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**THIRD 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

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:06 P.M., by the Honorable Michael Johnson, Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.

**Morning Hour**

**ROLL CALL**

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

PRESENT

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

Echols  
Edmonston  
Total - 100

McFarland  
McMahan

The Speaker announced that there were 100 members present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rep. Wright.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rep. Thomas 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 15, 2025, was adopted.

**Speaker DeVillier in the Chair**

**Petitions, Memorials, and  
Communications**

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

**Suspension of the Rules**

Rep. Beaullieu moved to suspend the rules to allow an additional day to request late introduction of instruments, which motion was agreed to.

**Message from the Senate**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 16, 2025

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. 5  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 10  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 12  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 14  
Returned without amendments

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

**Message from the Senate**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 16, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has adopted and asks your concurrence in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions  
Lying Over**

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions contained in the message were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—**  
BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and celebrate the Elmer Candy Corporation and recognize Tuesday, May 6, 2025, as Elmer Chocolate Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Coates, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was concurred in.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—**  
BY SENATORS CONNICK AND CARTER AND REPRESENTATIVES COX, GREEN AND WILDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Coach Hank Tierney and the Archbishop Shaw High School football team for their outstanding season and to congratulate them on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division II Select state championship.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Wilder, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was concurred in.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—**  
BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 16, 2025, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Coates, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was concurred in.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—**  
BY SENATOR CLOUD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 21, 2025, as Light of Justice and Resilience Day in Louisiana, recognizing it as a statewide day of reflection and support for survivors of religious clergy sexual abuse and honoring their resilience, pursuit of justice, and journey of healing.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Carrier, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was concurred in.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—**  
BY SENATOR FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend the bicentennial anniversary of the Louisiana Civil Code's enactment and its enduring legacy in shaping the legal foundation of the state of Louisiana.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Freiberg, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was concurred in.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Walters, 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. 31—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mother May E. DuPree for her contributions to gospel ministry.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jack and Jill of America, Inc., on its dedication to stimulating the growth, development, and quality of life of children.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the America250–Louisiana celebrations on April 18-19, 2025, and to commemorate the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the start of the American Revolution.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Funeral Director Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Southern University on the occasion of its one hundred forty-fifth anniversary and to designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Southern University 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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Joint Rule No. 17(B)(2) and (6) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives and to adopt Joint Rule No. 17(B)(12) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide for the information requirements for the nongovernmental entity request form.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Housing Corporation to conduct a study on how the corporation is allocating its resources to finance development projects in rural areas and to report its findings to the legislature not later than March 15, 2026.

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. 247—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT  
AN ACT

To enact Part III-K of Title 19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 19:140 through 140.12, relative to expropriation of blighted property by declaration of taking; to provide for legislative intent; to authorize East Baton Rouge Parish and the city of Baton Rouge to expropriate blighted property by declaration of taking; to define terms; to provide for the purposes of the expropriation; to provide for procedures and delays; to provide for a determination of value; to provide for vesting of title; to provide for notice; to provide for opposition and waiver of defenses; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 296—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.70.5, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the distribution of sales and use tax revenue collected by the parish governing authority on the sale of admission tickets to and concessions and parking at certain events; to provide relative to the approval of such

distributions; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 637—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:1128, relative to conversion fees for large-scale solar development; to authorize the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to impose fees for the conversion of important habitat and species; to authorize rule making; to provide for the deposit and use of fees collected; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 638—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:1129, relative to conversion fees for large-scale solar development; to authorize the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to impose fees for the conversion of agricultural resources; to require rule making; to provide for the deposit and use of fees collected; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 639—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:625(B) and (G)(8) and to enact R.S. 17:1792 and R.S. 27:625(G)(9) and (10), relative to online sports wagering tax revenue and student athletes; to provide for the tax rate on online sports wagering; to allocate online sports wagering tax revenue; to create a fund for the benefit of university athletic departments; 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  
Administration of Criminal Justice

April 16, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 79, by Bacala  
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 208, by Villio  
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 214, by Villio  
Reported favorably. (10-1)

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House Bill No. 445, by Villio  
Reported favorably. (9-3)

House Bill No. 479, by Landry, Mandie  
Reported favorably. (11-0)

DEBBIE VILLIO  
Chair

Report of the Committee on  
Education

April 16, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Education to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 70, by Brass  
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 71, by Brass  
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 77, by Turner  
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 161, by Hughes  
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 275, by Berault  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 327, by Chassion  
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 372, by Hughes  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 373, by Hughes  
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 566, by Turner  
Reported with amendments. (10-0)

LAURIE SCHLEGEL  
Chair

Report of the Committee on  
Health and Welfare

April 16, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Health and Welfare to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 89, by Orgeron  
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 159, by Stagni  
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 210, by Chassion  
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 253, by Boyer  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 316, by Butler  
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 340, by Newell  
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 543, by McMahan  
Reported with amendments. (15-0)

DUSTIN MILLER  
Chair

Report of the Committee on  
House and Governmental Affairs

April 16, 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. 223, by Domangue  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 281, by Wyble  
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 323, by Beaulieu  
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 351, by Johnson, Mike  
Reported with amendments. (11-0)

House Bill No. 420, by Billings  
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 526, by Landry, Jacob  
Reported favorably. (9-5)

House Bill No. 532, by Miller, D.  
Reported with amendments. (9-0)

House Bill No. 592, by Beaulieu  
Reported with amendments. (9-4)

GERALD "BEAU" BEAULLIEU, IV  
Chair

Report of the Committee on  
Natural Resources and Environment

April 16, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 173, by Illg  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 204, by Henry, Chance  
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 219, by Carrier  
Reported favorably. (11-0)

House Bill No. 550, by Kerner  
Reported by substitute. (13-0)

House Bill No. 564, by Landry, Jacob  
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 581, by Illg  
Reported favorably. (13-0)

BRETT F. GEYMANN  
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. 30—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER  
A RESOLUTION

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

Read by title.

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

#### 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.

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

### 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. 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.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

### 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:

### Motion

On motion of Rep. McMahan, the Committee on Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 65.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 65—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:458, relative to mayor's courts; to establish a mayor's court in the village of Dubberly in Webster Parish; to provide for territorial jurisdiction; to provide for the powers and authority of the mayor as magistrate of the court and other officers of the court; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

### Motion

On motion of Rep. McMahan, the bill was withdrawn from the files of the House.

### 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. 34—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLORIOSO, CARLSON, CHENEVERT,  
DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, MIKE JOHNSON, MELERINE,  
TURNER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.27(A) through (D) and to repeal R.S. 9:2800.27(E) through (G), relative to recoverable medical expenses; to provide for definitions; to provide for the calculation of certain damages; to repeal certain limitations on admissible evidence; to provide for prospective application; 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. 34 by Representative Glorioso

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 9:2800.27" to "R.S. 9:2800.27(A) through (D) and to repeal R.S. 9:2800.27(E) through (G)"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 9:2800.27(A) through (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, delete lines 8 through 24 in their entirety and insert the following:

"D. Except as provided by Subsections B and C of this Section, a claimant's recovery of medical expenses is limited to the reasonable expenses related to the claim. At trial, any party may introduce evidence of the amount billed, the amount paid, or both to establish

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the basis for an award for medical expenses. Any party may introduce evidence to establish or controvert the reasonableness of the medical expenses sought to be recovered by the claimant. Any agreements between the healthcare provider and a third party responsible for the financing or collection of medical expenses, including but not limited to a letter of protection or guarantee of payment between the healthcare provider and an attorney, shall be admissible evidence. The trier of fact shall make the determination of the amount of medical expenses to award, if any, after consideration of all evidence presented.

Section 2. R.S. 9:2800.27(E) through (G) are hereby repealed in their entirety."

## AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, at the beginning of line 25, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

## AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, at the beginning of line 26, change "Section 3." to "Section 4."

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. 82—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM  
AN ACT

To designate the Intracoastal Waterway Gulf Outlet Bridge on Louisiana Highway 47 in Orleans Parish as the "Vietnam War Veterans Green Bridge"; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 20 in LaFourche Parish as the "Martha Ann Woods-Shareef Highway"; 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. 82 by Representative Bayham

## AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 3, after the semi-colon ";" and before "and" insert "to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 20 in LaFourche Parish as the "Martha Ann Woods-Shareef Highway";"

## AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, between lines 8 and 9, insert following:

"Section 2. The portion of Louisiana Highway 20, at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 20 and Louisiana Highway 307, at the LaFourche and St. James Parish line, shall be known and is hereby designated as the "Martha Ann Woods-Shareef Highway"."

## AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 9, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

## AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the end of line 10, after "reflecting", change "this designation" to "these designations"

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. 83—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX  
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 466 in the city of Gretna, between Franklin Street and Huey P. Long Avenue, as the "Chief B.H. Miller, Jr. Memorial Parkway"; to designate the elevated portion on Louisiana Highway 31 in St. Martin Parish as the "Coach Raymond Lavergne Sr. Memorial Bridge"; 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. 83 by Representative Cox

## AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 3, after the semi-colon ";" insert "to designate the elevated portion on Louisiana Highway 31 in St. Martin Parish as the "Coach Raymond Lavergne Sr. Memorial Bridge";"

## AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"Section 2. The elevated portion of Louisiana Highway 31 in the town of Arnaudville, St. Martin Parish, which crosses Bayou Fuselier, shall be known and is hereby designated as the "Coach Raymond Lavergne Sr. Memorial Bridge"."

## AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 9, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

## AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 10, after "reflecting" and before "provided" change "this designation" to "these designations"

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. 90—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT  
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 69 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3291, relative to preventing restaurant reservation fraud; to provide for definitions; to

provide for written agreements; to provide for civil penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 91—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:333(C)(2)(b) and (G), relative to disclosure of financial records; to require satisfaction of certain conditions before a bank may disclose financial records; to provide for notification and service requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 131—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1992(C), relative to ad valorem tax assessments in Calcasieu Parish; to provide for limitations for the filing of complaints heard by the board of review in Calcasieu Parish; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 174—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, BOYER, BRAUD, CHASSION, DICKERSON, FONTENOT, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, TARVER, WALTERS, AND WILEY

AN ACT

To designate the bridge located on U.S. 167 over the Kansas City Southern railroad in the city of Winnfield situated in Winn Parish, Louisiana, as the "Clayton Horne Memorial Bridge"; 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. 174 by Representative McFarland

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "the bridge" delete "name" and insert "designate"

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. 180—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

AN ACT

To redesignate a portion of United States Highway 425 between the northern junction of Louisiana Highway 132 and the southern junction of Louisiana Highway 584 in Richland Parish as the "Sheriff Gary Lynn Gilley Memorial Highway"; 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. 183—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1992(A)(1)(a), (B)(1), and (C) through (E), to enact R.S. 47:1992(H), and to repeal R.S. 47:1992(F), relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for the inspection of assessment lists; to provide for public hearings conducted by a board of review; to provide for certain notice requirements and limitations; to provide for certain actions related to the correctness of an assessment; to provide for the procedure for reviews related to the correctness of an assessment; to provide for the consideration of certain evidence in the review of the correctness of an assessment; to provide for requirements and limitations with respect to certain evidence; to provide for certain determinations by a board of review; to provide for appeals to the Louisiana Tax Commission; to provide for the limitation of liability under certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 291—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES GALLE AND EDMONSTON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 2315.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and 2315.2(B), relative to prescription in wrongful death and survival actions; to provide for a prescriptive period of two years from the date of death of the deceased; 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. 365—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1703.2 and 1703.3, relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for ad valorem property tax exemptions; to provide for the classification of certain property; to provide for the adjustment of fair market value percentage of certain property under certain circumstances; to authorize a parish to exempt certain property under certain circumstances; to authorize

certain payments to certain parishes; to provide for the administration of ad valorem property tax exemptions; to provide for limitations and requirements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 366—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 18(A) and (B) and to add Article VII, Sections 20.1 and 20.2 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for the classification of certain property; to authorize the exemption of certain property under certain circumstances; to authorize certain payments to certain parishes; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Under the rules, the above bill was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 404—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:364(C) and R.S. 47:301.4(B)(1), 1517(C), (E), and (F), 1601(A)(2)(a), 1621(D)(1), and 1676(C)(4), (D)(4)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), and (c), (E), and (F)(1), to enact R.S. 47:301.4(C)(4) and 303.1(D), and to repeal R.S. 26:346(B) and 354(C)(2) and R.S. 47:296.1, 1517(B)(1)(c) through (e) and (2) through (4), 1517.1, and 1624(A)(2), relative to tax administration; to provide for powers and duties of the Department of Revenue; to provide for administration of income, sales and use, and alcoholic beverage taxes; to provide with respect to rates of interest on certain tax obligations; to provide relative to refunds of overpayments of taxes; to prohibit payment of interest on refunds of certain sales tax overpayments; to provide for sourcing of certain sales; to provide relative to the functions of the office of debt recovery; to provide relative to the tax exemption budget; to repeal reporting requirements pertaining to certain tax incentives; to repeal outdated references and expired provisions of law; to provide for retroactive application of certain provisions of law; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 416—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1407 and to enact R.S. 47:1515 and 1676(M), relative to the enforcement and adjudication of certain tax matters; to prohibit certain lawsuits against the Department of Revenue and the office of debt recovery; to provide for the jurisdiction of the Board of Tax Appeals; to limit the Board of Tax Appeal's jurisdiction with respect to certain tax matters; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 428—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIACQUE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(1)(o) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(4)(a), 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; 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. 431—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHENEVERT, BAMBURG, BERAULT, CARVER, COATES, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, GALLE, HENRY, MIKE JOHNSON, MELERINE, WILDER, AND WYBLE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 2323(A), relative to comparative fault; to establish a modified compared fault system; to provide for the recovery of damages; to provide for an effective date; 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. 431 by Representative Chenevert

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 19, after "less than" and before "percent" change "fifty" to "fifty-one"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the end of line 3, change "fifty" to "fifty-one"

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. 434—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, CARLSON, CHENEVERT, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, GLORIOSO, MIKE JOHNSON, MELERINE, TURNER, AND WYBLE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:866(A)(1), (C), and (F), relative to the recovery for certain damages; to provide a limitation of recovery under certain circumstances; to require automobile insurance to recover certain damages; 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. 434 by Representative Dewitt

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 32:866(A)(1) and (C)" to "R.S. 32:866(A)(1), (C), and (F)"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, change "R.S. 32:866(A)(1) and (C)" to "R.S. 32:866(A)(1), (C), and (F)"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 4, insert the following:

"F.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no insurer shall lose any rights of subrogation for claims paid under the applicable insurance policy for the recovery of any sum in excess of the first ~~fifteen~~ one hundred thousand dollars of bodily injury and the first ~~twenty-five~~ one hundred thousand dollars of property damages.

(2) In claims where no suit is filed, the claimant's insurer shall have all rights to recover any amount paid by the claimant's insurer on behalf of the insured for the recovery of any sum in excess of the first ~~fifteen~~ one hundred thousand dollars of bodily injury and the first ~~twenty-five~~ one hundred thousand dollars of property damages.

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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. 443—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, BAMBURG, BERAULT, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, DEWITT, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, MELERINE, WILDER, AND WYBLE  
AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Article 2315.12, relative to delictual actions; to require certain notices; to provide procedural requirements; 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. 443 by Representative Henry

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 8, after "notify the defendant" and before "in" delete "and the defendant's insurer"

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. 450—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, BAMBURG, BERAULT, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMINT, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, TURNER, AND WYBLE

##### AN ACT

To enact Code of Evidence Article 306.1, relative to the presumption of causation of injuries; to prohibit a presumption of causation in certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; to provide for prospective application; to provide for an effective date; 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. 528—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:501(B) and (C)(1), 502(A) and (B), 504(A)(2) and (8), 505, 508(A) through (D) and (F) and (G), 508.1, 508.2(A), (B), and (F), and 508.3(A)(2) and (3) and to enact R.S. 36:4(B)(38), 504(B)(6) and (7), 506(E) through (F), 508(H) through (K), and 508.2(G) through (I), relative to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction under the division of administration; to add the office of transformation and the office of project delivery to the composition of the Department of Transportation and Development; to reconstruct the functions, powers, and duties of officers of the department; to change the appointing authority of certain officials; to require the office of transformation to operate under the supervision of the office of project delivery; to designate certain powers and duties to the assistant secretary for project delivery; to remove the powers and duties of the office of planning; to create districts within the office of operations; 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. 528 by Representative Bourriaque

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "and (B)" delete "503,"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "505," delete "506(A), 507," and after "(B)," delete "(D),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, after "R.S. 36:4(B)(38)," delete "501(C)(3),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 5, after "and (7)," delete the remainder of the line and insert "506(E) through (F), 508(H) through (K), and 508.2(G)"

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## AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 6, after "to the" and before "Louisiana" insert "office of" and after "Construction" delete "Authority," and insert "under the division of administration;"

## AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 7, after "project" and before "to" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, line 10, after "officials;" and before "to require" delete "to designate unclassified subordinates;"

## AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 1, at the beginning of line 11, change "engineering" to "transformation" and at the end of line 11, change "management;" to "delivery;"

## AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 1, at the beginning of line 13, change "management;" to "delivery;"

## AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, line 1, after "and (B)," delete "503,"

## AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, line 2, delete "506(A), 507," and after "(B)," delete "(D),"

## AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 2, at the end of line 3, delete "501(C)(3),"

## AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 2, line 4, after "and (7)" delete the remainder of the line and insert "506(E) through (F), 508(H) through (K), and"

## AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 2, line 15, after "(38)" insert "Office of" and after "Construction" delete "Authority" and before the period "." insert "under the division of administration"

## AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 2, line 29, after "finance," delete "the office of engineering,"

## AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 3, at the beginning of line 1, change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 3, delete lines 4 through 8 in their entirety

## AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 3, at the end of line 11, change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 3, line 15, change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 3, at the beginning of line 17, delete "their direct reports and the direct reports of"

## AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 3, line 25, after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 4, delete lines 4 through 17 in their entirety.

## AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 4, delete lines 25 through 27 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(8) In coordination with the deputy secretary, provide for, initiate, and facilitate the ongoing transfer of duties and functions of the department to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction."

## AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 5, line 27, after "governor" insert ", which salary shall not exceed the amount approved for such position by the legislature while in session"

## AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 6, line 2, after "secretary" and before the period "." insert "or the governor"

## AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 6, line 8, after "project" and before "to" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 6, delete lines 17 through 22 in their entirety and insert the following:

"D. In order to measure the performance of the department, no later than January 1, 2026, the office of transformation shall be fully empowered to develop, implement, and evaluate annually Key Performance Indicators (KPI's). At a minimum, the strategic goals of these KPI's, shall focus on asset management, workforce efficiency, innovation, safety, and stakeholder customer services."

## AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 6, delete lines 23 through 29 in their entirety

## AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 7, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety

## AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 7, line 19, after "Fund" and before "the" delete "and" and insert a comma "," and after "Subfund" insert ", and any one time funding allocation"

## AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 7, delete lines 22 through 25 in their entirety

## AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 7, at the beginning of line 26, change "G." to "F."

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 7, at the beginning of line 28, delete "the secretary of"

AMENDMENT NO. 34

Delete page 8 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 35

On page 9, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety and insert a set of asterisks " \* \* \*"

AMENDMENT NO. 36

On page 9, line 4, after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 37

On page 9, line 7, after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 38

On page 9, line 9, after "development," and before "design," insert "planning."

AMENDMENT NO. 39

On page 9, line 17, after "project" and before "shall" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 40

On page 9, at the end of line 18, delete "an"

AMENDMENT NO. 41

On page 9, at the beginning of line 19, delete "unclassified employee"

AMENDMENT NO. 42

On page 9, line 20, after "of the secretary" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 43

On page 9, line 21, delete "rules for classified employees"

AMENDMENT NO. 44

On page 9, line 22, after "competent" delete "engineer" and insert "project manager"

AMENDMENT NO. 45

On page 9, line 30, after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 46

On page 10, line 2, after "by the" delete the remainder of the line and insert "governor."

AMENDMENT NO. 47

On page 10, line 6, after "The" and before "shall" delete "assistant secretary" and insert "chief engineer"

AMENDMENT NO. 48

On page 10, line 9, after "secretary" and before the comma "," insert "or the assistant secretary"

AMENDMENT NO. 49

On page 10, line 14, after "The" and before "secretary" insert "assistant"

AMENDMENT NO. 50

On page 10, line 15, delete "assistant secretary" and insert "chief engineer" and after "the" and before "secretary" insert "assistant"

AMENDMENT NO. 51

On page 10, line 16, after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 52

On page 10, at the end of line 17, delete "assistant"

AMENDMENT NO. 53

On page 10, line 19, after "assistant secretary" delete "shall administer" and insert "may assign a manager the duties of administering"

AMENDMENT NO. 54

On page 10, line 24, after "secretary" delete the remainder of the line and insert a period "."

AMENDMENT NO. 55

On page 10, delete line 25 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 56

On page 10, line 26, after "The" and before "secretary" insert "deputy"

AMENDMENT NO. 57

On page 10, at the end of line 29, after "of the" and before "secretary" insert "deputy"

AMENDMENT NO. 58

On page 11, delete lines 3 through 6 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 59

On page 11, at the beginning of line 7, change "K." to "J."

AMENDMENT NO. 60

On page 11, line 8, after "project" and before "and" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 61

On page 11, at the beginning of line 10, change "L." to "K."

AMENDMENT NO. 62

On page 13, delete line 4 through 9 in their entirety

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## AMENDMENT NO. 63

On page 13, line 14, after "designate" and before "senior" delete "an unclassified" and insert "a"

## AMENDMENT NO. 64

On page 13, line 17, after "by" and before "district" delete "an unclassified" and insert "a"

## AMENDMENT NO. 65

On page 13, at the beginning of line 18, after "secretary." insert "Each district's lab shall report directly to the department's material engineer administrator."

## AMENDMENT NO. 66

On page 13, line 23, after "Ouachita," and before "and" change "Richard" to "Richland"

## AMENDMENT NO. 67

On page 14, line 2, after "St. Martin," and before "Iberia," change "Vermillion," to "Vermilion."

## AMENDMENT NO. 68

On page 14, line 17, after "Requiring" and before "district" delete "unclassified"

## AMENDMENT NO. 69

On page 14, line 20, after "Empowering" and before "district" delete "unclassified"

## AMENDMENT NO. 70

On page 14, line 22, after "and the" and before "district" delete "unclassified"

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

Under the rules, the above bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 556—** BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIUAQUE AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1(1) and (2), 23, 35(B) and (E)(1)(b), 53, 76, 78(C), 92, 94, 105(B)(2), 105.1(C), 203(B), 207(A), 229.1(A), (B), and (D) through (G), 231(A)(1), (5), and (6), 250.3(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and (G), 250.3.1(F), 251(C), 255(B)(6), 259, 261(A)(1), (B) and (C), 263, 265, 269(B), 286, 292(B), 292.1(E)(1)(f) and (2), 295.1(3), 381(A)(introductory paragraph), (C)(3)(a), (D), (E)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (2), and (I), 381.1(D), and 381.4(introductory paragraph), to enact R.S. 48:78(D) and (E), 78.1, 105(B)(5), 196(D) and (E), 224.1(E), and 229.1(H), and to repeal R.S. 48:79, 163.1, and 230, relative to the various reform operations within the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; to define assistant secretary for project delivery; to improve project oversight and ensure better coordination across all stages of project development and implementation; 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. 556 by Representative Bourriaque

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "78(C)," delete the remainder of the line

### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 3 in its entirety and insert "92, 94, 105(B)(2), 105.1(C),"

### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, after "207(A)," delete "220(A), 223(C),"

### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 5, after "and (6)" delete "233,"

### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 6, after "259," delete "260,"

### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 7, after "295.1(3)," delete the remainder of the line

### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, line 8, after "381(A)(introductory paragraph)," change "(C)(1) and (3)(a)" to "(C)(3)(a)"

### AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 1, line 9, after "and (I)," delete the remainder of the line and insert "381.1(D), and"

### AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 1, line 10, after "381.4 (introductory paragraph)," delete the remainder of the line

### AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 1, at the beginning of line 11, delete "(c), and 442.1(3)(b),"

### AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 1, line 14, after "project" and before "to" change "management;" to "delivery;"

### AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 1, line 18, after "78(C)," delete the remainder of the line

### AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 1, delete line 19 in its entirety and insert "92, 94, 105(B)(2), 105.1(C), 203(B), 207(A),"

### AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 2, at the beginning of line 1, delete "220(A), 223(C)," and after "and (6)" delete "233,"

### AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 2, at the beginning of line 3, delete "260,"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 2, line 4, after "295.1(3)," delete "342, 343, 344, 346(introductory paragraph),"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 2, line 5, change "(C)(1) and (3)(a)" to "(C)(3)(a)" and after "and (I)," delete the remainder of the line and insert "381.1(D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 2, delete line 6 in its entirety and insert "and 381.4(introductory paragraph)"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 2, line 7, delete "442(3)(b) and (c), and 442.1(3)(b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 2, line 13, after "project" and before "means" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 2, line 14, after "authority" and before "for" delete "and lead engineer" and after "project" and before "within" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 3, line 8, after "project" and before "may" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 3, line 21, after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 6, line 8, after "Fund" and before "the" delete "and" and insert a comma "," and after "Subfund" and before "shall" insert ", or state allocated one-time monies"

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 6, at the end of line 15, change "undersecretary" to "deputy secretary"

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 6, at the beginning of line 20, change "C." to "C.(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 6, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following:

"(2) Alternatively, the department shall examine best practices to develop and implement a state-of-the-art internal information system that conveniently and accurately monitors the status of its functions statewide."

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 7, delete lines 6 through 20 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 7, line 22, after "The" and before "or" delete "assistant secretary for project management" and insert "chief engineer"

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 7, line 25, after "or" and before "by" insert "the assistant secretary for project delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 7, line 26, after "office" delete the remainder of the line and insert "to the assistant secretary for project delivery."

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 7, at the beginning of line 27, delete "of the department"

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 7, line 28, delete "assistant secretary for project management" and insert "chief engineer"

AMENDMENT NO. 34

On page 8, delete lines 19 through 30 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 35

Delete page 9 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 36

On page 10, line 5, after "project" and before "or" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 37

On page 10, delete lines 10 through 28 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 38

On page 11, at the beginning of line 19, change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 39

On page 11, delete lines 28 through 30 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 40

On page 12, delete lines 1 through 19 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 41

On page 15, line 9, after "given" and before "numerical" delete "a"

AMENDMENT NO. 42

On page 15, line 21, after "(b)" and before "one" change "Only" to "Any"

AMENDMENT NO. 43

On page 15, line 22, after "the" and before "on" delete "Joint Committee" and insert "House and Senate committees"

AMENDMENT NO. 44

On page 15, line 23, after "Works" and before "to" insert ", meeting jointly."

AMENDMENT NO. 45

On page 15, delete lines 26 through 30 in their entirety

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## AMENDMENT NO. 46

On page 16, delete lines 1 through 10 in their entirety

## AMENDMENT NO. 47

On page 16, line 16, after "The" insert "chief engineer and" and after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 48

On page 17, line 2, after "the" insert "chief engineer and the" and after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 49

On page 17, line 8, after "The" insert "chief engineer and the" and after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 50

On page 17, line 11, after "The" insert "chief engineer and the"

## AMENDMENT NO. 51

On page 17, line 12, after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 52

On page 17, line 16, after "the" insert "chief engineer and the"

## AMENDMENT NO. 53

On page 17, at the beginning of line 17, change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 54

On page 17, line 27, after "The" insert "chief engineer and the" and after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 55

On page 18, line 1, after "The" insert "chief engineer and the" and after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 56

On page 18, line 24, after "the" insert "chief engineer and the" and after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 57

On page 18, at the beginning of line 27, insert "chief engineer and the" and after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 58

On page 19, delete lines 10 through 21 in their entirety and insert a set of asterisks "\* \* \*"

## AMENDMENT NO. 59

On page 19, at the beginning of line 25, delete "The" and insert "No later than June 30, 2026, the"

## AMENDMENT NO. 60

On page 20, line 17, after "may" and before "reduce" delete "in no way"

## AMENDMENT NO. 61

On page 21, delete lines 16 through 22 in their entirety

## AMENDMENT NO. 62

On page 22, at the end of line 1, after "of the" insert "chief engineer or the"

## AMENDMENT NO. 63

On page 22, line 2, after "project" change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 64

On page 23, line 17, after "the" and before "assistant" delete "assistant secretary for project management" and insert "assistant secretary for project delivery in consultation with the chief engineer."

## AMENDMENT NO. 65

On page 24, line 3, change "assistant secretary for project management" to "chief engineer and the assistant secretary for project delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 66

On page 24, line 8, after "by the" insert "chief engineer and the"

## AMENDMENT NO. 67

On page 24, at the beginning of line 9, change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 68

On page 24, at the end of line 17, delete "assistant" and insert "chief engineer, assistant secretary of project delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 69

On page 24, at the beginning of line 18, delete "secretary of project management"

## AMENDMENT NO. 70

On page 24, delete lines 22 through 28 in their entirety

## AMENDMENT NO. 71

Delete page 25 in its entirety

## AMENDMENT NO. 72

On page 26, line 3, change "management" to "delivery"

## AMENDMENT NO. 73

On page 26, delete lines 6 through 22 in their entirety

## AMENDMENT NO. 74

On page 26, line 23, after "The" delete "assistant secretary for project management" and insert "chief engineer"

## AMENDMENT NO. 75

On page 26, line 25, after "to" and before "percent" change ".05" to "twenty-five"

AMENDMENT NO. 76

On page 26, line 28, delete "assistant secretary for project management" and insert "chief engineer"

AMENDMENT NO. 77

On page 26, line 29, after the comma "," and before "decline" change "may" to "shall"

AMENDMENT NO. 78

On page 27, at the end of line 1, after "to" delete "so"

AMENDMENT NO. 79

On page 27, line 4, after "project" and before the comma "," change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 80

On page 27, line 11, after "project" and before "or" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 81

On page 27, line 26, after "project" and before "or" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 82

On page 28, line 4, after "project" and before the comma "," change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 83

On page 28, delete lines 10 through 15 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 84

On page 28, line 17, after "project" and before "may" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 85

On page 28, delete lines 23 through 28 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 86

On page 29, delete lines 1 through 9 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 87

On page 29, line 11, after "project" and before "or" change "management" to "delivery"

AMENDMENT NO. 88

On page 29, delete lines 25 through 29 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 89

Delete page 30 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 90

Delete page 31 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 91

Delete page 32 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. 557—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:2201(B) and 2266.1(A)(1), relative to ad valorem taxation; to provide for ad valorem tax administration by political subdivisions; to provide with respect to tax lien certificate property; to authorize conversion of certain adjudicated property to tax lien certificate property; to provide for requirements applicable to those conversions; to provide for enforcement of tax lien certificates; to provide for a prior Act of the Legislature of Louisiana; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 557 by Representative Braud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "tax" and before "certificate" delete "sale" and insert "lien"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "tax" and before "certificate" delete "sale" and insert "lien"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the end of line 1, delete "sale" and insert "lien"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 3, after "tax" and before "certificate." delete "sale" and insert "lien"

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

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 591—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:2202(A)(1) and 2247(A), relative to tax sales and adjudicated property; to provide for the sale of property to third parties; to provide for bid prices when selling adjudicated property; to authorize alternative to minimum bid amounts; to provide for the termination of tax lien certificates; to provide for costs associated with the termination of lien certificates; to provide for a prior Act of the Legislature of Louisiana; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 621—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIUAQUE  
AN ACT

To enact Part IX of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.51 through 220.56, relative to the Louisiana Highway Construction Authority, to create the Louisiana Highway Construction Authority; to establish legislative intent; to provide for its authority and purpose; to provide definitions; to designate certain powers and duties; to provide for its organization; to provide for funding; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The substitute was read by title as follows:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 640** (Substitute for House Bill No. 621 by Representative Bourriaque)—  
BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIUAQUE, DICKERSON, AND DOMANGUE  
AN ACT

To enact Part IX of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.51 through 220.53, relative to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction, within the office of the governor, division of administration; to define the term "office"; to designate certain powers, duties, and responsibilities of the office; to provide for an executive director of the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to establish the duties and responsibilities of the executive director; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Bourriaque, the substitute was adopted and became House Bill No. 640 by Rep. Bourriaque, on behalf of the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, as a substitute for House Bill No. 621 by Rep. Bourriaque.

Under the rules, lies over in the same order of business.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Firmont, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Reports of Committees at this time.

**Reports of Committees**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on  
Insurance

April 16, 2025

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Insurance to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 248, by Wilder  
Reported with amendments. (14-3-1)

House Bill No. 379, by Wright  
Reported favorably. (11-7)

House Bill No. 440, by Henry, Chance  
Reported with amendments. (11-7)

House Bill No. 496, by Hebert  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 549, by Schamerhorn  
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 576, by Carter, Robby  
Reported with amendments. (13-4-1)

MICHAEL "GABE" FIRMENT  
Chair

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment**

April 16, 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. 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.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO  
A RESOLUTION

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL  
A RESOLUTION

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER  
A RESOLUTION

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

**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.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS  
A RESOLUTION

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Pastor Damian J. Brown.

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.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Retirement to submit their weekly schedule and request a meeting time of 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025, a time not permitted by the previously adopted schedule.

**Leave of Absence**

Rep. Braud - ½ day

Rep. Davis - 1 day

**Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 3:49 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House

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

