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OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Forty-eighth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

The House of Representatives was called to order at 5:00 P.M., by the Honorable Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Freiberg	McMahan
Adams	Frieman	Miguez
Amedee	Gadberry	Miller, D.
Bacala	Gaines	Miller, G.
Bagley	Garofalo	Mincey
Beaullieu	Geymann	Moore
Bishop	Glover	Muscarello
Bourriaque	Goudeau	Nelson
Boyd	Green	Newell
Brass	Harris	Orgeron
Brown	Hilferty	Owen, C.
Bryant	Hodges	Owen, R.
Butler	Hollis	Phelps
Carpenter	Horton	Pierre
Carrier	Hughes	Pressly
Carter, R.	Huval	Riser
Carter, W.	Illg	Romero
Cormier	Ivey	Schamerhorn
Coussan	Jefferson	Schlegel
Cox	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Crews	Johnson, M.	Selders
Davis	Johnson, T.	St. Blanc
Deshotel	Jordan	Stagni
DeVillier	Kerner	Stefanski
DuBuisson	LaCombe	Tarver
Duplessis	Landry	Thomas
Echols	Larvadain	Thompson
Edmonds	Lyons	Turner
Edmonston	Mack	Villio
Emerson	Magee	Wheat
Farnum	Marcelle	White

Firment	Marino	Willard
Fisher	McCormick	Wright
Fontenot	McFarland	Zeringue
Freeman	McKnight	
Total - 104		

The Speaker announced that there were 104 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Pastor James Smith of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Pioneer, LA.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Huval 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:

PETITION

State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
December 16, 2021

WE, the undersigned members of the Legislature constituting a majority of the elected members of the House of Representatives and the Senate thereof, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article III, Section 2(B) of the Constitution, DO HEREBY PETITION the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate to call the Legislature into extraordinary session at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, commencing at 5:00 o'clock P.M. on February 1, 2022, for a period not to exceed twenty (20) days, and ending no later than 6:00 o'clock P.M. February 20, 2022, after transmittal to you of copies of this petition as signed by at least a majority of the elected members of each house of the Legislature.

SAID SESSION shall be convened to consider the following enumerated objects:

- ITEM NO. 1:** To adopt an Act relative only to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana; to provide for the composition of the House of Representatives; to provide for representative districts; to provide for election districts for the House of Representatives; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.
- ITEM NO. 2:** To adopt an Act relative only to the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana; to provide for the composition of the Senate; to provide for senatorial districts; to provide for election districts for the Senate; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.
- ITEM NO. 3:** To legislate relative to the redistricting of the Congressional districts of Louisiana; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.
- ITEM NO. 4:** To adopt an Act relative only to the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide for the composition of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide for districts; to provide for election districts for the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.

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ITEM NO. 5: To adopt an Act relative only to the Louisiana Public Service Commission; to provide for the composition of the Louisiana Public Service Commission districts; to provide for election districts for the Louisiana Public Service Commission; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.

ITEM NO. 6: To adopt an Act relative only to the Supreme Court of Louisiana; to provide for election districts for the Supreme Court; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.

SENATORS

Patrick Page Cortez
Beth Mizell
R.L. "Bret" Allain II
Regina Ashford Barrow
Louis C. "Louie" Bernard
Gerald Boudreaux
Joseph "Joe" Bouie Jr.
Gary Carter
Stewart A. Cathey, Jr.
Heather Miley Cloud
Patrick Connick
Michael A. "Big Mike" Fesi
Cleo Fields
Franklin J. Foil
James "Jimmy" Harris
J. Cameron Henry Jr.
Bob Hensgens
Sharon W. Hewitt
Eddie J. Lambert
W. Jay Luneau
Patrick McMath
Barry S. Milligan
Robert M. Mills
John "Jay" Morris
Barrow Peacock
Karen Carter Peterson
J. Rogers Pope
Edward J. Price
Mike Reese
Gary L. Smith, Jr.
Jeremy Stine
Kirk Talbot
Rick Ward, III
Mack "Bodi" White
Glen Womack

REPRESENTATIVES

Clay Schexnayder
Tanner Magee
Roy Daryl Adams
Beryl Amedee
Tony Bacala
Larry Bagley
Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Stuart J. Bishop
Ryan Bourriaque
Delisha Boyd
Ken Brass
Chad Brown
Marcus Anthony Bryant
Barbara Carpenter
R. Dewith Carrier
Mack Cormier
Raymond J. Crews
Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Phillip DeVillier
Mary DuBuisson
Royce Duplessis
Michael Charles Echols
Rick Edmonds
Kathy Edmonston
Julie Emerson
Les Farnum
Adrian Fisher
Bryan Fontenot
Aimee Adatto Freeman
Barbara Reich Freiberg
Lawrence "Larry" Frieman
Foy Bryan Gadberry
Jonathan Goudeau
Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Stephanie Hilferty
Valarie Hodges
Mike Huval
John R. Illg, Jr.
Barry Ivey
Edward C. "Ted" James
Patrick O. Jefferson
Samuel Jenkins
C. Travis Johnson
Michael Johnson
Edmond Jordan
Timothy P. Kerner
Jeremy LaCombe
Mandie Landry
Ed Larvadain, III
Rodney Lyons
C. Denise Marcelle
Jack McFarland
Scott McKnight
Wayne McMahan
Blake Miguez

Dustin Miller
Gregory A. Miller
Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Richard Nelson
Candace N. Newell
Joseph A. Orgeron
Charles Owen
Tammy T. Phelps
Vincent J. Pierre
Thomas A. Pressly
Neil Riser
Troy D. Romero
Laurie Schlegel
Vincent "Vinney" St. Blanc, III
Joseph A. Stagni
John M. Stefanski
Phillip Eric Tarver
Polly Thomas
Francis C. Thompson
Christopher Turner
Debbie Villio
William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.
Malinda White
Matthew Willard
Jerome Zeringue

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands officially and caused to be affixed the Seals of the House of Representatives and of the Senate, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 11th day of January, 2022.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

STATE OF LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA Baton Rouge

PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority vested in us by Paragraph B of Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana and by R.S. 24:11, upon receipt of the written petition of a majority of the elected members of each house, WE, Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House of Representatives,

HEREBY CALL AND CONVENE THE LEGISLATURE OF THE LOUISIANA INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

to convene at the State Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during twenty (20) calendar days, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the 1st day of February, 2022, and ending no later than 6:00 p.m. on the 20th day of February, 2022. The power to legislate at such session shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the following specifically enumerated objects:

ITEM NO. 1: To adopt an Act relative only to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana; to provide for the composition of the House of Representatives; to provide for representative districts; to provide for election districts for the House of Representatives; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.

ITEM NO. 2: To adopt an Act relative only to the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana; to provide for the composition of the Senate; to provide for senatorial districts; to provide for election

districts for the Senate; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.

ITEM NO. 3: To legislate relative to the redistricting of the Congressional districts of Louisiana; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.

ITEM NO. 4: To adopt an Act relative only to the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide for the composition of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide for districts; to provide for election districts for the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.

ITEM NO. 5: To adopt an Act relative only to the Louisiana Public Service Commission; to provide for the composition of the Louisiana Public Service Commission districts; to provide for election districts for the Louisiana Public Service Commission; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.

ITEM NO. 6: To adopt an Act relative only to the Supreme Court of Louisiana; to provide for election districts for the Supreme Court; and to provide relative to the effectiveness of such districts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands officially and caused to be affixed the Seals of the House of Representatives and of the Senate, at the Capitol,

11th day of JANUARY, 2022.

PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ
President of the Senate

CLAY SCHEXNAYDER
Speaker of the House
of Representatives

ATTEST BY
THE SECRETARY & THE CLERK

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the Secretary of State

The following message from the Secretary of State was received and read:

State of Louisiana
SECRETARY OF STATE

November 23, 2021

To the honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit to you the name of Delisha Boyd, who has been duly elected to fill the vacancy occurring in your honorable body caused by the resignation of the Honorable Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.

Delisha Boyd has been officially proclaimed duly and legally elected as State Representative from the 102nd Representative District of the State of Louisiana.

With Best Wishes,

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 candidate was declared elected by the people to the office set opposite her name for an unexpired term:

State Representative Delisha Boyd, Representative of District 102.

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 this, the 23rd day of November, 2022.

With Best Wishes,

R. KYLE ARDOIN
Secretary of State

Oath of Office

Ms. Delisha Boyd presented herself before the bar of the House and took the following oath:

"I, Delisha Boyd, 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 House of Representatives according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God".

Louisiana House of Representatives

July 22, 2021

Speaker Clay Schexnayder
900 N. 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

I am writing to notify you that I will be resigning from my position as State Representative for District 16 of the State of Louisiana effective Friday, July 23, 2021 at 4:31 p.m. It has been my great honor to represent the people and interests of District 16 in the Louisiana House of Representatives, and I look forward to continuing to represent the people of Ouachita and Morehouse parishes as a District Court Judge.

It has also been a great honor to serve with my colleagues in the House and under your leadership. Thank you for all you do for Louisiana.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK D. JONES
Louisiana State Representative, District 16

Message from the Secretary of State

The following message from the Secretary of State was received and read:

State of Louisiana
SECRETARY OF STATE

November 23, 2021

To the honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives:

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I have the honor to submit to you the name of Adrian Fisher, who has been duly elected to fill the vacancy occurring in your honorable body caused by the resignation of Frederick D. Jones.

Adrian Fisher has been officially proclaimed duly and legally elected as State Representative from the 16th Representative District of the State of Louisiana.

With Best Wishes,
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 candidate was declared elected by the people to the office set opposite his name for an unexpired term:

State Representative Adrian Fisher, Representative of District 16.

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 this, the 23rd day of November, 2022.

With Best Wishes,
R. KYLE ARDOIN
Secretary of State

Oath of Office

Mr. Adrian Fisher presented himself before the bar of the House and took the following oath:

"I, Adrian Fisher, 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 House of Representatives according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God".

Motion

On motion of Rep. Magee, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Governor that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. Edmonds, Fisher, Hollis, Landry and Seabaugh.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Magee, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Senate that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. Boyd, Cox, Crews, Fontenot and Geymann.

Reports of Special Committees

The special committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House had convened and was prepared to transact business reported that it had performed that duty.

The special committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House had convened and was prepared to transact business reported that it had performed that duty.

The Speaker thanked and discharged the committees.

Committee from the Senate

A special committee from the Senate notified the House that the Senate has convened and is prepared to transact business.

The Speaker thanked and dismissed the committee.

Louisiana House of Representatives

January 9, 2022

Honorable Clay Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
900 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Mr. Speaker:

It is with a heavy heart and mixed emotions that I write to inform you that I will be resigning from the Louisiana House of Representatives effective January 28, 2022.

This decision did not come lightly, as I have thoroughly enjoyed representing the people of the 101st District, serving with my dynamic colleagues, who make up the fabric of Louisiana. After months of careful consideration, and through many conversations with family, and a lot of prayer, I have made the decision to continue my service to the great state of Louisiana in a different role, with the Biden-Harris Administration.

I have enjoyed working with you and I appreciate the friendship that has grown over the past 10 years, commencing with our swearing in on January 9, 2012. While we have many challenges to face as a state, and have not always agreed on how to fix them, I remain confident that our best days are ahead of us. I wish you, and the members, well throughout the duration of this term and I look forward to working with the body in my new role as our Regional VI Administrator for the United States Small Business Administration.

Again, my resignation is effective January 28, 2022, and I would request that you call an election to fill the unexpired term as soon as practical.

Yours in service,

EDWARD "TED" JAMES
Representative, District 101

STATE OF LOUISIANA
Legislative Fiscal Office
BATON ROUGE

November 3, 2021

The Honorable Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Patrick "Page" Cortez, President of the Senate
900 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

My last official day as Legislative Fiscal Officer will be Friday, November 5, 2021. My retirement will start on Saturday, November 6th.

Thanks,

CHRISTOPHER A. KEATON
Legislative Fiscal Officer

Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges
and Universities, Inc.

December 10, 2021

The Honorable Clay Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
P.O. Box 94062
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

In accordance with R.S. 42:1132, the presidents or their designees of Centenary College, Dillard University, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, Louisiana Christian University, Loyola University, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Saint Joseph Seminary College, Tulane University, University of Holy Cross and Xavier University constitute the nominating committee for the Louisiana Board of Ethics. By law, this nominating committee must submit at least five names to you for your consideration as Board of Ethics members whenever a vacancy occurs or terms expire.

The nominating committee met on December 9, 2021 on the campus of Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University and voted to recommend these individuals.

As required by law, we are submitting to you on this date, December 10, 2021, the names of the nominees for election by the House of Representatives. We consider it an honor to participate in the nomination process of this extremely important board.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

KENYA L. MESSER
President, LAICU
Designee

Louisiana State Board of Ethics
Nominees submitted for election by Louisiana House of
Representatives

December 10, 2021

House A

La Koshia Reconda Roberts - Incumbent
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House B

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Introduction of House Bills and Joint Resolutions

The following named members introduced the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER, MAGEE, AND STEFANSKI
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1276 and to repeal R.S. 18:1276.1, relative to congressional districts; to provide for the redistricting of Louisiana's congressional districts; to provide with respect to positions and offices, other than congressional, which are based upon congressional districts; to provide for the effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 45:1161.4 and to repeal R.S. 45:1161.5, relative to redistricting; to provide for election districts for the Public Service Commission; to provide for election of commissioners; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 5:44 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, February 3, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 3, 2022.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House

ANGELA S. SMITH
Assistant Clerk of the House / Journal Clerk