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FOURTH 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

Monday, March 18, 2024

The House of Representatives was called to order at 2:03 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	McFarland
Adams	Egan	McMahan
Amedee	Emerson	McMakin
Bacala	Farnum	Melerine
Bagley	Firment	Mena
Bamburg	Fisher	Miller
Bayham	Fontenot	Moore
Beaulieu	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 Speaker announced that there were 105 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Jacob Landry 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 13, 2024, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials, and
Communications**

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

Message from the Senate

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 13, 2024

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. 12
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16
Returned without amendments

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

**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. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Zwolle High School boys' basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division V Non-Select state championship.

Read by title.

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

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association for its "Plants Make a Difference" campaign.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Hyacinth "Heidi" Williamson on being named a 2024 Student of the Year finalist.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Heath Hardesty on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Kamon Wier on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Cameron Fontenot on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 5.1 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives and to repeal House Rule 1.3 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide relative to the use of personal electronic devices and decorum in the House Chamber and committee rooms.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend women in industry in Louisiana for their essential roles in the state's economic, social, and cultural development.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Avoyelles Public Charter School boys' basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division V Select state championship.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To provide for legislative approval of the formula developed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program of education in all public elementary and secondary schools as well as to equitably allocate the funds to parish and city school systems, and adopted by the board on March 6, 2024.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to establish family-sensitive policies for all correctional facilities under the jurisdiction of the department.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the city of Carencro as the Seasoning Capital of the World.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

A CONCURRENT 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 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature to permit incarcerated parents at penal or correctional facilities under its jurisdiction to virtually attend the award ceremonies and graduation commencement exercises of their children.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2025, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as Main Street Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

**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. 77—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:467(B)(3)(introductory paragraph) and (c) and 468(E)(3), relative to sales of certain services and tangible personal property at certain facilities; to provide for the disposition of certain sales and use tax proceeds collected from the Angola State Penitentiary Prison Rodeo; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 181—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:1759(B) and 1764(C), relative to consolidated gravity drainage districts in Ascension Parish; to provide relative to the boards of commissioners of consolidated gravity drainage districts in the parish; to provide for the powers of the districts and responsibilities of the parish; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 182—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.70.6, relative to the town of Ferriday; to create the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to district funding; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 183—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:539(C)(8)(q), relative to the civil service status of employees of the New Roads Public Housing Authority; to provide that employees of the authority shall not be in the state civil service; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 184—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(36), relative to the village of Calvin and Winn Parish; to authorize the abolition of the office of police chief and the police department in the village of Calvin; to authorize making the police chief an appointed position; to authorize the town to contract with other law enforcement entities in the parish for law enforcement services; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 218—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1501.9, relative to Caddo Parish Fire District No. 4; to authorize the district to levy a sales and use tax, subject to voter approval; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 271—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1095(B)(1) and (C)(3) and to enact R.S. 46:1095(B)(8) and (9), relative to the parish hospital service district in Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the governing authority of the district; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 560—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4702(B)(2)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal R.S. 33:4702(B)(2)(i), relative to the New Orleans Regional Business Park; to provide relative to the board of commissioners; to provide for membership and the qualifications and terms of members; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 736—

BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX AND BACALA
AN ACT

To enact Children's Code Article 804(1)(d), relative to delinquency; to require the offering of certain services to juveniles adjudicated as delinquent; and to provide for related matters.

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Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 737—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:103.3, relative to offenses affecting general peace and order; to prohibit the petitioning, picketing, or assembling with other persons near an individual's residence for certain purposes; to provide for penalties; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 738—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(2)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(12)(f), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Transportation and Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 739—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2491(introductory paragraph) and (I), 2492(2) and (11), 2494(A) and (D), 2496(1)(a)(i) and (iii), 2551(introductory paragraph) and (9), 2552(1)(a) and (c), (2), and (11), 2554(A) and (D), and 2556(1)(a)(i) and (iii) and to enact R.S. 33:2481(B)(7) and 2541(B)(6), relative to the municipal fire and police civil service; to provide relative to certain positions in the classified service; to provide relative to the establishment and maintenance of employment lists; to provide relative to tests administered by the state examiner; to provide relative to the certification and appointment of eligible persons; to provide that certain officers, employees, and positions are in the unclassified service; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 740—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1505.4(A)(2)(a)(ii) and (iii) and to enact R.S. 18:1505.4(E), relative to campaign finance; to provide relative to the assessment of penalties; to provide for the computation of days; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 741—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 930.3(9), 930.4(H), and 930.8(A)(7), relative to post conviction relief; to provide relative to the grounds for post conviction relief for nonunanimous jury verdicts; to provide relative to repetitive

applications for post conviction relief; to provide relative to time limitations for post conviction relief when a petitioner has a conviction rendered by a nonunanimous jury; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 742—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:132, relative to liability; to provide immunity from civil and criminal liability for in vitro fertilization service providers; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 743—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(f), relative to absentee voting by mail; to provide for voting by qualified incarcerated voters; to provide for absentee voting following registration by mail; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 744—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1762(A)(1) and to repeal R.S. 11:1762(A)(2) and (D), relative to the Municipal Employees Retirement System; to provide relative to the retirement benefit of retirees who return to part-time employment in a position covered by the system; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 745—
BY REPRESENTATIVES EMERSON, BUTLER, AND SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:236(A) and 4014, to enact R.S. 17:3996(B)(82), Chapter 43-C of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:4037.1 through 4037.9, and R.S. 17:5029(F), and to repeal R.S. 17:4011 through 4013 and 4015 through 4025, relative to school choice; to create and provide for the administration of a school choice program that provides state funding for various educational options; to provide relative to the eligibility of students, schools, and service providers participating in the program; to provide relative to program funds; to provide relative to the testing of students participating in the program; to require the state Department of Education to submit annual reports to the legislature relative to the program; to provide relative to eligibility for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students for students participating in the program; to provide for the termination of the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program and the transition from one program to another; to provide relative to rules; to provide relative to definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 746—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554.1(B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(2), (D), and (E), relative to the Bossier Parish Retired Employees Insurance Fund; to provide relative to eligible retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs; to increase the total amount of principal and earnings in the Bossier Parish Retired Employees Insurance Fund; to provide relative to limitations on fixed income investments; to provide relative to limitations on withdrawal and appropriation of monies; 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

March 18, 2024

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Pursuant to a meeting held on March 14, 2024, I am directed by your Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 140, by Horton
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 151, by Orgeron
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 281, by Crews
Reported favorably. (10-1)

House Bill No. 339, by Owen, Charles
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 350, by Orgeron
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 475, by Bourriaque
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 534, by Freeman
Reported favorably. (11-0)

RYAN BOURRIAQUE
Chairman

Report of the Committee on
Civil Law and Procedure

March 18, 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. 23, by Melerine
Reported with amendments. (9-0-1)

House Bill No. 25, by McCormick
Reported favorably. (12-0-1)

House Bill No. 87, by Echols
Reported favorably. (10-2-1)

House Bill No. 686, by McFarland
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

NICHOLAS MUSCARELLO, JR.
Chairman

Report of the Committee on
Commerce

March 18, 2024

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. 155, by Thomas, Polly
Reported favorably. (17-0)

House Bill No. 308, by Adams
Reported with amendments. (16-0)

House Bill No. 713, by Gadberry
Reported with amendments. (18-0)

DARYL ANDREW DESHOTEL
Chairman

Report of the Committee on
Transportation, Highways and Public Works

March 18, 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. 235, by Coates
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 381, by Braud
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 514, by Braud
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 536, by Bourriaque
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 612, by McFarland
Reported favorably. (12-0)

RYAN BOURRIAQUE
Chairman

Report of the Committee on
Ways and Means

March 18, 2024

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. 162, by Beaulieu
Reported favorably. (16-0)

House Bill No. 403, by Echols
Reported favorably. (16-0)

House Bill No. 405, by Emerson
Reported favorably. (16-0)

House Bill No. 480, by Myers
Reported with amendments. (16-0)

JULIE EMERSON
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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, or a subcommittee of each, to conduct a joint study of the land-based casino industry and to report their findings prior to the convening of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to support H.R. 82 and S. 597 of the 118th Congress, the Social Security Fairness Act, and all similar legislation and to take such actions as are necessary to review and eliminate all provisions of federal law which reduce Social Security benefits for those receiving pension benefits from federal, state, or local government retirement or pension systems, plans, or funds.

Read by title.

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

**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. 733—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 315(A) and (B) and to repeal Code of Criminal Procedure Article 314, relative to bail; to provide for the minimum and maximum fixing of the amount of bail in relation to the type of offense committed; to provide for an exception to the minimum and maximum fixing of the amount of bail for certain offenses; 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. 734—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:130.1(B)(1) and (3) and to enact R.S. 14:130.1(A)(5), (B)(5), and (C) and R.S. 46:1844(Y), relative to victim notification; to provide relative to the elements of the crime of obstruction of justice; to provide relative to the penalties for the crime of obstruction of justice; to provide for a definition; to provide relative to the contacting of a victim's family in a case where the death penalty has been imposed; to provide for notification procedures; 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. 735—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:966(B)(3)(a) and (b)(i) and 967(B)(2)(a), (3), and (4) and to enact R.S. 40:967(B)(5), relative to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; to provide relative to penalties for distribution or possession with intent to distribute heroin; to provide relative to the penalties for distribution of heroin which causes serious bodily injury; to provide relative to penalties for distribution or possession with intent to distribute amphetamine or methamphetamine; to provide relative to penalties for distribution or possession with intent to distribute cocaine; to provide relative to the penalties for distribution of fentanyl or carfentanil which causes serious bodily injury; 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 and House Concurrent Resolutions
Reported by Committee**

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions reported by committee were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint "America 250" on license plates for private passenger motor vehicles and to issue such plates not later than January 2, 2025, through December 31, 2026, or until the Department of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its inventory of plates.

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 Concurrent Resolution No. 5 by Representative Bayham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 24, after ""America 250"" delete the remainder of the line and insert "logo on the plate"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the beginning of line 25, delete "the words "Sportsman's Paradise""

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

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

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. 55—

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, BROWN, CARLSON, WILFORD CARTER, CHENEVERT, EDMONSTON, EGAN, GLORIOSO, MIKE JOHNSON, LARVADAIN, MELERINE, TAYLOR, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To provide relative to Act No. 470 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to an adopted person's original birth certificate; to provide for the naming of a previous Act of the legislature; to provide for the naming of a certain Act addressing an adopted person's original birth certificate; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 124—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 60 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana and to repeal Section 3 of Act No. 60 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to the Uniform Transfer to Minors Act; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 146—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2322(A), relative to board appointments for the Sabine River Authority; to provide relative to qualifications for board members residing in Calcasieu Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 161—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2717.3, relative to nondisclosure agreements; to provide for the applicability of nondisclosure agreements; to provide for definitions; to provide for nondisclosure agreements under certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Original House Bill No. 161 by Representative Bayham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "circumstances;" and before "and to provide for related matters" insert "to provide for exceptions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 10, after "that" and before "alters" delete "it" and insert "the harassment"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the end of line 18, insert the following:

"C. The provisions of this Section shall not restrict the ability of an individual to enter into a confidential settlement agreement relating to sexual harassment or a hostile work environment that arises during the employment period."

On motion of Rep. Muscarello, Jr., the amendments were adopted.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 277—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:300.4(A), relative to the prohibition for smoking in motor vehicles; to provide for the unlawfulness of smoking in a motor vehicle with a child twelve and under present in the vehicle; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 317—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:190(A), relative to use of safety helmets; to remove the requirement to wear safety helmets for operators and riders of motorcycles who meet certain requirements; 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. 317 by Representative Schamerhorn

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 19, after "or" delete the remainder of the line and insert "who have not obtained proof of hospitalization on their insurance."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 20 in its entirety

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 449—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4552(C) and to enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4552(D), relative to mailing of judgment of interdiction; to provide that interdiction records be mailed to the registrar of voters; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Original House Bill No. 449 by Representative Melerine

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11, after "C." and before "Within fifteen" insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 16, insert "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, after line 19, insert the following:

"(3) The curator shall also provide to the registrar of voters the date of birth of the interdict and the last four digits of the social security number of the interdict to ensure that the proper person is removed from the voting records."

On motion of Rep. Muscarello, Jr., the amendments were adopted.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 458—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:361.1(C)(4), relative to vehicle window tinting regulations; to add patrol vehicles owned by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to window tint exemption; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 539—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:216(C), relative to pedestrians on highways; to limit the time of day pedestrians can lawfully walk on highways; 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. 539 by Representative Boyer

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, after "and" delete the remainder of the line and insert "sunset, unless wearing protective clothing."

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 542—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COX
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:232(3)(e), (f), and (g), relative to penalties for certain traffic-control signal violations; to provide for increased penalties for red light indication violations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works with recommendation that it be recommitted to the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Bourriaque, the above bill was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

HOUSE BILL NO. 589—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:409.1(A)(6)(d), relative to commercial learner's permit or driver's license; to provide for the denial of issuance, renewal, upgrade, or transfer of permit or license if not cleared through a certain federal clearinghouse; to provide an effective date; 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. 589 by Representative Galle

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 1, change "January 6, 2025" to "November 18, 2024"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 3, after "all" delete "applicants" and insert "applications"

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

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on third reading and final passage were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 21—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:3425(B) and Code of Civil Procedure Article 5094, relative to absent persons; to provide for service of process by commercial courier; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Melerine moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Melerine moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 27—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:3715.1(B)(1), relative to service of process; to provide for delivery of notice of subpoena for medical records by commercial courier; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Melerine moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

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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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Melerine moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 117—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.230, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Green moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Green moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 123—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2717.2 and to repeal Sections 2 and 3 of Act No. 440 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to contracts with minors; to provide relative to interactive computer services; to provide for public policy; to provide for consent by a legal representative; to provide for exceptions; to provide for nullity; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Schlegel moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Chassion	Knox	Ventrella
Chenevert	LaCombe	Villio
Coates	LaFleur	Walters
Cox	Landry, J.	Wilder
Crews	Landry, M.	Wiley
Davis	Larvadain	Willard
Deshotel	Lyons	Wright
Dewitt	Mack	Wyble
Dickerson	Marcelle	Young
Domangue	McCormick	Zeringue
Echols	McFarland	

Total - 104

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Gadberry
Total - 1

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Schlegel moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on her own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Dewitt requested the House consent to record his vote on final passage of House Bill No. 123 as yea, which consent was unanimously granted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 136—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 175 in Mansfield, Louisiana, in DeSoto Parish as the "Jerius Marshall Highway"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 133 in Start, Louisiana, in Richland Parish as the "Luke Letlow Memorial Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Jackson moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McMahan
Adams	Egan	McMakin
Amedee	Emerson	Melerine
Bacala	Farnum	Mena
Bagley	Firment	Miller
Bamburg	Fisher	Moore
Bayham	Fontenot	Muscarello
Beaullieu	Freeman	Myers
Berault	Freiberg	Newell
Billings	Gadberry	Owen
Bourriaque	Galle	Phelps
Boyd	Geymann	Riser
Boyer	Glorioso	Romero
Brass	Green	Schamerhorn
Braud	Hebert	Schlegel
Brown	Henry	Selders
Bryant	Hilferty	St. Blanc
Butler	Horton	Stagni
Carlson	Hughes	Tarver

Carpenter	Illg	Taylor
Carrier	Jackson	Thomas
Carter, R.	Johnson, M.	Thompson
Carter, W.	Johnson, T.	Turner
Carver	Jordan	Ventrella
Chassion	Kerner	Villio
Chenevert	Knox	Walters
Coates	LaCombe	Wilder
Cox	LaFleur	Wiley
Crews	Landry, J.	Willard
Davis	Larvadain	Wright
Deshotel	Lyons	Wyble
Dewitt	Mack	Young
Dickerson	Marcelle	Zeringue
Domangue	McCormick	
Echols	McFarland	

Total - 103

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Landry, M.
Total - 2

Orgeron

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Jackson moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Consent to Correct a Vote Record

Rep. Billings requested the House consent to record her vote on final passage of House Bill No. 136 as yea, which consent was unanimously granted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 278—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 1 of Act No. 50 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the designation of Louisiana Highway 383 in Jefferson Davis Parish; to change the mile marker identifiers for the designation of the memorial highway; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Romero moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

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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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Romero moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 432—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.230, relative to motor vehicle prestige license plates; to establish the "Louisiana State University Baseball National Champions" speciality license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Illg moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McFarland
Adams	Egan	McMahen
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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Illg moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 641—

BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX, BRAUD, MUSCARELLO, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 463.230 through 463.242, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the establishment of the "3" for Cyclists", the "Support our Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", and "Evangel Christian Academy", "Icitte on parle français", "Bienvenue en Louisiane", "Lâche Pas", "Bayou Indian", "Bayou Cajun", "Je Chasse au Grand Chenier", "United States Submarine Veterans", "Leesville High School Alumni", and "Humane Society of Louisiana" specialty license plates; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Beaullieu sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Beaullieu to Engrossed House Bill No. 641 by Representative Knox

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "through" and before "relative" delete "463.242," and insert "463.236,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after ""St. Thomas Aquinas," delete "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete line 5 and at the beginning of line 6, delete ""Bayou Cajun", "Je Chasse au Grand Chenier","

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 12, after "through" and before "are" delete "463.242" and insert "463.236"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

Delete pages 5 through 8 and on page 9, delete lines 1-20

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 9, at the beginning of line 21, change "§463.240." to "§463.234."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 10, at the beginning of line 17, change "§463.241." to "§463.235."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 11, at the beginning of line 12, change "§463.242." to "§463.236."

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

Rep. Knox moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Domangue
Edmonston
Total - 103

McCormick
McMahan
NAYS

Total - 0
ABSENT

Echols
Total - 2
McFarland

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Knox moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 648—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To designate the bridge on LA-648 over Bayou Lafourche as the "Austin Bush Memorial Bridge" and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Horton, on behalf of the Legislative Bureau, sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Horton on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed House Bill No. 648 by Representative Zeringue

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "LA-648" to "Louisiana Highway 648"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, change "LA-648" to "Louisiana Highway 648"

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

Rep. Zeringue moved the final passage of the bill, as amended.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McMahan
Adams	Egan	McMakin
Amedee	Emerson	Melerine
Bacala	Farnum	Mena
Bagley	Firment	Miller
Bamburg	Fisher	Moore
Bayham	Fontenot	Muscarello
Beaulieu	Freeman	Myers
Berault	Freiberg	Newell
Billings	Gadberry	Orgeron
Bourriaque	Galle	Owen
Boyd	Geymann	Phelps
Boyer	Glorioso	Riser
Brass	Green	Romero
Braud	Hebert	Schamerhorn
Brown	Henry	Schlegel
Bryant	Hilferty	Selders

Butler	Horton	St. Blanc
Carlson	Hughes	Stagni
Carpenter	Illg	Tarver
Carrier	Jackson	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, M.	Thomas
Carter, W.	Johnson, T.	Thompson
Carver	Jordan	Turner
Chassion	Kerner	Ventrella
Chenevert	Knox	Villio
Coates	LaCombe	Walters
Cox	LaFleur	Wilder
Crews	Landry, J.	Wiley
Davis	Landry, M.	Willard
Deshotel	Larvadain	Wright
Dewitt	Lyons	Wyble
Dickerson	Mack	Young
Domangue	Marcelle	Zeringue
Echols	McCormick	

Total - 104

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

McFarland
Total - 1

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Zeringue moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Deshotel, 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. 30—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Marksville High School boys' basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division III Non-Select state championship.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Carol Gelderman.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN
A RESOLUTION

To commend Michael A. Fitts for his ten years of service as president of Tulane University.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY
A RESOLUTION

To commend WDSU-TV Chief Meteorologist Margaret Orr on the occasion of her retirement.

Read by title.

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

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

March 18, 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. 18—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Parkway High School girls' basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division I Non-Select state championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
A RESOLUTION

To commend Sonja Bailes on her selection as a 2024 Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman by Holy Angels.

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

March 18, 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 Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN AND SENATOR BASS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Trey Maxwell of Trey Maxwell Logging on the prestigious honor of being named the 2023 Louisiana Outstanding Logger of the Year and for his commitment and dedication to practicing safe and efficient logging practices in Northwest Louisiana.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—
BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN AND COATES
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend United Way of Southeast Louisiana on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ORGERON, FREEMAN, AND ROMERO
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, March 14, 2024, as Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Day at the state capitol.

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. Muscarello, Jr., the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to meet on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m., 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. 170 and 171

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Education to submit their weekly schedule on a day other than required by House Rule 14.23.

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 Tuesday, March 19, 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 No. 401

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 3:14 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 2:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 19, 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 Appropriations

Will meet at: 8:45 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Location: Committee Room 5

Remarks:

HB 201 OWEN, CHARLES PROCUREMENT Prohibits all-electric vehicles from comprising more than three percent of state vehicle fleet

HB 300 ORGERON COASTAL RESOURCES (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the disposition of funds derived from alternative energy production in the coastal area

HB 305 ORGERON COASTAL RES/COASTAL ZONE Provides relative to the disposition of funds derived from alternative energy production in the coastal area

HB 318 MCFARLAND FISCAL CONTROLS Provides for the reporting of federal funds and grants or programs to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget

HB 410 BRASS PUBLIC CONTRACTS Provides relative to certain professional service contracts for projects undertaken by certain postsecondary education entities

Discussion of FY 24-25 Budget for:

FOLLOW-UP

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 Appropriations via e-mail at h-app@legis.la.gov.

JACK G. MCFARLAND
Chairman

Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Will meet at: 9:00 a.m. (TBA- Time change)

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Location: Committee Room 4

Remarks:

HB 24 MELERINE EVIDENCE Provides relative to evidentiary presumptions in personal injury claims

HB 170 CREWS (TBA) CONTRACTS Provides with respect to certain lease contracts between governmental entities and individuals (**Subject to Rule Suspension**)

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HB 171 CREWS (TBA) PROPERTY Provides relative to the maintenance of property leased by political subdivisions (**Subject to Rule Suspension**)

HB 229 GREEN PRESCRIPTION Requires a three-year prescription on torts

HB 336 CHENEVERT CONTRACTS Creates the Litigation Financing Disclosure Act

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NOTE: Statements may be filed with the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure via e-mail at h-clp@legis.la.gov.

NICHOLAS MUSCARELLO, JR.
Chairman

Committee on Commerce

Will meet at: 9:30 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Location: Committee Room 1

Remarks:

HB 397 ST. BLANC UTILITIES Provides relative to the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law

HB 448 LANDRY, MANDIE COMMERCE Requires a cash option for certain retail transactions

HB 468 CREWS UTILITIES Requires utility companies to provide aggregate energy meter totals to certain property owners upon request

HB 484 LAFLEUR CREDIT/CARDS Provides relative to surcharges for credit card use

HB 487 NEWELL CREDIT/CARDS Provides relative to surcharges for credit and debit card use

HB 491 EDMONSTON PUBLIC SFTY/DEPARTMENT Provides relative to the Life Safety and Property Protection Licensing Act

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NOTE: Statements may be filed with the House Committee on Commerce via e-mail at h-com@legis.la.gov.

DARYL ANDREW DESHOTEL
Chairman

Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Will meet at: 9:30 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Location: Committee Room 3

Remarks:

HB 283 SCHLEGEL MTR VEHICLE/COMMERCIAL Requires that a commercial driver's curriculum offered by an educational institution or agency include human trafficking training

HB 341 TARVER, PHILLIP MOTOR VEHICLES Provides relative to motor vehicles and energy sources for motor vehicles

HB 345 BOYD MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES Requires a license plate on the front of a motor vehicle for identification purposes

HB 401 ZERINGUE (TBA) POLICE/LOCAL Provides for the creation of Houma-Terrebonne airport police (**Subject to Rule Suspension**)

HB 494 WILLARD MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE Provides relative to special identification cards for children

HB 535 FREEMAN MOTOR VEHICLES Provides relative to zero emission vehicles

HB 645 FREIBERG TRANSPORTATION DEPT Moves responsibility for the collection of the electric and hybrid vehicle fee from the Department of Revenue to the office of motor vehicles

HB 646 THOMPSON CONTRACTS Provides for contract limits for certain projects

HB 652 DESHOTEL TRAFFIC/SPEED LIMITS Provides relative to automated speed enforcement devices

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NOTE: Statements may be filed with the House Committee on Transportation via e-mail at h-thpw@legis.la.gov.

RYAN BOURRIAQUE
Chairman

Committee on Ways and Means

Will meet at: 9:45 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Location: Committee Room 6

Remarks:

MEETING IS CANCELLED

JULIE EMERSON
Chairman

Weekly Committee Schedules

The following committees posted weekly committee schedules as follows:

Committee on Education

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Committee Room 1

9:00 a.m.

INSTRUMENTS TO BE HEARD:

- HCR 17 SCHLEGEL SCHOOLS/EMPLOYEES** Requests the state Department of Education, Department of Children and Family Services, and Louisiana Department of Health to collaborate to increase mental health counseling in public schools
- HB 8 MELERINE SCHOOLS/HIGH SCHOOL** Prohibits the use of an appeals process for certain students who fail to pass state-administered tests required for high school graduation
- HB 78 CARVER SCHOOLS/CHARTER** Authorizes initial proposals for charter schools with corporate partners to be made to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as Type 2 charter school proposals
- HB 244 HUGHES STUDENTS** Expands the purpose of the Steve Carter Literacy Program to include educational services in math
- HB 267 HUGHES STUDENT/ASSESSMENT** Provides relative to numeracy education to students in kindergarten through third grade
- HB 320 OWEN, CHARLES EDUCATION** Repeals certain student instruction and teacher training requirements and authorizes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt policies requiring the inclusion of certain topics in such instruction and training
- HB 420 BRYANT SCHOOLS/EMPLOYEES** Requires additional compensation for teachers and other school employees under certain circumstances
- HB 594 GREEN SCHOOLS/FOOD PROGRAMS** Creates and provides for the Free School Breakfast Program to be administered by the state Department of Education
- HB 708 FREIBERG SCHOOLS/CHARTER** Removes requirements that charter schools meet a certain threshold with respect to the number of students with exceptionalities and economically disadvantaged students relative to its total student enrollment

OTHER BUSINESS:

Adoption of minutes of the House Committee on Education from the 2023 Regular Session dated April 20, April 25, April 26, May 2, May 10, May 16, May 23, May 31, and June 4, 2023; and from the 2023-2024 Interim dated December 14, 2023

Introductory remarks from Lance Harris, Vice President of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Introductory remarks from Cade Brumley, State Superintendent of Education

Consideration and adoption of committee rules

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LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS MAY BE DELETED (DOES NOT REQUIRE HOUSE RULES SUSPENSION) OR ADDED (REQUIRES HOUSE RULES SUSPENSION) PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE. (HOUSE RULES 14.23 AND 14.24) SEE THE DAILY NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS POSTED PRIOR TO MEETING DATE.

LAURIE SCHLEGEL
Chairman