

**OFFICIAL JOURNAL**  
**OF THE**  
**HOUSE OF**  
**REPRESENTATIVES**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Organizational Session of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Legislature  
Since Admission to Statehood**

**Eleventh Organizational Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 8, 2024

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

**Morning Hour**

**ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McFarland
Adams	Egan	McMahan
Amedee	Emerson	McMakin
Bacala	Farnum	Melerine
Bagley	Firment	Mena
Bamburg	Fisher	Miller
Bayham	Fontenot	Moore
Beaullieu	Freeman	Muscarello
Berault	Freiberg	Myers
Billings	Gadberry	Newell
Bourriaque	Galle	Orgeron
Boyd	Geymann	Owen
Boyer	Glorioso	Phelps
Brass	Green	Riser
Braud	Hebert	Romero
Brown	Henry	Schamerhorn
Bryant	Hilferty	Schlegel
Butler	Horton	Selders
Carlson	Hughes	St. Blanc
Carpenter	Illg	Stagni
Carrier	Jackson	Tarver
Carter, R.	Johnson, M.	Taylor
Carter, W.	Johnson, T.	Thomas
Carver	Jordan	Thompson
Chassion	Kerner	Turner
Chenevert	Knox	Ventrella

Coates	LaCombe	Villio
Cox	LaFleur	Walters
Crews	Landry, J.	Wilder
Davis	Landry, M.	Wiley
Deshotel	Larvadain	Willard
Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Domangue	Marcelle	Young
Echols	McCormick	Zeringue
Total - 105		

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

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Father Hampton Davis, Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Eunice.

The Louisiana National Guard presented the colors.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rep.-elect Crews led the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Angela Smith sang "*The National Anthem*".

**Petitions, Memorials, and  
Communications**

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

**Louisiana House of Representatives**

August 21, 2023

Speaker Clay Schexnayder  
House of Representatives  
PO Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Speaker Schexnayder;

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as State Representative, District 85. I did not qualify for re-election and there will be a new Representative in the next term.

I hereby resign my position as State Representative, District 85 effective at the close of business on today, Monday, August 21, 2023.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH A. MARINO, III

**Louisiana House of Representatives**

December 12, 2023

Honorable Clay Schexnayder  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building (1st Floor)  
P.O. Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Resignation

Mr. Speaker:

Please accept my resignation from the House of Representatives, District 74 effective 12:00 am Sunday, December 17, 2023. It has been an honor and pleasure serving in the House of Representatives.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE B. FRIEMAN

Message from the Secretary of State

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

State of Louisiana SECRETARY OF STATE

December 5, 2023

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives State of Louisiana

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with R. S. 18:573, the name of the persons who have received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of State Representative in the Legislature of Louisiana from their respective Representatives Districts, and who have been duly proclaimed elected.

With best wishes,

R. KYLE ARDOIN Secretary of State

United States of America STATE OF LOUISIANA R. Kyle Ardin 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 Steven Jackson
3rd Representative District Tammy Phelps
4th Representative District Joy Walters
5th Representative District Dennis Bambang, Jr.
6th Representative District Michael Melerine
7th Representative District "Larry" Bagley
8th Representative District Raymond J. Crews
9th Representative District "Dodie" Horton
10th Representative District Wayne McMahan
11th Representative District Rashid "Mon" Young
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 Adrian Fisher
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 Shaun Mena
24th Representative District Rodney Schamerhorn
25th Representative District Jason Dewitt
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 A. Owen
31st Representative District Troy Hebert
32nd Representative District Dewith Carrier
33rd Representative District "Les" Farnum
34th Representative District Wilford Carter, Sr.
35th Representative District Brett Geymann
36th Representative District Phillip E. Tarver
37th Representative District Troy D. Romero
38th Representative District Rhonda Leger Butler
39th Representative District Julie Emerson
40th Representative District Dustin Miller
41st Representative District Phillip R. DeVillier
42nd Representative District Chance Henry
43rd Representative District "Josh" Carlson
44th Representative District Tehmi Chassion
45th Representative District Brach Myers
46th Representative District Chad M. Boyer
47th Representative District Ryan Bourriaque
48th Representative District "Beau" Beauillieu
49th Representative District Jacob Landry
50th Representative District Vincent St. Blanc, III
51st Representative District Beryl Amedee
52nd Representative District Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
53rd Representative District Jessica Domangue
54th Representative District Joseph Orgeron
55th Representative District Bryan Fontenot
56th Representative District Beth Billings
57th Representative District Sylvia Taylor
58th Representative District Kendrick "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 Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
65th Representative District Lauren Ventrella
66th Representative District Emily Chenevert
67th Representative District Larry Sanders
68th Representative District Dixon McMakin
69th Representative District Paula Davis
70th Representative District Barbara Reich Freiberg
71st Representative District Roger Wilder, III
72nd Representative District "Robby" Carter
73rd Representative District Kimberly Landry Coates
74th Representative District Peter Egan
75th Representative District John Wyble
76th Representative District Stephanie Hunter Berault
77th Representative District Mark Wright
78th Representative District John "Big John" Illg., Jr.
79th Representative District "Debbie" Villio
80th Representative District "Polly" Thomas
81st Representative District Jeffrey F. "Jeff" Wiley
82nd Representative District Laurie Schlegel
83rd Representative District Kyle M. Green, Jr.
84th Representative District Timothy Kerner
85th Representative District Vincent E. Cox, III
86th Representative District Nicholas "Nicky" Muscarello, Jr.
87th Representative District Rodney Lyons, Sr.
88th Representative District Kathy Edmonston
89th Representative District Kim Carver
90th Representative District Brian Glorioso
91st Representative District Mandie Landry
92nd Representative District "Joe" Stagni
93rd Representative District Alonzo L. Knox
94th Representative District Stephanie Hilferty
95th Representative District Shane Mack
96th Representative District Marcus Bryant
97th Representative District Matthew Willard
98th Representative District Aimee Adatto Freeman
99th Representative District Candace Newell

100th Representative District Jason Hughes  
 101st Representative District Vanessa Caston LaFleur  
 102nd Representative District Delisha Boyd  
 103rd Representative District "Mike" Bayham  
 104th Representative District "Jay" Galle  
 105th Representative District Jacob Braud

*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 December 5, 2023*

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, administered by Mrs. Michelle D. Fontenot, 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. Hilferty led the House in bestowing of the 2024-2028 Member Identification Lapel Pins.

**Election of the Clerk of the House**

Rep. Davis placed in nomination the name of Mrs. Michelle D. Fontenot for the Clerk of the House.

Rep. Willard seconded the nomination of Mrs. Michelle D. Fontenot.

Rep. Bourriaque moved the nominations be closed.

**Motion**

There being but one nominee, Acting Speaker Thompson moved Mrs. Michelle D. Fontenot be duly elected Clerk of the House of Representatives, which motion was agreed to.

**Oath of Office**

The oath of office was administered to Mrs. Michelle D. Fontenot by Mr. Alfred "Butch" Speer.

**Election of the Speaker of the House**

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

Rep. Miller seconded the nomination of Rep. DeVillier.

Rep. Bourriaque moved that the nominations be closed.

**Motion**

There being but one nominee, Acting Speaker Thompson moved Rep. DeVillier be duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, which motion was agreed to.

**Oath of Office**

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

**Speaker DeVillier in the Chair**

**Election of the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House**

Rep. Schlegel placed in nomination the name of Rep. Mike Johnson for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House.

Rep. Firmont seconded the nomination of Rep. Mike Johnson.

Rep. Bourriaque moved that the nominations be closed.

**Motion**

There being but one nominee, Speaker DeVillier moved Rep. Mike Johnson be duly elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House, which motion was agreed to.

**Oath of Office**

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Mike Johnson by Michelle D. 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. Jaubert G. Ambeau, III, for Sergeant at Arms of the House.

**Oath of Office**

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Jaubert G. Ambeau, III, by Michelle D. 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, 2024

To: All Members of the House of Representatives

From: Michelle D. Fontenot

Re: Appropriations Committee Election Results

BESE District 1 - Representative Stephanie Berault – Elected without opposition

BESE District 2 - Representative Jason Hughes – Elected without opposition

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BESE District 3 - Representative Jerome Zeringue – Elected

BESE District 4 - Representative Dodie Horton– Elected

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

BESE District 6 - Representative Kimberly Coates – Elected

BESE District 7 - Representative Troy Romero – Elected without opposition

BESE District 8 - Representative Roy Daryl Adams – Elected

### **Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 11:15 A.M., the House agreed to adjourn *sine die*.

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

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House

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