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SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Fifty-second Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, February 26, 2024

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:19 P.M., by the Honorable Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	Melerine
Adams	Egan	Mena
Amedee	Emerson	Miller
Bacala	Farnum	Moore
Bagley	Firment	Muscarello
Bamburg	Fisher	Myers
Bayham	Fontenot	Newell
Beaullieu	Freeman	Orgeron
Berault	Freiberg	Owen
Billings	Geymann	Phelps
Bourriague	Glorioso	Riser
Boyd	Hebert	Romero
Boyer	Henry	Schamerhorn
Brass	Hilferty	Schlegel
Braud	Horton	Selders
Brown	Hughes	St. Blanc
Bryant	Illg	Stagni
Butler	Jackson	Tarver
Carlson	Johnson, M.	Taylor
Carpenter	Johnson, T.	Thomas
Carrier	Jordan	Thompson
Carter, R.	Kerner	Turner
Carver	Knox	Ventrella
Chassion	LaCombe	Villio
Chenevert	LaFleur	Walters
Coates	Landry, J.	Wilder
Cox	Landry, M.	Wiley
Crews	Lyons	Willard
Davis	Mack	Wright
Deshotel	Marcelle	Wyble
Dewitt	McCormick	Young

Dickerson	McFarland	Zeringue
Domangue	McMahen	
Echols	McMakin	
Total - 100		

The Speaker announced that there were 100 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Carver.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Chassion 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. Bacala, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the Journal of February 23, 2024, was adopted.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on
Administration of Criminal Justice

February 26, 2024

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 15, by Boyd
Reported favorably. (13-0)

Senate Bill No. 1, by Miguez
Reported favorably. (10-3)

Senate Bill No. 3, by Cloud
Reported favorably. (10-4)

Senate Bill No. 4, by Cloud
Reported with amendments. (13-1)

Senate Bill No. 5, by McMath
Reported favorably. (10-4)

Senate Bill No. 7, by Edmonds
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

Senate Bill No. 9, by Mizell
Reported favorably. (14-0)

Senate Bill No. 10, by Cathey
Reported favorably. (12-0)

DEBBIE VILLIO
Chairman

The above Senate Bills reported favorably or with amendments, except Senate Bill Nos. 3, 4, 5, were referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Report of the Committee on
Civil Law and Procedure

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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:

Senate Bill No. 2, by Miguez
Reported favorably. (10-2)

NICHOLAS MUSCARELLO, JR.
Chairman

The above Senate Bills reported favorably or with amendments were referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Firment, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Insurance to meet on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, and to consider other presentations added to their committee.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Emerson, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Ways and Means to meet on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., without giving the notice required by House Rule 14.24(A) and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23.

Leave of Absence

Rep. Gadberry - 1 day

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 4:25 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

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 Administration of Criminal Justice

Will meet at: 9:30 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Location: Committee Room 6

Remarks:

SB 8 REESE PUBLIC DEFENDER To create the office of state public defender and transfer authority from the Louisiana Public Defender Board (Item #7)

Pursuant to House Rule 14.33, any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning a specific instrument or matter under consideration by the

committee or concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

NOTE: Statements may be filed with the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice via e-mail at h-acrj@legis.la.gov.

DEBBIE VILLIO
Chairman

Committee on Health and Welfare

Will meet at: 8:30 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Location: Committee Room 5

Remarks:

Introduction of the committee members and staff

Consideration and adoption of committee rules

Consideration and adoption of the report submitted by the House Subcommittee on Mental Health created in response to House Resolution No. 71 of the 2023 Regular Session by Representative Laurie Schlegel

Presentation by the Louisiana Department of Health

Presentation by the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services

Presentation by Karen Wyble on the findings of the Health Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force created in response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 100 of the 2023 Regular Session by Representative Dustin Miller

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DUSTIN MILLER
Chairman

Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Will meet at: 1:00 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Location: Committee Room 3

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion of Organizational Matters

Adoption of committee rules

Introductory presentations and reports by:

Department of State, including discussion of recommended legislation

Board of Tax Appeals
 Department of State Civil Service
 Division of Administrative Law
 State Police Service
 Office of the State Examiner of Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service
 Board of Ethics, including discussion of recommended legislation

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GERALD "BEAU" BEAULLIEU, IV
 Chairman

Committee on Insurance

Will meet at: 8:30 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Location: Committee Room 3

Remarks:

Discussion of Organizational Matters

Commissioner Tim Temple, Louisiana Department of Insurance

Presentation by Ben Albright, Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Louisiana

Presentation by Noel J. Bunol IV, Gulf States Insurance Company

Presentation by the Louisiana Realtors

Presentation by Jimmy Ordeneaux, Louisiana Farm Bureau Insurance Company

Presentation by the Louisiana Bankers Association

Presentation by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry

Presentation by Eric Berger, The Gray Insurance Company (TBA - Subject to Rule Suspension)

Presentation by Scott Harrison, Alvarez and Marsal (TBA - Subject to Rule Suspension)

Presentation by Ben Riggs, Real Reform Louisiana (TBA - Subject to Rule Suspension)

Presentation by Jared Dunahoe, Louisiana Association for Justice (TBA - Subject to Rule Suspension)

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NOTE: Statements may be filed with the House Committee on Insurance via email at h-ins@legis.la.gov.

MICHAEL "GABE" FIRMENT
 Chairman

Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Will meet at: 10:30 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Location: Committee Room 4

Remarks:

Presentation on carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) and eminent domain

Presentations on CCS and water resources

Presentations on CCS emergency preparedness

Public comment

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NOTE: Statements may be filed with the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment via e-mail at h-natr@legis.la.gov.

BRETT F. GEYMANN
 Chairman

Committee on Ways and Means

Will meet at: 9:30 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Location: Committee Room 1

Remarks:

1. Discussion of Organizational Matters

Introduction of committee members and staff

Jurisdiction, rules, and procedures

Consideration and adoption of committee rules

2. Presentations

Department of Economic Development (LED)

Department of Revenue

Committee staff on major state tax types

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JULIE EMERSON
Chairman