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**OF THE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Fiftieth Regular Session of the Legislature**  
**Under the Adoption of the**  
**Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:02 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	Echols	McFarland
Adams	Edmonston	McMahan
Amedee	Egan	McMakin
Bacala	Emerson	Melrine
Bagley	Farnum	Mena
Bamburg	Firment	Miller
Bayham	Fisher	Moore
Beaullieu	Fontenot	Muscarello
Berault	Freeman	Myers
Billings	Freiberg	Newell
Bourriaque	Gadberry	Orgeron
Boyd	Galle	Owen
Boyer	Geymann	Phelps
Brass	Glorioso	Riser
Braud	Green	Romero
Brown	Hebert	Schamerhorn
Bryant	Henry	Schlegel
Butler	Hilferty	Selders
Carlson	Horton	St. Blanc
Carpenter	Jackson	Stagni
Carrier	Johnson, M.	Tarver
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Taylor
Carter, W.	Jordan	Thomas
Carver	Kerner	Thompson
Chassion	Knox	Turner
Chenevert	LaCombe	Ventrella
Coates	LaFleur	Villio
Cox	Landry, J.	Walters
Crews	Landry, M.	Wilder
Davis	Larvadain	Wiley
Deshotel	Lyons	Willard

Dewitt	Mack	Wyble
Dickerson	Marcelle	Young
Domangue	McCormick	Zeringue
Total - 102		

The Speaker announced that there were 102 members present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rep. LaFleur.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rep. Kerner 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 March 11, 2024, was adopted.

**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 ILLG

A RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Scholastica Academy girls' soccer team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division I state championship.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

A RESOLUTION

To commend John Gipson, Jr., on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL AND ECHOLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Louisiana Department of Health to collaborate to increase mental health counseling in public schools.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BOURRIAQUE, CARRIER, FARNUM, GEYMAN, ROMERO, AND TARVER AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, REESE, AND STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the administration of President Biden to end its pause on pending approval of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.

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. 185—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9091.28, relative to Orleans Parish; to create the Castle Manor Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to district funding; to authorize the city, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee for the district; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 732—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.230, relative to motor vehicle license plates; to establish the "Grambling State University World Famed Tiger Marching Band" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; 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  
Civil Law and Procedure

March 12, 2024

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. 21, by Melerine  
Reported with amendments. (11-0-1)

House Bill No. 27, by Melerine  
Reported favorably. (11-0-1)

House Bill No. 123, by Schlegel  
Reported favorably. (8-0-1)

NICHOLAS MUSCARELLO, JR.  
Chairman

Report of the Committee on  
Transportation, Highways and Public Works

March 12, 2024

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. 117, by Green  
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 136, by Jackson  
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 278, by Romero  
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 432, by Illg  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 641, by Knox  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 648, by Zeringue  
Reported favorably. (13-0)

RYAN BOURRIQUE  
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. 2—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS  
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Congress to enact reforms to federal permitting policies to accelerate deployment of new energy infrastructure.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE  
A RESOLUTION

To continue and reestablish the Judicial Structure Task Force created by House Resolution No. 30 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON  
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the governing authority of Concordia Parish to conduct a feasibility study regarding the establishment of a new form of parish government that includes a parish president.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN  
A RESOLUTION

To continue the task force created in the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana pursuant to House Resolution No. 174

to study both the academic and vocational educational programs within prisons and jails in Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the administration of President Biden to end its pause on pending approval of liquified natural gas (LNG) exports.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force to evaluate the use of high stakes testing in determinations relative to high school graduation and to submit a written report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than March 1, 2025.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to impose a quota or tariff on imported shrimp, crab meat, and crawfish and to enact a buy plan for domestic shrimp, crab meat, and crawfish directly from domestic commercial fishermen.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to compel the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to fulfill its duties regarding inspection and testing of imported seafood.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of behavioral health of the Louisiana Department of Health to study the connection between mental health issues, homelessness, and the criminal justice system and the effectiveness of behavioral health courts as an alternative to the traditional judicial system.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the Talimali Band of the Apalachee Indians of Louisiana as an Indian tribe of the state and to urge and request the federal government to provide for formal recognition of the tribe.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to study the potential effects of alternative school calendar options on student academic achievement and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than March 1, 2025.

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. 718—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:314(E), R.S. 9:1515(C) and (D), and R.S. 47:2437, relative to taxes; to repeal from certain provisions of law references to a previously repealed inheritance tax; to repeal certain notification requirements relating to a previously repealed inheritance tax; to make technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 719—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

AN ACT

To appropriate monies out of the state general fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to be used to pay the consent judgment captioned "Nicole C. Henderson and Marva Henderson versus Union Pacific Railroad Company et al" between the state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, and Nicole Henderson on behalf of her minor sons; 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.

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 720—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:967.1, relative to controlled dangerous substances; to provide for the unlawful distribution of fentanyl under certain circumstances; to provide for a penalty; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

## HOUSE BILL NO. 721—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(11) and to enact R.S. 14:95(A)(4)(b)(iv) and (J), relative to the carrying of weapons; to provide for an exception to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide for an exception to the prohibited locations where a concealed handgun cannot be carried; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

## HOUSE BILL NO. 722—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS  
AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Article 138, relative to modification of child custody; to provide for the modification of custody under certain circumstances; to provide for certain evidentiary standards; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 723—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572(A), 572.4(B)(1)(a) and (3) and (C) through (E), 572.5(B), and 572.6 and to enact 572.4(F) and (G), relative to clemency; to provide relative to notification procedures; to provide relative to the approval or rejection of a favorable recommendation for commutation or pardon; to provide relative to application procedures; to provide relative to clemency hearings; to provide relative to clemency investigations; to provide relative to the finality of clemency determinations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

## HOUSE BILL NO. 724—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4161.2, relative to St. Landry Parish; to provide relative to a stormwater management utility district created by the parish; to provide relative to fees imposed by the district; to provide relative to the collection of fees; 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.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 725—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:154.1(D) and 3996(B)(82), relative to schools; to prohibit middle schools and high schools from beginning the instructional day prior to specified start times; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

## HOUSE BILL NO. 726—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1300.34, relative to video draw poker devices; to authorize the governing authority of East Feliciana Parish to call and conduct a referendum election on a proposition to allow the operation of video draw poker devices in the parish; to provide for procedures for the calling and holding of the election; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

## HOUSE BILL NO. 727—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MENA  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:317 and 630, relative to sports wagering and fantasy sports; to prohibit television advertising by facilities offering sports wagering and fantasy sports; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

## HOUSE BILL NO. 728—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(1) and to repeal R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(8)(b), relative to the M.J. Foster Promise Program; to provide relative to eligibility requirements; to lower the minimum age required for initial qualification for a program award; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

## HOUSE BILL NO. 729—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1104(C)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal R.S. 19:2(12) and R.S. 30:1108, relative to eminent domain for carbon dioxide sequestration; to remove eminent domain authority for owners and operators of storage facilities; to remove procedures related to the exercise of eminent domain for carbon dioxide sequestration; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 730—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MENA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:711 and 832(A), (B), (C)(introductory paragraph) and (2), (D), (E), (G), and (H) and to enact Part I-F of Chapter 7 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 15:748 through 748.4, and R.S. 15:832(I), relative to prisoners; to provide for legislative intent; to create the Incarcerated Individuals Workplace Safety Act; to provide for definitions; to provide for minimum safety requirements for certain workers and work environments; to provide for the establishment of a committee; to provide for duties of the committee; to provide for duties of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide relative to the assessment of wages; 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 Administration of Criminal Justice.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 731—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.20(B) and (C)(2)(a), relative to medical parole; to provide relative to eligibility for medical parole; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Jackson, the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 222.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 222—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:22.2, relative to public records; to provide an exception for certain documents related to economic development negotiations by local government; to require certain procedures and notices; to provide a limitation on the amount of time certain information regarding the negotiations may remain confidential; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

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

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment**

March 12, 2024

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. 1—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Melanie and Gaston Lanaux III on being named Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year and to recognize them for their commitment and dedication to practicing sustainable forestry on their tree farm, Chardet LLC, located in Tangipahoa Parish.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend and honor Michael Louis Anderson for his significant contributions as a member of the Southern University and A&M College football team that achieved its first Bayou Classic win against Grambling State University on December 1, 1979, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the members of Renegade Troop for their patriotic service.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, on the occasion of its one hundred sixteenth Founders' Day and CAMEO Award Celebration.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, BOYD, FREEMAN, HUGHES, KNOX, MANDIE LANDRY, MENA, AND NEWELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend STEM NOLA Fellow Naya Ellis on her selection as a 2024 Champion in the National STEM Challenge.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, BOYD, FREEMAN, HUGHES, KNOX, MANDIE LANDRY, MENA, AND NEWELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend STEM NOLA Fellow Jayden Marion Hall on his selection as a 2024 Champion in the National STEM Challenge.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Selena Guitreau on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend The Arc Baton Rouge on the occasion of its seventieth anniversary.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Dr. Gloria Jackson Bacon.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of John Joseph Ernst, III.

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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

### **A RESOLUTION**

To commend the National Votive Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor on the occasion of the centennial anniversary of the shrine's dedication in New Orleans.

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.

### **Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Bourriaque, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to meet on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

House Bill Nos. 146 and 458

### **Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 3:22 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 2:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House

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