	Representative District	Wayne McMahan
11th	Representative District	Patrick O. Jefferson
12th	Representative District	Christopher "Chris" Turner
13th	Representative District	Jack G. McFarland
14th	Representative District	Michael Echols
15th	Representative District	Foy Gadberry
16th	Representative District	Frederick D. Jones

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17th Representative District Patricia "Pat" Moore
18th Representative District Jeremy S. LaCombe
19th Representative District Francis Thompson
20th Representative District Neil Riser
21st Representative District C. Travis Johnson
22nd Representative District "Gabe" Firmont
23rd Representative District Kenny R. Cox
24th Representative District Rodney Schamerhorn
25th Representative District Lance Harris
26th Representative District "Ed" Larvadain, III
27th Representative District "Mike" Johnson
28th Representative District Daryl Deshotel
29th Representative District Edmond Jordan
30th Representative District Charles "Chuck" Owen
31st Representative District Jonathan Goudeau
32nd Representative District R. Dewith Carrier
33rd Representative District "Les" Farnum
34th Representative District Wilford Carter, Sr.
35th Representative District Stephen Dwight
36th Representative District Phillip Tarver
37th Representative District Troy D. Romero
38th Representative District Rhonda Butler
39th Representative District Julie Emerson
40th Representative District Dustin Miller
41st Representative District Phillip R. DeVillier
42nd Representative District John Stefanski
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 Ryan Bourriaque
48th Representative District "Beau" Beaulieu
49th Representative District Blake Miguez
50th Representative District Vincent J. St. Blanc, III
51st Representative District Beryl Amedee
52nd Representative District Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
53rd Representative District Tanner Magee
54th Representative District Reggie P. Bagala
55th Representative District Bryan Fontenot
56th Representative District Gregory Miller
57th Representative District Randal L. Gaines
58th Representative District "Ken" Brass
59th Representative District "Tony" Bacala
60th Representative District Chad Brown
61st Representative District C. Denise Marcelle
62nd Representative District Roy Daryl Adams
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 Larry Selders
68th Representative District Scott McKnight
69th Representative District Paula Davis
70th Representative District Barbara Reich Freiberg
71st Representative District "Buddy" Mincey, Jr.
72nd Representative District "Robby" Carter
73rd Representative District William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.
74th Representative District "Larry" Frieman
75th Representative District Malinda Brumfield White
76th Representative District Robert "Bob" Owen
77th Representative District Mark Wright
78th Representative District John "Big John" Ilg., Jr.
79th Representative District "Debbie" Villio
80th Representative District "Polly" Thomas
81st Representative District Clay Schexnayder
82nd Representative District Charles A. Henry
83rd Representative District Kyle M. Green, Jr.
84th Representative District Timothy P. Kerner
85th Representative District Joseph A. Marino, III
86th Representative District Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.

87th Representative District Rodney Lyons, Sr.
88th Representative District Kathy Edmonston
89th Representative District Richard Nelson
90th Representative District Mary DuBuisson
91st Representative District Mandie Landry
92nd Representative District "Joe" Stagni
93rd Representative District Royce Duplessis
94th Representative District Stephanie Hilferty
95th Representative District Sherman Mack
96th Representative District Marcus Bryant
97th Representative District Matthew Willard
98th Representative District Aimee Adatto Freeman
99th Representative District Candace N. Newell
100th Representative District Jason Hughes
101st Representative District Edward "Ted" James, II
102nd Representative District Gary Carter, Jr.
103rd Representative District "Ray" Garofalo
104th Representative District Paul Hollis
105th Representative District Mack Cormier

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 January 3, 2020

R. KYLE ARDOIN
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. Hodges led the House in bestowing of the 2020-2024 Member Identification Lapel Pins.

Election of the Clerk of the House

Rep. Greg Miller placed in nomination the name of Mrs. Michelle Fontenot for Clerk of the House.

Rep. Davis seconded the nomination of Mrs. Michelle Fontenot for Clerk of the House.

Rep. Hodges moved that the nominations be closed.

There being but one nominee, Mrs. Michelle Fontenot was duly elected Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Mrs. Michelle Fontenot by Mr. Alfred W. Speer.

Election of the Speaker of the House

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

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

Rep. Hodges 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 MACK

Election Results: Reps. Amedee, Bacala, Bagala, Butler, Crews, Deshotel, DeVillier, DuBuisson, Echols, Edmonds, Edmonston, Emerson, Firment, Fontenot, Freiberg, Frieman, Gadberry, Goudeau, Harris, Henry, Hodges, Hollis, Horton, Illg, M. Johnson, Kerner, Mack, McCormick, McFarland, McKnight, Miguez, Muscarello, Nelson, C. Owen, R. Owen, Pressly, Riser, Romero, Schamerhorn, Seabaugh, Tarver, Thomas, Villio, Wheat, and Wright - 45 votes

FOR REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

Election Results: Reps. R. Carter, Adams, Bagley, Beaulieu, Bishop, Bourriaque, Brass, Brown, Bryant, Carpenter, Carrier, G. Carter, W. Carter, Cormier, Coussan, Cox, Davis, Duplessis, Dwight, Farnum, Freeman, Gaines, Garofalo, Glover, Green, Hilferty, Hughes, Huval, Ivey, James, Jefferson, Jenkins, T. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, LaCombe, Landry, Larvadain, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Marino, McMahan, D. Miller, G. Miller, Mincey, Moore, Newell, Phelps, Pierre, Schexnayder, Selders, St. Blanc, Stagni, Stefanski, Thompson, Turner, White, Willard, and Zeringue - 60 votes

The Acting Speaker Robby Carter declared Rep. Schexnayder elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Schexnayder by the Honorable Judge Verdigets.

Speaker Schexnayder in the Chair

Election of the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House

Rep. Dwight placed in nomination the name of Rep. Magee for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House.

Rep. Hodges moved that the nominations be closed.

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

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Magee by Michelle Fontenot, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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 Michelle Fontenot, 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 8, 2020

To: All Members of the House of Representatives

From: Alfred W. Speer and Michelle Fontenot

Re: Appropriations Committee Election Results

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

BESE District 1 - Representative "Big" John Illg, Jr. – Elected

BESE District 2 - Representative Gary Carter – Elected without opposition

BESE District 3 - Representative Blake Miguez – Elected

BESE District 4 - Representative Raymond Crews – Elected

BESE District 5 - Representative Francis Thompson – Elected due to withdrawal

BESE District 6 - Representative "Rick" Edmonds – Elected

BESE District 7 - Representative R. Dewith Carrier – Elected

BESE District 8 - Representative Dustin Miller – Elected without opposition

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 11:05 A.M., the House agreed to adjourn *sine die*.

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

MICHELLE FONTENOT
Clerk of the House