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SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Fifty-first Regular Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

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

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

Dickerson
Domangue
Total - 99

Marcelle
McCormick

Wyble
Zeringue

The Speaker announced that there were 99 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rev. Bill Nash of Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church in Mangham.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Owen 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 April 14, 2025, 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. 23—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Geaux Far Louisiana Coalition and designate Tuesday, April 15, 2025, as Geaux Far Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24—

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. 25—

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL
A RESOLUTION

To commend Bishop Tyrone G. Jefferson, Jr., on the occasion of his thirtieth pastoral anniversary.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER
A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 16, 2025, as Zeta Phi Beta Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
A RESOLUTION

To commend the 2025 Sicilian Heritage Festival in Independence, Louisiana, and its royal court on the occasion of the festival's seventeenth anniversary.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS
A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 16, 2025, as AARP Louisiana Caregiver Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS
A RESOLUTION

To commend Pastor Damian J. Brown.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate April 11-17, 2025, as Black Maternal Health Week in Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Joint Rule No. 17(A)(1)(a), (C), (E), and (G) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide procedures relative to a nongovernmental entity funding request and to provide limitations on funding for nongovernmental entities in an appropriation bill.

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. 613—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To enact Subpart D of Part IV of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statute of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 2:350.1 through 350.6, relative to the creation of the Acadiana

Regional Airport and the Lemaire Memorial Airport District; to provide for powers, duties, functions and governance of the district; to provide for the composition and tenure of the board of commissioners, officers, domicile, and authority; to provide specific authority to the board upon an approval date by the Federal Aviation Administration; to provide for local government compliance; to provide for an effective date; 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

April 15, 2025

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. 34, by Glorioso
Reported with amendments. (11-3-1)

House Bill No. 291, by Galle
Reported favorably. (12-0-1)

House Bill No. 431, by Chenevert
Reported with amendments. (11-4-1)

House Bill No. 434, by Dewitt
Reported with amendments. (11-2-1)

House Bill No. 443, by Henry, Chance
Reported with amendments. (11-4-1)

House Bill No. 450, by Melerine
Reported favorably. (13-0-1)

NICHOLAS MUSCARELLO, JR.
Chair

Report of the Committee on
Commerce

April 15, 2025

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. 90, by Hebert
Reported favorably. (17-0)

House Bill No. 91, by Thomas, Polly
Reported favorably. (16-0)

DARYL ANDREW DESHOTEL
Chair

Report of the Committee on
Transportation, Highways and Public Works

April 15, 2025

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. 82, by Bayham
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 83, by Cox
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 174, by McFarland
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 180, by Thompson
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 428, by Bourriaque
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 528, by Bourriaque
Reported with amendments. (13-1)

House Bill No. 556, by Bourriaque
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 621, by Bourriaque
Reported by substitute. (12-1)

RYAN BOURRIAQUE
Chair

Report of the Committee on
Ways and Means

April 15, 2025

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. 131, by Farnum
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 183, by Bourriaque
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 365, by Deshotel
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 366, by Deshotel (Joint Resolution)
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 404, by Willard
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 416, by Farnum
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 557, by Braud
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 591, by Wilder
Reported favorably. (14-0)

JULIE EMERSON
Chair

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 CHASSION
A RESOLUTION

To recognize the distinct group of freshman members of the Louisiana House of Representatives as the Freshmen Caucus of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to study the feasibility of and potential costs associated with prohibiting certain foods and beverages in public schools.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS
A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to support funding for the ability to focus on purchasing American agricultural products and the removal of ultra-processed food and beverages from K-12 public schools.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
A RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana legislative auditor to examine, investigate, and audit the firemen's supplemental pay program.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the legislative fiscal office to update the report issued in February 2013 pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 137 of the 2012 Regular Session regarding the means and methods used to provide funding for the operation of laboratory schools.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to submit written reports to the House Committee on Education relative to the administration of the ACT, the WorkKeys test, and the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery to high school students.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15—
BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG
A RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study issues relative to the name, image, and likeness of student athletes in Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the town of Ball, Louisiana, as the Moon Pie Capital of Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT AND SENATOR MORRIS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Casey Durand of Central Timber Services on being named the 2024 Outstanding Louisiana Logger by the Louisiana Forestry Association.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the state's Office of Group Benefits to study and report to the House Committees on Retirement and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Retirement and Finance the total amount of savings the state could realize if eligible plan participants were required to enroll in Medicare and include in the report options for plan provisions and rate reductions that could pass some of those savings back to such participants.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
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. 9—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and recommend legislation for implementation of procedures for recusal of judges in criminal proceedings and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than February 1, 2026.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—
BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and honor the victims of Hurricane Katrina on the twentieth anniversary of its landfall and to designate August 29th as "Katrina Day" in remembrance of those affected by the storm.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Public Service Commission and Cleco Power to approve the sale of a regulated utility only in certain circumstances.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Bryan Beam on the occasion of his retirement from service on the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Southeastern Conference to schedule football games at Louisiana State University after six o'clock in the

evening during the month of September for health and safety reasons related to the heat during day games.

Read by title.

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

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Butler, 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 BUTLER
A RESOLUTION

To designate the city of Opelousas as the Horse Capital of Louisiana.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

April 15, 2025

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 REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU AND DEVILLIER
A RESOLUTION

To commend Patricia Lowrey-Dufour upon her retirement as the senior legislative analyst for the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs with House Legislative Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL
A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 16, 2025, as Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, Charter Schools Day at the state capitol.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY
A RESOLUTION

To designate Friday, April 18, 2025, as Two Lights For Tomorrow Day at the state capitol and to commemorate the historic alert by Paul Revere in 1775.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER
A RESOLUTION

To commend Emma Gardiner on being named Queen of the 2025 St. John Francis Catholic Church's Étouffée Festival.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
A RESOLUTION

To commend The Energy Council on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
A RESOLUTION

To commend First Baptist Church Bernice on the occasion of its one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MENA
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Aurelio Martinez.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
A RESOLUTION

To commend Parkway High School girls' basketball coach Gloria Williams on her successful career.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16—

BY REPRESENTATIVES STAGNI AND HUGHES
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Caleb Jayden Wilson.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
A RESOLUTION

To commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2025 Italian Festival in Tickfaw, Louisiana.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL
A RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Mary's Dominican High School swim team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) 2024 Division I state championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN
A RESOLUTION

To commend Tulane University for its vital research and educational contributions to the state of Louisiana.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, DEVILLIER, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GALLE, GEYMANN, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HENRY, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, NEWELL, ORGERON, OWEN, PHELPS, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TARVER, TAYLOR, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WILLARD, WRIGHT, WYBLE, YOUNG, AND ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Steven "Steve" Joseph Miguez.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Lacassine High School boys' basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2025 Class B state championship.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER
A RESOLUTION

To designate April 11-17, 2025, as Black Maternal Health Week in Louisiana.

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.

Leave of Absence

Rep. Freeman - 2 days

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 3:25 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 3:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House

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