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**SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Forty-ninth Regular Session of the Legislature**  
**Under the Adoption of the**  
**Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:04 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	Harris	Newell
Boyd	Hilferty	Orgeron
Brass	Hodges	Owen, C.
Brown	Horton	Owen, R.
Bryant	Hughes	Phelps
Butler	Huval	Pierre
Carpenter	Illg	Pressly
Carrier	Ivey	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	Larvadin	Thompson
Edmonds	Lyons	Turner
Edmonston	Mack	Villio
Emerson	Magee	Wheat
Farnum	Marcelle	White
Firment	Marino	Willard

Fisher	McCormick	Wright
Fontenot	McFarland	Zeringue
Freeman	McKnight	
Freiberg	McMahan	
Total - 103		

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

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rep. McMahan.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rep. Gregory Miller 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. Stefanski, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Stefanski, the Journal of April 10, 2023, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials, and Communications**

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

**Message from the Senate**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 11, 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 No. 5

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. 5—**

BY SENATORS MIZELL, BARROW, CLOUD, HEWITT AND JACKSON AND REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, BUTLER, DAVIS, DUBUISSON, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, HILFERTY, HODGES, HORTON, LAFLEUR, LANDRY, MARCELLE, MOORE, NEWELL, PHELPS, SCHLEGEL, THOMAS, VILLIO AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Louisiana State University Tigers womens basketball team on the occasion of winning the university's first NCAA basketball championship.

Read by title.

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

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Amedee, 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. 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.

Lies over under the rules.

**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.

Read by title.

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

**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.

Read by title.

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

**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.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

A RESOLUTION

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

Read by title.

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

**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.

Read by title.

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

**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.

Lies over under the rules.

**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. 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.

Lies over under the rules.

**Reports of Committees**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on  
Transportation, Highways and Public Works

April 11, 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. 11, by Gadberry  
Reported favorably. (15-0)

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

House Bill No. 18, by Tarver, Phillip  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 28, by Carrier  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 50, by Wheat  
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 57, by Orgeron  
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 73, by DuBuisson  
Reported favorably. (15-0)

House Bill No. 407, by Owen, Robert  
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 532, by Owen, Charles  
Reported favorably. (15-0)

MARK WRIGHT  
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. 1—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL  
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the registrar of voters of each parish to submit to the Department of State, and for the Department of State to subsequently submit to the Louisiana House of Representatives, an annual report on the results of the annual canvass of registered voters and the removal of deceased voters from the voter registration rolls in each parish.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE  
A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 6.8(F) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide relative to the recommittal of certain legislative instruments with a specified fiscal impact to the Committee on Appropriations.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE  
A RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to establish a policy not later than thirty days prior to the adjourning of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature to permit incarcerated parents at penal or correctional facilities under its jurisdiction to virtually attend the award ceremonies and graduate commencement exercises of their children.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD  
A RESOLUTION

To create a special study committee of the House of Representatives to study the need for and obstacles to the installation of sidewalks at Edna Karr High School in New Orleans and to require the committee to report its findings to the House of Representatives no later than sixty days prior to the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES ORGERON AND WRIGHT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express affirmation and resolute support for fostering a strong domestic maritime industry for the nation's security and economic prosperity.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents to conduct a study relative to the state's articulation and transfer process with respect to career and technical education courses and to submit a report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana National Guard to study its Rules of Court that could result in nonunanimous verdicts in court-martial findings and to provide remedial proposals for legislation.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES CHARLES OWEN, AMEDEE, BACALA, BOYD, CARRIER, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FIRMENT, GADBERRY, GAROFALO, LARVADAIN, MIGUEZ, MOORE, ORGERON, AND SCHAMERHORN  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to halt the influx of fentanyl from Mexico and China into the United States.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the Louisiana State Police to provide a weekly joint report by electronic mail on security threats, criminal activity, drug use and overdose rates, including fentanyl deaths, illegal immigration statistics, including releases by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and other specific threats that endanger the health and safety of citizens of Louisiana to the Legislature of Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with the office of state buildings and in consultation with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's state historic preservation officer, to plan and implement, subject to the approval of the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, a Purple Heart Trail in the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park, located on the grounds surrounding the state capitol.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DUBUISSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to improve the mental health of military veterans by supporting exposure to nature with the designation of "Get Outside Day".

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DUBUISSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to establish the "Agent Orange Veterans Service Medal" to commemorate the service and sacrifice of veterans who were exposed to the Agent Orange herbicide during the Vietnam War from 1961 to 1971.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express recognition and encouragement of the economic ties and friendship between the state of Louisiana and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Read by title.

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

**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. 608—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4780.53, relative to Caddo Parish; to provide relative to zoning regulations and restrictions; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the governing authority of Caddo Parish with respect to the adoption of such regulations and restrictions; to provide limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Cormier, the Committee on Insurance was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 607.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 607—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE CORMIER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1892, relative to bad faith insurance claims; to provide for bad faith claims; to provide for remedies for policyholders against bad faith insurers; to define terms; to provide for the payment and adjustment of insurance claims; to provide for the initiation of loss adjustment; to provide for written notice; to provide for appraisal procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Cormier, the bill was withdrawn from the files of the House.

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment**

April 11, 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. 3—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD  
A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 25, 2023, as Step Up Louisiana Day at the state capitol.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL  
A RESOLUTION

To recognize the week of April 11-17, 2023, as the sixth annual Black Maternal Health Week.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WHEAT  
A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 11, 2023, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day at the state capitol.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
A RESOLUTION

To designate April 13, 2023, as 4-H Day at the state capitol and to commend the state 4-H officers.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS AND LACOMBE  
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Dr. Henry Louis Hardy.

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.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Bishop, at 3:30 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 3:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House

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

**Committee Meeting Notices**

The following committees posted notices as follows:

Committee on Appropriations

Will meet at: 9:00 a.m.

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Location: Committee Room 5

Remarks:

Discussion of FY 23-24 Budget for:

Special Schools and Commissions

Louisiana Department of Education

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JEROME "ZEE" ZERINGUE  
Chairman

Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Will meet at: 10:00 a.m.

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Location: Committee Room 4

Remarks:

**HB 7 MUSCARELLO CIVIL/PROCEDURE** Provides relative to default judgments

**HB 15 HOLLIS PROPERTY** Provides for an annual audit for certain homeowners associations

**HB 142 BEAULLIEU CHILDREN** Provides for the termination of custodial property under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act

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GREGORY A. MILLER

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2nd Day's Proceedings - April 11, 2023

Chairman

Committee on Commerce

Will meet at: 9:30 a.m.

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Location: Committee Room 1

Remarks:

- HB 74 THOMAS COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS** Provides relative to home inspectors
- HB 77 SCHLEGEL ATTORNEY GENERAL** Provides for attorney general investigation for publishers and distributors of material harmful to minors
- HB 112 MUSCARELLO PRIVATE SECURITY** Provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners
- HB 199 ROMERO CONTRACTORS** Provides relative to the State Licensing Board for Contractors
- HB 341 DAVIS CONSUMERS/PROTECTION** Provides relative to live event ticketing
- HB 393 GADBERRY BUILDING CODES** Provides relative to certain building code roofing inspections of a commercial or residential structure
- HB 395 HILFERTY SECRETARY OF STATE** Provides relative to filings with the secretary of state's office
- HB 398 ROMERO AIRCRAFT/AVIATION** Requires persons being transported offshore by aircraft wear life jackets equipped with personal locator beacons
- HB 583 DAVIS TELEVISION/CABLE** Provides relative to franchise fee audits

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PAULA P. DAVIS  
Chairman

Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Will meet at: 10:00 a.m.

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Location: Committee Room 3

Remarks:

- HB 227 GREEN MTR VEHICLE/VIOLATIONS** Provides relative to uniform traffic citations
- HB 301 ROMERO MOTOR CARRIERS** Provides relative to compensation to wrecker service companies for costs associated with undertaking remedial action involving hazardous material accidents
- HB 322 WILLARD MTR VEHICLE/VIOLATIONS** Specifies that certain motor vehicle violations are secondary offenses that cannot be grounds for initiating a stop
- HB 323 PIERRE MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES** Creates the "Juneteenth" specialty license plate
- HB 343 BAGLEY HIGHWAYS** Redesignates a portion of Louisiana Highway 171 in DeSoto Parish as the "Chris Gray Memorial Highway"

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MARK WRIGHT  
Chairman

Committee on Ways and Means

Will meet at: 9:00 a.m.

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Location: Committee Room 6

Remarks:

- HB 46 HUGHES TAX EXEMPTIONS/NONPROFIT** (Constitutional Amendment) Restricts eligibility of nonprofit organizations for property tax exemptions for residential property found to endanger public health or safety

- HB 111 HUGHES TAX/TOBACCO TAX** Repeals the termination of the tax exemption for cigars and pipe tobacco products sampled at the International Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association convention
- HB 155 BUTLER CAPITAL OUTLAY** Establishes the Louisiana Rural Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program to provide financial assistance to local governments and political subdivisions for certain capital infrastructure projects
- HB 279 ADAMS TAX COMMISSION, STATE** Provides relative to conveying by the La. Tax Commission of ad valorem tax assessment information it receives from local assessors
- HB 336 BISHOP, S. CAPITAL OUTLAY** Provides relative to the capital outlay process and reporting requirements
- HB 392 FRIEMAN CAPITAL OUTLAY** Provides relative to line of credit recommendations for certain capital outlay projects funded through the Capital Outlay Act

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STUART J. BISHOP  
Chairman