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House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:00 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	Frieman	Miguez
Adams	Gadberry	Miller, D.
Amedee	Gaines	Miller, G.
Bacala	Garofalo	Mincey
Bagley	Geymann	Moore
Beaullieu	Glover	Muscarello
Bishop	Goudeau	Nelson
Bourriaque	Green	Newell
Boyd	Harris	Orgeron
Brass	Hilferty	Owen, C.
Brown	Hodges	Owen, R.
Bryant	Horton	Phelps
Butler	Hughes	Pierre
Carpenter	Huval	Pressly
Carrier	Illg	Riser
Carter, R.	Jefferson	Romero
Carter, W.	Jenkins	Schamerhorn
Cormier	Johnson, M.	Schlegel
Coussan	Johnson, T.	Seabaugh
Cox	Jordan	Selders
Crews	Kerner	St. Blanc
Davis	Knox	Stagni
Deshotel	LaCombe	Stefanski
DeVillier	LaFleur	Tarver
DuBuisson	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
Freiberg
Total - 103

McKnight
McMahen

The Speaker announced that there were 103 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Riser.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Wilford Carter led the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Rep. Turner, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Turner, the Journal of April 11, 2023, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials, and
Communications**

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

Message from the Senate

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 12, 2023

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16
Returned without amendments

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

Message from the Senate

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 12, 2023

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has adopted and asks your concurrence in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 9,10 and 12

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions
Lying Over**

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions contained in the message were taken up and acted upon as follows:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Bossier High School Principal David Thrash on the occasion of his retirement.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Crews, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was concurred in.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Parkway High School Lady Panthers on winning the 2023 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Non-Select Division I State Championship.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Horton, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was concurred in.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Eta state chapter of Kappa Kappa Iota Sorority, Inc. on hosting the organization's seventy-fourth annual national convention and Phyllis Thomas on serving as their national president.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Horton, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was concurred in.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Stefanski, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent at this time.

**Introduction of Resolutions,
House and House Concurrent**

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

A RESOLUTION

To commend John C. Brass for his educational and civic accomplishments.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Brass, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to study and make recommendations relative to school lunches.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Trinity Episcopal School Youth Legislature.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Freeman, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Council of State Governments Southern Office on the occasion of its 77th Southern Legislative Conference.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Magee, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER, BRASS, AND GREGORY MILLER AND SENATORS LAMBERT AND PRICE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Lutcher High School Bulldogs football team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2022 Non-Select Division II state championship.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Magee, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on
Civil Law and Procedure

April 12, 2023

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 7, by Muscarello
Reported favorably. (15-0)

House Bill No. 142, by Beaulieu
Reported favorably. (14-0)

GREGORY A. MILLER
Chairman

Report of the Committee on
Commerce

April 12, 2023

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Commerce to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 74, by Thomas
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 77, by Schlegel
Reported with amendments. (15-1)

House Bill No. 112, by Muscarello
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

House Bill No. 341, by Davis
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 393, by Gadberry
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 395, by Hilferty
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 398, by Romero
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 583, by Davis
Reported favorably. (11-0)

PAULA P. DAVIS
Chairman

Report of the Committee on
Transportation, Highways and Public Works

April 12, 2023

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Transportation, Highways
and Public Works to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 227, by Green
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 301, by Romero
Reported favorably. (11-3-1)

House Bill No. 322, by Willard
Reported with amendments. (9-3-1)

House Bill No. 323, by Pierre
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 343, by Bagley
Reported favorably. (13-0)

MARK WRIGHT
Chairman

Report of the Committee on
Ways and Means

April 12, 2023

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Ways and Means to submit
the following report:

House Bill No. 46, by Hughes (Joint Resolution)
Reported with amendments. (16-0)

House Bill No. 111, by Hughes
Reported with amendments. (15-0)

House Bill No. 155, by Butler
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 279, by Adams
Reported with amendments. (16-0)

House Bill No. 336, by Bishop, S.
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 392, by Frieman
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

STUART J. BISHOP
Chairman

House and House Concurrent Resolutions Lying Over

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions lying
over were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10— BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to revise the
proposed early learning and development standards and to
submit its version of the standards to the State Board of
Elementary and Secondary Education for consideration.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the
Committee on Education.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13— BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES A RESOLUTION

To urge and request each public elementary and secondary school
and each public postsecondary education institution to report
relative to the purpose of, and the funding and personnel used
for, programs and activities related to critical race theory;
diversity, equity, and inclusion; or transformative social
emotional learning.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the
Committee on Education.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17— BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To continue and provide with respect to the Teacher Recruitment,
Recovery, and Retention Task Force that was created pursuant
to House Concurrent Resolution No. 39 of the 2021 Regular
Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the
Committee on Education.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second
reading to be referred to committees were taken up, read, and
referred to committees, as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 609— BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON AN ACT

To appropriate monies to be used to pay the consent judgment
captioned "Matthew Anders vs State of Louisiana through the
Department of Transportation and Development" between the

state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, and Matthew Anders; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committee

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading reported by committee were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 11—
BY REPRESENTATIVES GADBERRY, FREIBERG, GLOVER, LARVADAIN, MOORE, CHARLES OWEN, AND SCHAMERHORN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:251(B), relative to contract limitations for certain Department of Transportation and Development projects; to increase the contract limit from five hundred thousand dollars to one million dollars for certain construction, maintenance, or improvement projects; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

On motion of Rep. Wright, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 13—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1951(B)(2)(e), relative to the members of the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission; to change the name of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce to the Tangipahoa Chamber of Commerce; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

On motion of Rep. Wright, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 384 in Calcasieu Parish as the "Captain Brian Bourgeois Memorial Traffic Circle"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 40 in Folsom, Louisiana, as the "Deputy Hilery Mayo Memorial Highway; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 18 by Representative Tarver

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after the semicolon ";" and before "and" insert "to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 40 in Folsom, Louisiana, as the "Deputy Hilery Mayo Memorial Highway;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"Section 2. The portion of Louisiana Highway 40 between Lee Road and Magee Road in Folsom, Louisiana, shall be known and is hereby designated as the "Deputy Hilery Mayo Memorial Highway"."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 8, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the end of line 9, change "this designation" to "these designations"

On motion of Rep. Wright, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Wright, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 28—
BY REPRESENTATIVES CARRIER AND ROMERO
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 383 in Jefferson Davis Parish as the "Sergeant Major William Arlen Marcantel Memorial Highway"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 674 in Iberia Parish as the "Veterans Memorial Highway"; to redesignate a portion of Interstate 49 in St. Landry Parish as the "Hannah Lee Vincent Memorial Highway; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 28 by Representative Carrier

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "Highway";" and before "and" insert "to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 674 in Iberia Parish as the "Veterans Memorial Highway"; to redesignate a portion of Interstate 49 in St. Landry Parish as the "Hannah Lee Vincent Memorial Highway;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"Section 2. The portion of Louisiana Highway 674 in Iberia Parish from Louisiana Highway 3212 to Highway 85 Patout Road shall be known and is hereby designated as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

Section 3. The portion of Interstate 49 from mile marker fourteen to mile marker fifteen in St. Landry Parish shall be known

and is hereby redesignated as the "Hannah Lee Vincent Memorial Highway".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 9, change "Section 2." to "Section 4."

On motion of Rep. Wright, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Wright, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 50—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WHEAT
AN ACT

To designate a certain bridge in the highway system; to designate the bridge located on Interstate 55 service road between Lake Maurepas and Lake Pontchartrain as the "Robert E. Mayers, Jr. Memorial Bridge"; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 50 by Representative Wheat

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "E." and before the comma "," change "Meyers" to "Mayers"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, after "E." and before the comma "," change "Meyers" to "Mayers"

On motion of Rep. Wright, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Wright, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 57—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 657 in Larose, Louisiana, as the "Clarence Marts, Jr. Memorial Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

On motion of Rep. Wright, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 73—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DUBUISSON
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 433 in St. Tammany Parish as the "Captain Walter B. Abney Memorial Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

On motion of Rep. Wright, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 407—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT OWEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 2:2.1(A), (B)(1), (C), (D), and (F), relative to the Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee; to extend the existence of the Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee; to change the name of the Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee to the Louisiana Advanced Aviation and Drone Advisory Committee; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

On motion of Rep. Wright, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 532—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:490.9(B), 490.11(B), 490.13(B), 490.14(B), and 505(B)(2), relative to the office of motor vehicles; to remove fees and renewal requirements for certain military honor plates; to require notification of plate removals; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

On motion of Rep. Wright, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

April 12, 2023

To the honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Enrollment to submit the following report:

The following House Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Lolita Althea Perez Dufauchard.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Tulane University Green Wave football team on winning the 2023 Cotton Bowl Classic.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON AND HODGES
A RESOLUTION

To recognize the month of June as Sanctity of Preborn Life Month in Louisiana.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Art & Science Museum (LASM) on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of its Irene W. Pennington Planetarium.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHANIE HILFERTY
Chairwoman

The above House Resolutions contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Secretary of State in accordance with the rules of the House.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

April 12, 2023

To the honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Enrollment to submit the following report:

The following House Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE, GOUDEAU, AND MIGUEZ AND SENATOR HENSGENS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Wayne Touchet.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE AND SENATOR HENSGENS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mayor Mark Piazza of Abbeville on the occasion of his retirement from civil service.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Lynn Blackwell Dean, former distinguished member of the Louisiana Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHANIE HILFERTY
Chairwoman

The above House Concurrent Resolutions contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken to the Senate by the Clerk of the House and were signed by the President of the Senate and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Secretary of State in accordance with the rules of the House.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Coussan, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent at this time.

**Introduction of Resolutions,
House and House Concurrent**

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BEAULIEU, BISHOP, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BRASS, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, COUSSAN, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DUBUISSON, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, FRIEMAN, GADBERRY, GAINES, GAROFALO, GEYMAN, GLOVER, GOUDEAU, GREEN, HARRIS, HILFERTY, HODGES, HOLLIS, HORTON, HUGHES, HUVAL, ILLG, IVEY, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCKNIGHT, MCMAHEN, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MINCEY, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, NELSON, NEWELL, ORGERON, CHARLES OWEN, ROBERT OWEN, PHELPS, PIERRE, PRESSLY, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SEABAUGH, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, STEFANSKI, TARVER, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLO, WHEAT, WHITE, WILLARD, WRIGHT, AND ZERINGUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana State University women's basketball team on winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Coussan, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 3:25 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 3:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 3:00 P.M., Thursday, April 13, 2023.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House

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