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SPECIAL CRIME SESSION CONVENES

BATON ROUGE, La. – Legislators convened the 2nd Extraordinary Session focused on crime issues this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Governor Jeff Landry addressed members of the House, Senate and statewide elected officials in an opening address setting the tone for the 17- day session which must end no later than 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6th.

“Crime is out of control across Louisiana,” said Speaker of the House Phillip DeVillier. “This session, we’re going to focus on the victims, not the criminals so we can make our state a better and safer place to live. Our citizens deserve to peacefully live in their cities, towns, communities and homes. They have to be able to trust the rule of law.”

“People have had enough of crime and criminals who think they’re above the law,” said Senate President Cameron Henry. “It’s time we raise the stakes for those who chose to break the law, hurt our families, and destroy our communities.”

As of Monday morning, approximately 30 bills have been pre-filed for consideration. Topics include carrying of firearms, execution methods, criminal penalties for carjacking and changes to probation or parole.

All legislative proceedings including committee meetings and chamber debate can be viewed at www.legis.la.gov. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislature has a smartphone app (LA LEGE) that combines information from the House and Senate websites into an easy to use format users can access from anywhere. The LA LEGE app is available to download free of charge from the Apple or Google Play stores and does not collect any personal information.

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