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SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

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

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Friday, October 24, 2025

The House of Representatives was called to order at 1:39 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	McMahen
Amedee	Egan	McMakin
Bacala	Emerson	Melerine
Bagley	Firment	Mena
Bamburg	Fontenot	Moore
Bayham	Freiberg	Muscarello
Beaullieu	Gadberry	Newell
Berault	Galle	Orgeron
Billings	Glorioso	Owen
Bourriaque	Green	Phelps
Boyd	Hebert	Riser
Boyer	Henry	Romero
Brass	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Braud	Horton	Schlegel
Brown	Hughes	Spell
Bryant	Illg	St. Blanc
Butler	Jackson	Stagni
Carlson	Johnson, M.	Taylor
Carpenter	Johnson, T.	Thomas
Carrier	Jordan	Thompson
Carter, R.	Kerner	Turner
Carver	Knox	Ventrella
Chassion	LaCombe	Villio
Chenevert	LaFleur	Walters
Coates	Landry, J.	Wilder
Cox	Landry, M.	Wiley
Crews	Landry, T.	Willard
Davis	Larvadain	Wright
Deshotel	Lyons	Wyble
Dewitt	Mack	Young

Dickerson
Domangue
Total - 98

Marcelle
McCormick

Zeringue

The Speaker announced that there were 98 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Willard 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 October 23, 2025, was adopted.

Petitions, Memorials, and Communications

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

Message from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-123

STATE OF EMERGENCY
SCHUMER SHUTDOWN
CREATES FOOD INSECURITY

WHEREAS, the Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by emergencies and disasters;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to address disasters resulting from natural or man-made events that cause or threaten loss of life, injury, or property damage, as well as emergencies, which include actual or potential conditions created by such disasters;

WHEREAS, when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:724 (B)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency or disaster by executive order which has the force and effect of law;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party's failure, under U.S. Senate Democrat Leader Chuck Schumer, to reach a federal funding agreement has resulted in a shutdown of the United States Government as of October 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, the ongoing federal government shutdown has resulted in a lapse of federal funding for numerous programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA");

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2025, the USDA directed States to hold November SNAP benefits as the USDA would be delaying transmission to State EBT vendors due to the Schumer Shutdown;

WHEREAS, any interruption in SNAP benefits will significantly increase food insecurity among Louisiana's most vulnerable populations, including the elderly, children, and individuals with disabilities;

WHEREAS, as of October 2025, an estimated 792,769 Louisianians rely on SNAP benefits to meet their basic nutritional needs;

WHEREAS, over 120,000 of SNAP recipients in Louisiana are disabled;

WHEREAS, approximately 356,825 Louisiana children live in households that receive SNAP assistance;

WHEREAS, an estimated 88,208 elderly residents of Louisiana depend on SNAP benefits for essential food support;

WHEREAS, Congressional Republicans, under the leadership of Speaker Mike Johnson of Louisiana, voted to fund the federal government and our U.S. Senators representing Louisiana have repeatedly done the same to ensure federal employees are paid, federal services continue, and funding for programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") is provided, at the same time Washington, D.C. Democrats in large part have voted over and over again to keep the federal government closed; the Revenue Stabilization Fund is intended to be available for appropriation to deal with emergency situations;

WHEREAS, the legislative leadership and I share a deep concern for Louisiana's elderly, disabled, and children in light of the potential shortage of SNAP benefits created by the Schumer Shutdown;

WHEREAS, this Executive Order declares and recognizes that an emergency situation exists in the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Constitution Article 7, Section 10.5 allows the Legislature to authorize an appropriation from the Revenue Stabilization Fund at any time for any purpose with the consent of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature, even while out of session in writing;

WHEREAS, the Legislature is currently convened in a special legislative session and can easily arrange a vote to consent and authorize such an appropriation to support our most vulnerable citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, order and direct as follows:

- Section 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist as a result of the emergency conditions that currently threaten the people of Louisiana.
- Section 2: Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:724 (A)(3), the designated emergency area is the State of Louisiana.
- Section 3: This emergency declaration shall be transmitted to the Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the President of the Louisiana Senate;
- Section 4: Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:732, during a declared state of emergency, the prices charged or value received for goods and services sold within the designated emergency area may not exceed the prices ordinarily

charged for comparable goods and services in the same market area at or immediately before the time of the state of emergency, unless the price by the seller is attributable to fluctuations in applicable commodity markets, fluctuations in applicable regional or national market trends, or to reasonable expenses and charges and attendant business risk incurred in procuring or selling the goods or services during the state of emergency.

Section 5: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to this disaster.

Section 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect from Friday, October 24, 2025, through Tuesday, November 4, 2025, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded earlier by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 24th day of October 2025.

JEFF LANDRY
Governor of Louisiana

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

NANCY LANDRY
Secretary of State

**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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 21(K) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide for time limitations for the consideration of certain redistricting plans.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—

Withdrawn from the files of the House prior to introduction.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER AND SENATOR HENRY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to take immediate action utilizing any available revenue source to address the suspension of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits caused by the federal government shutdown.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. McFarland, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was ordered passed to its third reading.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. McFarland, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider House and House Concurrent Resolutions on Third Reading for Final Consideration at this time.

House and House Concurrent Resolutions on Third Reading for Final Consideration

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions on third reading for final consideration were taken up and acted upon as follows:

Suspension of the Rules

Rep. McFarland moved to suspend the rules to take up and consider House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 on the same day it passed to its third reading, which motion was agreed to.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER AND SENATOR HENRY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to take immediate action utilizing any available revenue source to address the suspension of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits caused by the federal government shutdown.

Read by title.

Rep. McFarland moved the adoption of the resolution.

By a vote of 97 yeas and 0 nays, 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. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN
AN ACT**

To enact Part I-B of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:419, relative to the legislative redistricting website during the 2026 election cycle; to provide for information contained on the website; to provide for effectiveness; 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
House and Governmental Affairs

October 24, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 1, by Beaulieu
Reported with amendments. (10-4)

House Bill No. 2, by Beaulieu
Reported favorably. (10-4)

GERALD "BEAU" BEAULLIEU, IV
Chair

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 2:18 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Monday, October 27, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 9:00 A.M., Monday, October 27, 2025.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House

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

