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HOUSE ADVANCES LIFTING EXPENDITURE LIMIT WHILE MINIMIZING GOVERNMENT GROWTH

BATON ROUGE, La. – Today, the Louisiana House of Representatives took a necessary step towards supporting teachers and law enforcement by voting in favor of lifting the expenditure limit (SCR 3).

The measure, as amended by the House, provides significant retirement debt reduction, teacher pay raises, increases direct payments to law enforcement for supplemental pay, and provides historic savings as well as investments in infrastructure, all using one-time funds.

Priorities included in the instrument adopted by the House include:

- Retirement Debt Reduction
- Highway Projects
- Port Construction
- Mega-Projects (I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge/I-49 South of Lafayette)
- Statewide Flood Control Program
- Coastal Protection and Restoration
- Major Repairs & Deferred Maintenance at Colleges and Universities, and
- Record Setting Savings Measures

Securing the 2/3 vote necessary to send SCR 3 back to the Senate for concurrence, House members said their goal of limiting growth in government while also providing a better future for citizens in all corners of the state has been achieved.

"The process of compromise can be difficult at times, but the vote by the members of the House represents the will of our constituents who want responsible investments, limited growth in government, and record savings in the bank," said Speaker of the House Clay Schexnayder. "This chamber worked hard, listened to many, and came to a resolution that could be adopted. That's what we were sent to Baton Rouge to do."

The legislature is scheduled to adjourn no later than 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 8th.