

**THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL
OF THE
SENATE
OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

TWENTY-NINTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

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

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 11:30 o'clock A.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Fesi	Myers
Abraham	Foil	Pressly
Allain	Hensgens	Price
Barrow	Hodges	Reese
Bass	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Selders
Bouie	Lambert	Stine
Carter	Luneau	Talbot
Cathey	McMath	Wheat
Cloud	Miller	Womack
Duplessis	Mizell	
Edmonds	Morris	
Total - 34		

ABSENT

Connick	Jackson-Andrews	Owen
Harris	Miguez	
Total - 5		

The President of the Senate announced there were 34 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Reverend Francis "Boo" Crevelling Kay, following which the Senate joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Senator Stine, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of June 10, 2025, was adopted.

Message from the Governor

The following message(s) from the Governor was received and read as follows:

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

June 8, 2025

The Honorable Cameron Henry
President of the Senate
900 N. 3rd St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

The Honorable Yolanda Dixon

Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
900 N. 3rd St., Basement
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: Senate Bill Number 111 of the 2025 Regular Session by Senator Alan Seabaugh

Dear President Henry and Secretary Dixon:

I am notifying you that I have vetoed Senate Bill 111 from the 2025 Regular Session.

Louisiana welcomes insurance companies and appreciates those that fulfill their obligations promptly, especially during times of hardship. However, it is well known that some insurers delay claim payments as long as possible. Our bad faith penalty statute is the main tool to discourage this conduct.

Senate Bill 111 would prevent insured individuals and third-party claimants from challenging an insurer's refusal to settle certain casualty claims unless four specific conditions are met. This change would make it easier for insurance companies to deny valid claims, introduce legal uncertainty, and leave policyholders with limited options for recourse. For these reasons, I cannot allow this bill to become law.

Historically, some large insurers have adopted strategies to delay and deny claims, minimize payouts, and aggressively defend against policyholders who contest low settlements. These tactics-such as stalling, prioritizing company profits over policyholders, and using aggressive legal defenses-have resulted in record profits for some insurers, often at the expense of those they insure. As Senator Josh Hawley recently described in a Congressional hearing, "our customers' worst day is your big profit opportunity." Such practices have become all too common, especially in the aftermath of natural disasters, as seen after events like the 1998 California earthquake, Hurricanes Helene and Katrina, and Superstorm Sandy.

This issue is not limited to property insurance. Senate Bill 111 would allow liability and casualty insurers in Louisiana to profit from the misfortunes of our citizens by limiting their ability to challenge insurers' refusals to settle personal injury claims unless four narrow requirements are met.

Louisiana Revised Statute 22:1892(I) requires insurers to act in good faith and to handle claims fairly and promptly. The Louisiana Supreme Court has confirmed that this statute provides policyholders a cause of action if an insurer breaches these duties, as outlined in *Kelly v. State Farm Fire & Cas. Co.*, 2014-1921 (La. 5/5/15), 169 So.3d 328. If an insurer refuses to pay a valid claim after receiving sufficient evidence, current law allows for penalties to be imposed-serving both as protection for policyholders and as a deterrent against bad faith delays.

Recent legislation restructured and amended bad faith statutes, and it significantly reduced the maximum penalty in favor of insurers. See Act 3 of the 2024 Regular Session. Damages for breach changed from "any damages sustained as a result of the breach" to "proven economic damages sustained as a result of the breach." The maximum statutory penalty changed from the greater of "an amount not to exceed two times the damages sustained or five thousand dollars" to the greater of "fifty percent of the damages sustained or five thousand dollars." The penalty for failing to pay the amount of a claim - changed from "Failing to pay the amount of any claim due any person insured by the contract within sixty days after receipt of satisfactory proof of loss" to "Failure to pay the amount of any claim due to any person insured by the contract within the period provided by law following receipt..." Act 3 also enacted a bad faith statute dealing with property - that new statute is R.S. 22:1892.2.

Senate Bill 111 would shield insurers from having to defend their decisions to deny settlements, broaden the scope of R.S. 22:1982(I), and give insurers a broad defense that would severely limit policyholders' ability to hold them accountable. Some argue that the Kelly decision imposes strict liability on insurers who refuse to settle and later face judgments exceeding policy limits. However, there is no evidence of such strict liability. The law lists five specific acts that can constitute bad faith, and courts already evaluate these situations individually.

Additionally, including the "claimant in a claim for personal injury" as eligible to bring a cause of action would expand who can sue insurers, which conflicts with the intent of R.S. 22:1892(I). Recent legislation has already limited third-party claims against insurers, and existing law does not allow third parties to sue for bad

faith under this statute, except in cases where the insured assigns their rights.

A major concern with Senate Bill 111 is its requirement that insurers be given "the opportunity to conduct adequate discovery" before their refusal to settle can be challenged. This phrase is undefined and could be exploited to indefinitely delay claims, simply by asserting that discovery is incomplete. The bill does not clarify what "discovery" means or when it must occur, which could lead to confusion and abuse.

Testimony during committee hearings suggested that bad faith claims generally become relevant only after a trial and judgment, by which point insurers have received ample opportunity to investigate. Allowing insurers to claim they have not had enough discovery at any stage of litigation would create procedural complications and could result in repeated delays and dismissals, increasing costs and burdens for claimants and the courts.

In summary, good insurance companies should have no problem with this veto, they take care of business and pay their claims timely. Senate Bill 111 will not reduce litigation or streamline claims processing. Instead, it would make it harder for policyholders to challenge insurers who act in bad faith. This is not in the best interest of Louisiana's citizens. The bill would allow insurers to deny claims, refuse reasonable settlements, and avoid accountability, undermining the protections policyholders currently have under our law.

For these reasons, I vetoed Senate Bill 111 and returned it to the Legislature. I remain committed to working with lawmakers on balanced reforms that protect both insurers and the citizens they serve, while discouraging frivolous lawsuits. If the legislature would like to make reasonable changes to the bad faith statute next year, I will gladly work with them over the next year to make those changes.

Sincerely,
JEFF LANDRY
Governor

Message from the House

**CONCURRING IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70—
BY SENATOR MILLER**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of retired Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Harry T. Lemmon.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on House Bill No. 77**

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on **House Bill No. 77** the following members of the Senate:

Senators Edmonds,
Jenkins
and Womack.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on House Bill No. 466**

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on **House Bill No. 466** the following members of the Senate:

Senators Edmonds,
Jackson-Andrews
and Mizell.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on House Bill No. 467**

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on **House Bill No. 467** the following members of the Senate:

Senators Barrow,
Boudreaux
and Talbot.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on House Bill No. 473**

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on **House Bill No. 473** the following members of the Senate:

Senators Edmonds,
Price
and Stine.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on House Bill No. 518**

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on **House Bill No. 518** the following members of the Senate:

Senators Bass,
Foil
and Reese.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on House Bill No. 535**

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on **House Bill No. 535** the following members of the Senate:

Senators Carter,
Kleinpeter
and Miller.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on House Bill No. 570**

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on **House Bill No. 570** the following members of the Senate:

Senators Cathey,
Mizell
and Morris.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on House Bill No. 578**

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on **House Bill No. 578** the following members of the Senate:

Senators Foil,
Talbot
and Pressly.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on House Bill No. 579**

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on **House Bill No. 579** the following members of the Senate:

Senators Edmonds,
Pressly
and Womack.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on House Bill No. 665**

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on **House Bill No. 665** the following members of the Senate:

Senators Foil,
Jenkins
and Mizell.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on House Bill No. 686**

The President of the Senate appointed to the Conference Committee on **House Bill No. 686** the following members of the Senate:

Senators Miguez,
Miller
and Jenkins.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on Senate Bill No. 16**

The President of the Senate appointed the following members to confer with a like committee from the House to consider the disagreement on **Senate Bill No. 16**:

Senators McMath,
Allain
and Talbot.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on Senate Bill No. 42**

The President of the Senate appointed the following members to confer with a like committee from the House to consider the disagreement on **Senate Bill No. 42**:

Senators Selders,
Cloud
and Womack.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on Senate Bill No. 128**

The President of the Senate appointed the following members to confer with a like committee from the House to consider the disagreement on **Senate Bill No. 128**:

Senators Carter,
Harris
and Reese.

**Appointment of Conference Committee
on Senate Bill No. 165**

The President of the Senate appointed the following members to confer with a like committee from the House to consider the disagreement on **Senate Bill No. 165**:

Senators Miller,
Allain
and Reese.

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 16** by Senator McMath:

Representatives Beaulieu, Firment and Echols.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 37** by Senator Hensgens:

Representatives Hebert, Carver and Jacob Landry.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like

committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 42** by Senator Selders:

Representatives Miller, Firment and Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 55** by Senator Miller:

Representatives Glorioso, Emerson and Henry.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 122** by Senator Abraham:

Representatives Romero, Beaulieu and Geymann.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 128** by Senator Gary Carter:

Representatives Bacala, Robert Carter and Villio.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 162** by Senator Reese:

Representatives Beaulieu, Emerson and Echols.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 165** by Senator Miller:

Representatives Bacala, Villio and Wiley.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 191** by Senator Edmonds:

Representatives Freiberg, Gadberry and Farnum.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 195** by Senator Harris:

Representatives Knox, Gadberry, and Willard.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 220** by Senator Cathey:

Representatives Echols, Gadberry and Miller.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **Senate Bill No. 233** by Senator Edmonds:

Representatives Carver, Emerson and Carlson.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 63** by Representative Green:

Representatives Hughes, Robert Carter and Michael Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 138** by Representative Dewitt:

Representatives Dewitt, Miller and LaCombe.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 293** by Representative Melerine:

Representatives Melerine, Crews and Echols.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 365** by Representative Deshotel:

Representatives Deshotel, Beaulieu, and Carver.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 366** by Representative Deshotel:

Representatives Beaulieu, Emerson and Carver.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 404** by Representative Willard:

Representatives Willard, Emerson and Brass.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 466** by Representative Carlson:

Representatives Carlson, Schlegel and Emerson.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 467** by Representative Hilferty:

Representatives Hilferty, Firment and Davis.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 473** by Representative Emerson:

Representatives Emerson, Schlegel and Carlson.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 518** by Representative Geymann:

Representatives Geymann, Emerson and Carlson.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 535** by Representative Mandie Landry:

Representatives Mandie Landry, Beaulieu and Emerson.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 570** by Representative Carver:

Representatives Hebert, Vice and Deshotel.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 578** by Representative Emerson:

Representatives Emerson, Michael Johnson and Brass.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 579** by Representative Emerson:

Representatives Emerson, McFarland and Beaulieu.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 665** by Representative Willard:

Representatives Willard, Emerson and Hughes.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 686** by Representative Robert Owen:

Representatives Robert Owen, Beaulieu and Farnum.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 688** by Representative Braud:

Representatives Braud, Bourriaque and Boyer.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 690** by Representative Owen:

Representatives Owen, Miller and Crews.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Concurrent Resolution No. 69** by Representative Carver:

Representatives Carver, Jacob Landry and Beaulieu.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 194—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to review the effectiveness of the current Medicaid managed care program and improve upon the department's oversight of the managed care organization contracts and to submit a report to the Senate outlining efforts to improve oversight and health outcomes.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 195—

BY SENATOR HENRY

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Energy Infrastructure and Modernization.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**Senate Resolutions on
Second Reading**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 186—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Alternative Therapies for Veterans.

On motion of Senator McMath the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 187—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request Louisiana medical schools to integrate courses on nutrition and metabolic health into the medical school curriculum.

On motion of Senator McMath the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 188—

BY SENATOR DUPLISSIS

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for a study commission to examine and recommend policies that facilitate the implementation of innovative, market-oriented energy and resilience financing solutions to empower Louisiana's economy.

The resolution was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 189—

BY SENATOR OWEN

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Lake Castle Slidell Private School SeaPerch team for earning third place in the obstacle course event at the 2025 International SeaPerch Challenge, and to recognize their exemplary performance, innovation, and commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education.

On motion of Senator Owen the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 190—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Louisiana Alcoholic Beverage Permit Streamlining Task Force to study ways to streamline the application for and issuance of state, parish, and municipal alcoholic beverage permits, eliminate duplicative processes and procedures, and to recommend to the Senate any proposals for legislation the task force deems necessary or appropriate prior to February 1, 2026.

On motion of Senator McMath the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 191—

BY SENATORS JACKSON-ANDREWS, BARROW, CLOUD, HODGES AND MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Supreme Court to transmit truancy reports to the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children.

On motion of Senator Jackson-Andrews the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 192—

BY SENATOR REESE

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Committee on Judiciary B to study recent technological advancements regarding lotteries and determine whether such advancements conform with Louisiana law.

The resolution was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 193—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To provide for the Task Force on Child Abuse Investigation Processes.

On motion of Senator Barrow the was read by title and adopted.

**Senate Resolutions on
Second Reading, Subject to Call**

Called from the Calendar

Senator Cathey asked that Senate Resolution No. 179 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 179—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the federal government of the United States, including Congress and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to reconsider any policies that may lead to reductions in Medicaid funding for the forty-nine rural hospitals in Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title and withdrawn from the files of the Senate.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

SENATE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senator Caleb Seth Kleinpeter, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

June 11, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 126—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, FREIBERG, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, LAFLEUR, MARCELLE, OWEN, ROMERO, AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to state funding for parish councils on aging; to modify the funding formula for determining annual state funding for each such council; to provide for distribution of such funding; to provide minimum amounts to be appropriated for such funding; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
Chair

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions
on Second Reading
Just Reported by Committees**

Senator Kleinpeter asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up House Bills and Joint Resolutions just reported by Committees.

HOUSE BILL NO. 126—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, FREIBERG, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, LAFLEUR, MARCELLE, OWEN, ROMERO, AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to state funding for parish councils on aging; to modify the funding formula for determining annual state funding for each such council; to provide for distribution of such funding; to provide minimum amounts to be appropriated for such funding; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions
Returned from the House of Representatives
with Amendments**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY SENATORS DUPLESSIS, BOUDREAU, CLOUD, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MYERS AND PRESSLY AND REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT, BOYD, BRASS, CARRIER, CHASSION, EGAN, HEBERT, JACKSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MCFARLAND, MENA, NEWELL, PHELPS, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS AND WILLARD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Fatherhood Engagement to study how Louisiana can increase the engagement of fathers in the lives of their children, to research best practices, and develop recommendations for each state agency to promote the full inclusion of fathers and the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children.

The concurrent resolution was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 by Senator Duplessis

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, line 2, change "(i)" to "(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, line 4, change "(ii)" to "(b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, line 6, change "(iii)" to "(c)"

Senator Duplessis moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Morris
Abraham	Fesi	Myers
Allain	Foil	Owen
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Hodges	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Stine
Cathey	Luneau	Talbot
Cloud	Miguez	Wheat
Connick	Miller	Womack
Duplessis	Mizell	
Total - 35		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris	McMath
Jackson-Andrews	Selders
Total - 4	

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—
BY SENATOR MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish the Louisiana-Ireland Trade Commission.

The concurrent resolution was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Bayham to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21 by Senator Mizell

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 15, after "Senate" and before "appointed" delete "or their designee," and insert a comma ","

June 11, 2025

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 17, after "Representatives" and before "appointed" delete "or their designee," and insert a comma ","

Senator Mizell moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Edmonds Morris
Abraham Fesi Myers
Allain Foil Owen
Barrow Hensgens Pressly
Bass Hodges Price
Boudreaux Jackson-Andrews Reese
Bouie Jenkins Seabaugh
Carter Kleinpeter Stine
Cathey Lambert Talbot
Cloud Luneau Wheat
Connick Miguez Womack
Duplessis Miller
Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris McMath
Jackson-Andrews Selders
Total - 4

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Career Alignment to study the development of a statewide strategy for implementing strategic education-to-career counseling across public postsecondary institutions in order to retain Louisiana's graduates in the state.

The concurrent resolution was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Engrossed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:
"(20) One member appointed by the president of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, line 10, after "Universities," delete the remainder of the line and delete line 11 and insert "the president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, and the president of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana."

Senator Edmonds moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Edmonds Mizell
Abraham Fesi Morris
Allain Foil Myers
Barrow Hensgens Owen
Bass Hodges Pressly
Boudreaux Jackson-Andrews Price
Bouie Jenkins Reese
Carter Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Cathey Lambert Stine
Cloud Luneau Talbot
Connick Miguez Wheat
Duplessis Miller Womack
Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris McMath Selders
Total - 3

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the K-12 School Safety Task Force to study and make recommendations relative to school safety and security.

The concurrent resolution was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Engrossed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 7, after "a" and before "safety" insert "physical"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

- On page 2, delete lines 18 through 21 and insert the following:
(5) The executive director of the Louisiana School Boards Association, or his designee.
(6) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, or his designee.
(7) The president of the Louisiana Association of Educators, or his designee.
(8) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, or his designee."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

- On page 2, delete lines 25 through 27 and insert the following:
(11) The president of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, or his designee.
(12) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of Principals, or his designee.
(13) The president of the Louisiana School Facility Managers Association, or his designee."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

- On page 3, delete line 2 and insert the following:
(17) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, or his designee.
(18) The chairman of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, or his designee, who shall serve as an ex-officio member."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 30, after "Marshal," delete the remainder of the line and on page 4, delete line 1, and insert "the executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the chairman of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council."

Senator Edmonds moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Morris
Abraham	Fesi	Myers
Allain	Foil	Owen
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Hodges	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Bouie	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	Miguez	Wheat
Connick	Miller	Womack
Duplessis	Mizell	
Total - 35		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris	McMath
Luneau	Selders
Total - 4	

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
Returned from the House of Representatives
with Amendments**

SENATE BILL NO. 8—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 2(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state and city civil service; to authorize additional positions in the unclassified service by law enacted by the legislature; to prohibit the commission from removing persons added to the unclassified service by the legislature unless by law specifically enacted by the legislature; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

The bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

SENATE BILL NO. 25—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to certain effects and purposes for the proposed St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish which shall be regarded and treated as a parish and shall have the authority granted parishes with respect to operating a school system, including the purposes of certain funding and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to specify an election date for submission of the proposition to electors and to provide for a ballot proposition.

The bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
Returned from the House of Representatives
with Amendments, Subject to Call**

Called from the Calendar

Senator Hensgens asked that Senate Bill No. 38 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 36—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:1105(D), relative to carbon sequestration; to provide for the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the commissioner of conservation; to provide for public hearings; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 36 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "enact" change "R.S. 30:1105(D)" to "R.S. 30:1105(Section heading) and (D)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "Section 1." change "R.S. 30:1105(D) is" to "R.S. 30:1105(Section heading) and (D) are"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, after "notice;" and before "public" delete "rules of procedures; emergency; service of process;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 8, after "records" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 10, after "**The**" and before "**shall**" change "**commissioner**" to "**secretary**"

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Geymann to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 36 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3610)

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Geymann to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 36 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "to" and before "relative" delete "enact R.S. 30:1105(D)," insert "amend and reenact R.S. 30:1107(C) and (D) and to enact R.S. 30:1105(D) and 1107(E),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "hearings;" and before "and to" insert "to provide for certificates of public convenience and necessity;"

June 11, 2025

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "Section 1." and before "hereby" delete "R.S. 30:1105(D) is" and insert "R.S. 30:1107(C) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 30:1105(D) and 1107(E) are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, after line 13, insert the following:

§1107. Certificates of public convenience and necessity; certificate of completion of injection operations

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection B of this Section, if any transporter of carbon dioxide has previously been issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity prior to the effective date of this Subsection, that certificate shall continue to remain valid and in force.

D. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of completion of injection operations to the operator applying therefor if, after a public hearing pursuant to R.S. 30:6, it is determined that such operator has met all of the conditions required for such certificate, including the requirements of R.S. 30:1109.

E. Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter or any rule, regulation, or order issued by the commissioner under this Chapter to the contrary, accepting or acting pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity or a certificate of completion of injection operations issued under this Chapter; compliance with the provisions of this Chapter or with rules, regulations, or orders issued by the commissioner under this Chapter; or voluntarily performing any act which could be required by the commissioner pursuant to this Chapter or rules, regulations, or orders issued by the commissioner under this Chapter shall not have the following consequences:

(1) Cause any storage operator or transporter of carbon dioxide for storage to become or be classified as a common carrier or a public utility for any purpose whatsoever.

(2) Subject any storage operator or transporter of carbon dioxide for storage to any duties, obligations, or liabilities as a common carrier or public utility under the constitution and laws of this state.

(3) Increase the liability of any storage operator or transporter of carbon dioxide for storage for any taxes otherwise due to the state of Louisiana in the absence of any additions or amendments to any tax laws of this state.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."

Senator Hensgens moved to reject the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Morris
Abraham Foil Myers
Allain Hensgens Owen
Barrow Hodges Pressly
Boudreaux Jackson-Andrews Price
Bouie Jenkins Reese
Carter Kleinpeter Seabaugh
Cathey Lambert Stine
Cloud McMath Talbot
Connick Miguez Wheat
Duplessis Miller Womack
Edmonds Mizell

Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bass Luneau
Harris Selders

Total - 4

The Chair declared the Senate rejected the amendments proposed by the House.

Called from the Calendar

Senator Foil asked that Senate Bill No. 65 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 65—

BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6006(A), the introductory paragraph of (B)(1), (2) and (4), relative to the tax credit for local inventory taxes paid; to prohibit trusts and estates from claiming the credit; to provide for the ability of cooperatives to claim the credit under certain circumstances; to provide for the ability of S corporations to claim the credit under certain circumstances; to provide relative to the carry forward period; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Emerson to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 65 by Senator Foil

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 6, after "Title." and before "the amount" delete "If" and insert "Unless otherwise provided, if"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, at the beginning of line 10, delete "personal"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 14, after "filed" and before "income" delete "personal"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, at the end of line 20, delete "personal"

Senator Foil moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Myers
Abraham Foil Owen
Allain Hensgens Pressly
Barrow Hodges Reese
Boudreaux Jackson-Andrews Seabaugh
Bouie Jenkins Selders
Carter Kleinpeter Stine
Cathey Lambert Talbot
Cloud Miguez Wheat
Connick Miller Womack
Duplessis Mizell
Edmonds Morris

Total - 34

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bass	Luneau	Price
Harris	McMath	
Total - 5		

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

Called from the Calendar

Senator McMath asked that Senate Bill No. 239 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 239—
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:130.401(A), 130.402(A)(1) and (2)(a) and (b), (E), (F), (G) and (H), and to repeal R.S. 33:130.402(A)(2)(c) and (d), relative to the St. Tammany Parish Development District; to provide relative to the purposes of the district; to provide relative to the district board of commissioners, members, and officers; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 239 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete line 29 in its entirety and on page 3, delete line 1 in its entirety and insert the following: "selected by the parish president, of the St. Tammany Parish: Council chairman or his designee, and a member of the St. Tammany Parish Council selected by the council chairman. The regional board or commission member and the selected council member shall not serve on the committee for more than two consecutive years. The nominating committee shall submit its slate of nominees to the board"

Senator McMath moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Reese
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Bouie	Jenkins	Selders
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miguez	Womack
Duplessis	Miller	
Edmonds	Mizell	
Total - 34		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bass	Luneau	Price
Harris	Pressly	
Total - 5		

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

Message from the House

**RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION
AFTER 57th CALENDAR DAY**

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House, by a record vote of two-thirds of its elected members, has adopted a motion to consider **House Bill No. 479** on Third Reading and Final Passage after the 57th legislative day and ask the Senate to concur in the same.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on
Third Reading and Final Passage**

HOUSE BILL NO. 479—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY, BACALA, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, COATES, COX, DEWITT, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MELERINE, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, PHELPS, ROMERO, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VILLIO, WALTERS, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:715 and R.S. 46:1847 and 1848, relative to the creation of a comprehensive victims' services system; to provide for a Crime Victims' Bill of Rights; to provide for victim notification; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide certain rights to crime victims, witnesses, and family members; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Morris moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Myers
Abraham	Foil	Owen
Allain	Hensgens	Pressly
Barrow	Hodges	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Bouie	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Carter	Kleinpeter	Selders
Cathey	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Connick	Miller	Wheat
Duplessis	Mizell	Womack
Edmonds	Morris	
Total - 35		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bass	Luneau
Harris	McMath
Total - 4	

June 11, 2025

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it returned to the House. Senator Morris moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

Motion to Allow Consideration

Senator Edmonds moved the adoption of a motion to allow the Senate to consider House Bill No. 321 on Third Reading and Final Passage, after 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the 57th calendar day pursuant to the consent of the House.

HOUSE BILL NO. 321— BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.13(A)(2), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) through (E) and to enact R.S. 17:8.1(A)(8) and 24.13(F), relative to teachers; to require instruction and testing on numeracy as a component of teacher certification; to require professional development for certain math teachers; to require numeracy coaches to provide training for such teachers; and to provide for related matters.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing names of Senators who voted 'YEAS' in three columns: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi; Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMATH, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris; Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Selders, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table listing names of Senators who were absent: Bass, Harris. Total - 2

The Chair declared that the motion to allow the Senate to consider House Bill No. 321 after 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the 57th calendar day was adopted and the bill may be considered pursuant to the consent of the House.

Rules Suspended

Senator Talbot asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to:

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 195— BY SENATOR HENRY A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Energy Infrastructure and Modernization.

Senator Talbot asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up Senate Resolution No. 195.

On motion of Senator Talbot the resolution was read by title and adopted.

Recess

On motion of Senator Henry, the Senate took a recess at 12:22 o'clock P.M. until 1:30 o'clock P.M.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order at 1:57 o'clock P.M. by the President of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

PRESENT

Table listing names of Senators present in three columns: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds; Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez; Miller, Mizell, Myers, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Talbot, Wheat, Womack. Total - 30

ABSENT

Table listing names of Senators absent in three columns: Barrow, Carter, Cathey; Harris, Jackson-Andrews, Morris; Owen, Selders, Stine. Total - 9

The President of the Senate announced there were 30 Senators present and a quorum.

Senate Business Resumed After Recess

Rules Suspended

Senator Talbot asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to invoke 5 minute cloture.

Without objection, so ordered.

Privileged Report of the Legislative Bureau

June 11, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Legislative Bureau to submit the following report:

The following instruments are approved as to construction and duplication.

HOUSE BILL NO. 126— BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, FREIBERG, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, LAFLEUR, MARCELLE, OWEN, ROMERO, AND THOMPSON AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to state funding for parish councils on aging; to modify the funding formula for determining annual state funding for each such council; to provide for distribution of such funding; to provide minimum amounts to be appropriated for such funding; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
GREGORY A. MILLER
Chair

Adoption of Legislative Bureau Report

On motion of Senator Gregory A. Miller, the Bills and Joint Resolutions were read by title and passed to a third reading.

Conference Committee Reports Received

June 11, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 136—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1464.1, relative to rate transparency reports; to require certain reports with rate filings; to provide for report review and approval; to provide for report requirements; to authorize rule and regulation promulgation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 326—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:571(B), 572(B) through (E), and 599(A)(2), (5), and (6), relative to the Louisiana Cosmetology Act; to provide for membership of the state board of cosmetology; to provide for the qualifications of board members; to provide for fees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 371—

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, GLORIOSO, HORTON, MACK, MCCORMICK, MOORE, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, TARVER, TAYLOR, VENTRELLA, WILDER, AND WYBLE AND SENATOR HODGES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5232(1), 5233, 5234(3), (5), and (6)(introductory paragraph), 5237, 5239, and 5240(A) and (B) and R.S. 17:407.33(1) and to enact R.S. 13:5232(7) and 5233.1 and R.S. 17:236.1(H) and 407.33(9) and (10), relative to the Preservation of Religious Freedom Act; to provide relative to the free exercise of religion; to provide for protections for places of worship; to prohibit certain restrictions against places of worship; to provide for an effective date; to provide relative to home study cooperatives; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 688— (Substitute for House Bill No. 633 by Representative Braud)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (i) and (ii), (2)(b) through (e), (3)(a) through (c), and (4) and (D) and to enact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(a)(xii) and (f) and (g), relative to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank; to change membership of the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East; to appoint the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as secretary of the nominating committee; to replace certain requirements of the regional directors, or in their absence, the presidents of the boards of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank with the chair; to change timeframes for notification of unexpected and expected vacancies within the flood authorities, to reduce consecutive terms of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

The Conference Committee Reports for the above legislative instruments lie over under the rules.

Message from the House

**ADOPTION OF
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 36**.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

**ADOPTION OF
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 67**.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

**ADOPTION OF
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 310**.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

**ADOPTION OF
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 326**.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 327.

Respectfully submitted, MICHELLE D. FONTENOT Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 340.

Respectfully submitted, MICHELLE D. FONTENOT Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 371.

Respectfully submitted, MICHELLE D. FONTENOT Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 445.

Respectfully submitted, MICHELLE D. FONTENOT Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 476.

Respectfully submitted, MICHELLE D. FONTENOT Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 544.

Respectfully submitted, MICHELLE D. FONTENOT Clerk of the House of Representatives

Rules Suspended

Senator Barrow asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to the Morning Hour.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 196—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Police to study and make recommendations regarding the reduction of distracted driving, the implementation of driver refresher courses, and the improvement of driver understanding and navigation of modern traffic control designs.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 197—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To create the Baton Rouge SWOT Analysis Study Commission to perform a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis of the city of Baton Rouge to ensure its vitality as the capital of the state of Louisiana and to foster its continued growth and prosperity.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 198—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To express a desire for strong relations between the state of Louisiana of the United States and the Bantu kingdom of Buganda in Uganda.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 199—

BY SENATOR CLOUD

A RESOLUTION

To commend David Sickey on his election as chairman of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana and to recognize his dedication to transparent, community-centered leadership.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 200—

BY SENATOR TALBOT

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Licensing Board for Contractors and the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council to study and report to the legislature findings and recommendations, including proposals for legislation, regarding adoption of the fortified roof building standards into the building codes for the coastal zone.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 201—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

A RESOLUTION

To memorialize Congress and urge the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to reconsider any policies that may lead to reductions in Medicaid funding for hospitals in Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions Returned from the House of Representatives with Amendments

Called from the Calendar

Senator Edmonds asked that No. 25 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 25—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to certain effects and purposes for the proposed St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish which shall be regarded and treated as a parish and shall have the authority granted parishes with respect to operating a school system, including the purposes of certain funding and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to specify an election date for submission of the proposition to electors and to provide for a ballot proposition.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 25 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 9 through 10 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026, if House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana becomes effective. If House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the

Legislature of Louisiana does not become effective, this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026."

Senator Edmonds moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing names of members voting YEAS: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Kleinpeter, Lambert, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

Total - 28

NAYS

Table listing names of members voting NAYS: Barrow, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Duplessis, Jenkins, Luneau, Price, Selders.

Total - 9

ABSENT

Table listing names of members who were ABSENT: Harris, Jackson-Andrews.

Total - 2

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

Called from the Calendar

Senator Morris asked that Senate Bill No. 8 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 8—

BY SENATOR MORRIS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 2(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state and city civil service; to authorize additional positions in the unclassified service by law enacted by the legislature; to prohibit the commission from removing persons added to the unclassified service by the legislature unless by law specifically enacted by the legislature; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 4 and 5 and at the beginning of line 6, delete "by the legislature;" and insert the following: "law; to prohibit the removal of such positions except by law;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 25, after "law" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 26 and insert the following: "and such officers, positions, or employees may not be removed by a"

June 11, 2025

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 1, after "law" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 2 and insert the following: "may be removed only by law."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 4, after "held on" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 5 and insert the following: "April 18, 2026, if House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana becomes effective. If House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana does not become effective, this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, delete lines 10 through 12 and insert the following: "Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to add officers, positions, and employees to the unclassified civil service which can be removed only by the legislature?"

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete Amendment No. 5 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#3654)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, delete lines 10 through 12 and insert the following: "Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to remove or add officers, positions, and employees to the unclassified civil service?"

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Beaulieu to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete the set of amendments by the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure (#3851)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Delete Amendments Nos. 2, 3, and 5 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#3654)

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, delete "and city"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 3, after "unclassified" and before "service" insert "state civil"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, at the end of line 22, insert "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, at the end of line 24, delete the semicolon ";" and delete "and" and insert a period "."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete lines 25 through 27

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 29, after "commission." delete the remainder of the line and on page 3, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert the following: "Additional officers, positions, and employees may be added to the unclassified service in the state civil service by law and such additional officers, positions, and employees may be removed from the unclassified service only by law."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, delete lines 10 through 12 and insert the following: "Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to remove or add officers, positions, and employees to the unclassified state civil service?"

Senator Morris moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table listing names of members voting 'YEAS' in three columns: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Kleinpeter, Lambert, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack.

Total - 28

NAYS

Table listing names of members voting 'NAYS' in three columns: Barrow, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Duplessis, Jenkins, Luneau, Price, Selders.

Total - 9

ABSENT

Table listing names of members who were 'ABSENT': Harris, Jackson-Andrews.

Total - 2

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

Called from the Calendar

Senator Hensgens asked that Senate Bill No. 244 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 244— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 193 by Senator Hensgens)

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1(A), (B), and (C), 3(3), (6), (7), (9), and (18), 4(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(1)(a)(v) and (b), (14), (16)(b), (17)(b), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1), (2), (3)(a) and (b), and (5), (E), (F), (G), (H), introductory paragraph of (I), (I)(1), (3), (4), (5), (9), and (11), (K), introductory paragraph of (L)(1), introductory paragraph of (M), (M)(3), introductory paragraph of (6) and (6)(b), introductory paragraph of (4), (4)(a), and (5), (O)(1) and (2), (P), (Q), introductory paragraph of (R), and (T), introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:4.1(B)(1) and (2), (C), (D), (E), (F)(1), (I), and (K), 4.2, 4.3, 5(A), (B), (C)(1)(a) and (b), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (4), and (6), and (D)(1) and the introductory paragraph of (2), 5.1(A)(1), (2), introductory paragraph of (3), (3)(e), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9), (B)(1), (2), and introductory paragraph of (3), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12), and (13), 5.2(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (E), (G), and (H), 6, 6.1(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 8(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4), and (B), introductory paragraph of 9(A), (B), (C), and (D), 10(A)(1), (2)(a)(i), (b)(ii)(ii), introductory paragraph of (vi), (vi)(bb), (c), (d), and (f), and (3), (B), and (C)(7), 10.1(B)(1), (3), (4), and (5), 11.1, 12(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), introductory paragraph of (5), and (5)(f), and (C), 13, 14, 15, 18(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), (c)(i)(ff), (ii), (iii), (d), and (e), and (B), 20(A) and (D), 21(A) and (B)(1), (a), (b), (c), the introductory paragraph of (d) and (e), and (2)(a) and (b), the introductory

paragraph of 22(B) and (C), (D), and (E), introductory paragraph of 23(B), (C), and (D), 23.1(A), 25(A)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), (D), (E), and (F), 26(A), 27(A), (D), and (F), 28(A), (C), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), (F), (G), (H), introductory paragraph of (I)(1)(a), (d), and (g), and (J), 29(A) and (B)(1), 41, 42, 44, 45, 48, introductory paragraph of 61, 73(1), 74(A) and (B), 79(A), (B), and (C), 82(1), (6), (7), (11), and (14), 83(A)(5) and (7), 83.1(B)(3), 85(A)(3) and (C), 86(A)(2), (D)(8), (9), and (10), (E)(2) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, (6), and (7), (G), and (H), 88(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (I), and introductory paragraph of (J), 88.1(A)(3) and (4), (C), (D), (E), (G), and (H), 88.2(C), introductory paragraph of (E), (E)(1), and (F), 89(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(2) and (3), and (D), 90(C), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1) and (4), and (E)(4), introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:91(A), 91(A)(1), (B)(1), (2)(a) and (c), (3), and (4), and (D), 92(A) and (C), introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:93(A), 94(A), introductory paragraph of (B)(1), (2)(b), and (3), and (C), 95(B), (C), and (D), 101.2(A), 101.3(2), 101.4, 101.5(A)(2), introductory paragraph of 101.6(A) and (B), 101.7(A), 101.8, introductory paragraph of 101.9(D)(1) and (2), 101.10(A) and introductory paragraph of (B), 101.13(A) and (B)(2), and (C)(4), 101.14(A) and (B), introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:103.1(A), 121(A), (C), and (D), 125, 127.1(C)(10) and (11), and (D), 129(B)(1)(a), 135, 136.3(B)(1), (C) and (D), 143(D)(2) and (3), 148.8, 148.9(A)(1) and (2), 153, 172, 209(4)(e), 209.1(A) and (B)(1), 413(A) and (B), 414(A), 502(D), 503(1), (2), (4), (6), and (8), 504, the introductory paragraph of 521(A) and 521(C), 524, 525, introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:541 and 541(2), 544(A) and (B), introductory paragraph of 546(A), (A)(5), (B), and (C), introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:548, 551, 557(A), (B), (C), (D), the introductory paragraph of (E), (E)(1), (F), and (G), 558(A), (B), (D), (F), (G), and (H), 559(A) and (C), 560(B), (C), and (D), 561(A), (B), and (C), 571, introductory paragraph of 572(1), (1)(f), (h), and (i), 603(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (G), 604, 681.1(5), (8), and (9), 681.2(2) and (3), 702(1), (2)(b), and (5), 703, 704(B), (C), (D), and (E), 705(A) and (B), 706, 707, 722, 723(A), (F), and (H), 731(1), 732, 802, 904(2), (4), (7), (9), (12), (20), 905(A), introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(2), (8), and (9), and (C), 905.1(A) and (B)(2), introductory paragraph of 905.3(A)(1), (B), (C), (E)(1), and (F), 906.1, 907(A) and introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(9), (11), (12), (13)(b), (15), (17), and (18), (C)(1), (D), (F), and (G), 908(A)(12) and (B), 915(B)(7), (9), (10)(f), (12), introductory paragraph of (15), (15)(e), (20), (22)(e), (25), introductory paragraph of (C)(2), (2)(d), introductory paragraph of (3), and (4), (D)(3) and (4), (E)(1), (4), and (5), 917(A)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (3), (B), (D), (E), (F), and (G), 921, 1102(B), 1103(10), (14), and (15), introductory paragraph of 1104(A), 1104(A)(3), (9), (10), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (D), (E), and (F), 1108(A)(1), (B), and (D), introductory paragraph of 1109(A)(1), 1109(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G), 1110(A), (B)(1), introductory paragraph of (C), introductory paragraph of (C)(1), (1)(b), (f), (g), and (h), (2), and (3), introductory paragraph of (G), (H), and (I), 2200, 2455, introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:2456(A), R.S. 31:115(C)(1)(b), R.S. 36:351, 352, 353, 354(A)(7), (10), (13), and (15), (B)(1)(b), (2), (4), (6), (8), (10), and (12), 355, 356, 357, 358, the introductory paragraphs of 359(A) and (B), (B)(1) and (2), and (C), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 38:3076(A), 3076(A)(24) and (C), 3087.136(4), 3087.138, 3092(2) and (4), 3093, 3094(A)(1) through (4), the introductory paragraph of 3094(B), (B)(7), the introductory paragraph of 3094(C), and (C)(1), 3097.1(C), 3097.2(1), (4), (7), and (9), 3097.3(A) and (B), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.3(C) and (C)(4)(a), (C)(4)(a)(v) and (b), and (8), (D), (E), (F)(1), the introductory paragraphs of (2), (d), and (f), and (G), 3097.6(A), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.6(B) and (B)(3), 3097.8(A) and (C), the introductory paragraph of 3098(A), 3098(B) and (E), and 3098.1(4), R.S. 44:4.1(B)(19), R.S. 45:252, R.S. 49:214.29(B), R.S. 56:432.1(C)(2), 700.13(B), and 700.14(B), to enact R.S. 30:3(21) and (22), 4(C)(21), (D)(6), 21.1, 86(I) and (J), 93(C), Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Subtitle 1 of Title 30 of the

Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprise of 98.1 through 98.11, 124.1, 136.3(B)(6), 209(6), 2454(33), R.S. 36:351.1, 354(B)(13) and (14), 354.1, and 356.1(B)(6) and (7) and (D), R.S. 38:3098(G), R.S. 39:1367(E)(2)(b)(xi), and R.S. 45:251(4) and to repeal R.S. 17:200 through 220, R.S. 30:4(N), 85(D)(11), 86(F), 2458, and 2470 through 2474, and R.S. 38:3097.4, 3097.7, and 3098.6(A)(1), relative to the Department of Energy and Natural Resources; to rename the Department of Energy and Natural Resources as the Department of Conservation and Energy; to provide for the structure and organization of the department; to provide for definitions; to provide for bonding authority; to provide for the creation of offices; to provide for the secretary; to provide for the deputy secretary; to provide for the undersecretary; to provide for directors; to provide for the authority to promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for expedited permits; to provide for the Natural Resources Financial Security Fund; to provide for enforcement; to provide for the Natural Resources Commission; to provide for the Louisiana Natural Resources Trust Authority; to provide for water resource management; to provide for net state supported debt; to provide for orphan oil wells; to provide for the State Mineral and Energy Board; to provide for the transfer of entities; to provide for the Oyster Lease Acquisition and Compensation Program; to provide for conditions, terms, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 244 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 30:1(A)" to "R.S. 30:1(Section heading), (A)" and after "and (C)," and before "3(3)," insert "the introductory paragraph of 3,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete line 7 in its entirety and insert "introductory paragraph of (I)(1)(a), (d), and (g), and (J), 29(A), (B)(1), (C)(1), (3)(a), (5), and (6)(b) and (c), (D)(1) through (3), (E)(1), (F), (H)(1), (I)(2) and (4), the introductory paragraph of (M)(1), and (M)(1)(c), 41, 42, 44,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 12, after "(H)," and before "88(B)" insert "87(A), the introductory paragraph of (F)(1)(a), and introductory paragraph of (b) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 11, after "921," and before "(14)," change "1102(B), 1103(10)," to "1102, 1103(3), (10),"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 13, delete "and (F)," and before "1108(A)(1)," insert "1107(B),"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 16, after "and (I)," and before "introductory" delete "2200, 2455," and insert "1115, 2200, 2455, and"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 17, after "of" and before "R.S. 31:115(C)(1)(b)" change "R.S. 30:2456(A)" to "2456(A)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, at the end of line 28, delete the comma "," and insert "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 29, after "21.1," and before "86(I)" insert "29(N),"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, line 1, after "1950," delete the remainder of the line and insert "to be comprised of 98.1 through 98.13, 124.1,"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, line 2, after "209(6)," and before "2454(33)," insert "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 4, line 3, after "and (D)," and before "R.S. 38:3098(G)," insert "and 600,"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 4, line 4, after "45:251(4)" and before "and" insert a comma "," and at the end of the line, insert "136.3(E), Part III of Chapter 2 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, comprised of R.S. 30:186 through 188, 1104(F), and after "30:4(N), insert "29(M)(1)(d),"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 4, line 5, after "2458," and before "and 2470" insert "2469,"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 4, line 19, after "procedures;" and before "and to provide" insert "to provide for the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity; to provide for carbon dioxide sequestration policy; to provide for notice; to provide for remediation; to provide for an administrative process for resolution of disputes within the department's jurisdiction; to provide for oilfield site restoration;"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 4, line 21, change "R.S. 30:1(A)" to "R.S. 30:1(section heading), (A)" and after "and (C)," and before "3(3)," insert "introductory paragraph of 3,"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 5, line 12, after "(J)," and before "41" delete "29(A) and (B)(1),"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 5, line 16, after "(H)," and before "88(B)" insert "87(A), introductory paragraph of (F)(1)(a), and introductory paragraph of (b) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana,"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 6, line 8, after "paragraph of" and before "(B)," change "R.S. 30:905.3(A)(1)," to "905.3(A)(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 6, at the beginning of line 14, change "1102(B), 1103(10)," to "1102, 1103(3), (10),"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 6, line 15, after "and (F)," and before "1108(A)(1)" insert "1107(B),"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 6, line 18, after "and (I)," and before "2200," insert "1115,"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 6, line 21, after "comprised of" and before "124.1," delete "98.1, through 98.11" and insert "98.1 through 98.13"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 6, line 25, after "appointment of" delete the remainder of the line and insert "secretary;"

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 6, line 26, after "jurisdiction" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 7, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

"Unless the context otherwise requires, the words defined in this Section have the following meaning when found in this Chapter
Subtitle:"

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 16, line 13, after "removed" and before "in" delete "after abandonment"

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 16, line 20, after "secretary" change "shall" to "may"

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 16, delete lines 21 through 23 and insert: "**require each pipeline operator to inspect the line; however,**"

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 16, at the end of line 26, delete "The" and delete lines 27 through 29

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 21, line 7, after "services." delete the remainder of the line, delete line 8 in its entirety, at the beginning of line 9, delete "**limited to R.S. 30:21.1, a**" and insert "**(b) A**"

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 21, at the beginning of line 17, delete "**(b)**" and insert "**(2)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 21, delete lines 21 through 29 and on page 22, delete lines 1 through 25 and insert:

(a) The procedure for requesting expedited processing.

(b) The procedure for the department to approve or deny a request for expedited processing.

(c) A timeline for the administrative and technical review portion of the expedited processing.

(d) The method of providing public notice of Subparagraphs (a) through (c) of this Paragraph through posting on the department's website.

(e) All documentation required to implement this Subsection, including but not limited to necessary forms, costs statements, and schedules.

(f) A process for the applicant to claim portions of the records submitted to the department pursuant to this Subsection as confidential, proprietary, or trade secret or otherwise exempt from public disclosure in accordance with the Public Records Law. At least three days prior to their release, the department shall notify the applicant of any public records request for records submitted to the department pursuant to this Subsection and claimed by the applicant as confidential, proprietary, trade secret, or otherwise exempt from public disclosure in accordance with the Public Records Law.

(3) An applicant for the issuance, review, or approval of any permit, modification, license, registration, plan proposal, exception, or variance under the jurisdiction of the department may request expedited processing.

(4) The secretary may decline, or revoke when previously approved, any request for expedited processing with written reasons subject to reconsideration for up to ten calendar days.

(5) The expedited processing timeline commences on the date the secretary grants the request for expedited processing. Expedited processing shall be deemed complete when the final decision is transmitted in writing or when the department notifies the applicant that a decision is ready.

(6) The First Circuit Court of Appeals shall have jurisdiction over a request for judicial review of a decision by the department pursuant to this Subsection. Judicial review pursuant to this Paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 30:12."

(3) An applicant for the issuance, review, or approval of any permit, modification, license, registration, plan proposal, exception, or variance under the jurisdiction of the department may request expedited processing.

(4) The secretary may decline, or revoke when previously approved, any request for expedited processing with written reasons subject to reconsideration for up to ten calendar days.

(5) The expedited processing timeline commences on the date the secretary grants the request for expedited processing. Expedited processing shall be deemed complete when the final decision is transmitted in writing or when the department notifies the applicant that a decision is ready.

(6) The First Circuit Court of Appeals shall have jurisdiction over a request for judicial review of a decision by the department pursuant to this Subsection. Judicial review pursuant to this Paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 30:12."

(3) An applicant for the issuance, review, or approval of any permit, modification, license, registration, plan proposal, exception, or variance under the jurisdiction of the department may request expedited processing.

(4) The secretary may decline, or revoke when previously approved, any request for expedited processing with written reasons subject to reconsideration for up to ten calendar days.

(5) The expedited processing timeline commences on the date the secretary grants the request for expedited processing. Expedited processing shall be deemed complete when the final decision is transmitted in writing or when the department notifies the applicant that a decision is ready.

(6) The First Circuit Court of Appeals shall have jurisdiction over a request for judicial review of a decision by the department pursuant to this Subsection. Judicial review pursuant to this Paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 30:12."

(3) An applicant for the issuance, review, or approval of any permit, modification, license, registration, plan proposal, exception, or variance under the jurisdiction of the department may request expedited processing.

(4) The secretary may decline, or revoke when previously approved, any request for expedited processing with written reasons subject to reconsideration for up to ten calendar days.

(5) The expedited processing timeline commences on the date the secretary grants the request for expedited processing. Expedited processing shall be deemed complete when the final decision is transmitted in writing or when the department notifies the applicant that a decision is ready.

(6) The First Circuit Court of Appeals shall have jurisdiction over a request for judicial review of a decision by the department pursuant to this Subsection. Judicial review pursuant to this Paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 30:12."

AMENDMENT NO. 34

On page 58, line 24, after "R.S. 33:2955," and before "and" insert "**including the use of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 35

On page 59, between lines 6 and 7, insert:

"(5) At the end of each fiscal year, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the Natural Resources Financial Security Fund any portion of a state general fund appropriation made to the Department of Conservation and Energy for a specific purpose in the General Appropriation Act that remains unexpended or unobligated."

AMENDMENT NO. 36

On page 59, delete lines 10 through 12

AMENDMENT NO. 37

On page 59, at the beginning of line 13, change "**(3)**" to "**(2)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 38

On page 59, at the beginning of line 15, change "**(4)**" to "**(3)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 39

On page 59, at the beginning of line 19, change "**(5)**" to "**(4)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 40

On page 59, at the beginning of line 25, change "**(6)**" to "**(5)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 41

On page 59, line 29, after "**by the**" change "**Board**" to "**board**", after "**implement**" delete the remainder of the line, and on page 60, at the beginning of line 1, delete "**Chapter**" and insert in lieu thereof "**any purpose for which monies in the Mineral and Operations Fund may be used**"

AMENDMENT NO. 42

On page 60, line 3, after "**E.**" change "**Effective**" to "**By**"

AMENDMENT NO. 43

On page 71, delete lines 5 through 29 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 44

On page 83, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:
"§87. Oilfield site restoration fees

A. There is hereby imposed on crude petroleum produced from producing wells in this state a fee on each barrel of oil and condensate as provided in this Section, **payable upon the initial disposition of each barrel of oil and condensate.** The fee is in addition to any tax imposed pursuant to Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The provisions of Chapters 17 and 18 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 shall apply to the administration, collection, and enforcement of the fee imposed in this Section, and the penalties provided by that code shall apply to any person who fails to pay or report the fee. Proceeds from the fee, including any penalties collected in connection with the fee, shall be deposited into the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund. B. There is hereby imposed on gas produced from producing wells in this state a fee for each thousand cubic feet as provided in this Section. The fee is in addition to any tax imposed pursuant to Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The provisions of R.S. 47:1 et seq. shall apply to the administration, collection, and enforcement of the fee, and the penalties provided by that Title shall apply to any person who fails to pay or report the fee. Proceeds from the fee, including any penalties collected in connection with the fee, shall be deposited into the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund.

F. The site restoration fee shall be the following:

(1) Full rate production shall include all production from oil or gas wells except for production from reduced rate production wells as set forth in R.S. 47:633(7).

(a) **For crude oil and condensate, the fee shall be based on the oil price on July first of each year for the ensuing twelve months based upon the Light Louisiana Sweet First Purchase Price per barrel of crude oil monthly average published by the United States Energy Information Administration for the preceding January first through December thirty-first available as of April first.** The amount of the fee for a well that produces crude oil and condensate shall be as follows:

* * *

(b) **For natural gas and casing head gas, the fee shall be based on the natural gas price on July first of each year for the ensuing twelve months based upon the Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Price average monthly price in dollars per million BTU published by the United States Energy Information Administration for the preceding January first through December thirty-first available as of April first.** For natural gas and casing head gas, the fee shall be as follows:

* * *

AMENDMENT NO. 45

On page 96, line 9, after "**this**" and before "**drilled**" change "**part**" to "**Part**"

AMENDMENT NO. 46

On page 101, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

§98.11. Agricultural use exemption

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, nothing in this Part shall be construed to impact, burden, or impose regulatory requirements or fees upon agricultural water users. Agricultural water use, including but not limited to irrigation, livestock watering, and other customary agricultural and horticultural purposes, shall be explicitly exempt from any regulatory or administrative oversight established pursuant to this Part. Participation in programs or initiatives established in this Part by agricultural users shall be strictly voluntary and without a fee.

§98.12. Public water supply prioritization

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in carrying out its authorities established by this Part the department shall prioritize and protect the sustainability of public water supplies in its management and regulatory decisions, consistent with the policy established in R.S. 38:3097.6. In exercising its authority under this Part, the department shall ensure that no regulatory or permitting action undermines or adversely impacts the availability or quality of water necessary for public water supply systems.

AMENDMENT NO. 47

On page 101, at the beginning of line 11, change "**§98.11**" to "**§98.13**"

AMENDMENT NO. 48

On page 106, delete line 28 in its entirety and insert "**A. Information submitted to the board, the office of mineral resources, or the office of state resources**"

AMENDMENT NO. 49

On page 107, line 2, after "**the**" delete "**Board or office of mineral resources**" and insert "**board or office**"

AMENDMENT NO. 50

On page 107, at the beginning of line 4, change "**A.**" to "**(1)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 51

On page 107, at the beginning of line 6, change "**B.**" to "**(2)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 52

On page 107, at the beginning of line 7, delete "**Information**" and insert "**B. Unless otherwise exempt from public release in accordance with the Public Records Law, information**"

AMENDMENT NO. 53

On page 107, line 8, after "**disclosure**" delete "**in accordance with Public Records Law**"

AMENDMENT NO. 54

On page 107, delete line 11 in its entirety and insert the following:

"C. The board, the office of mineral resources, or the office of state resources may promulgate rules or regulations establishing procedures for the submission, designation, handling, and protection of information designated as confidential pursuant to this Section."

June 11, 2025

AMENDMENT NO. 55

On page 107, line 16, after "application" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 17, delete "resources" and insert "in the form required by the department"

AMENDMENT NO. 56

On page 109, line 9, after "office of" change "mineral" to "state"

AMENDMENT NO. 57

On page 109, at the end of line 23, after "R.S. 33:2955" and before the period "." insert ", including the use of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool"

AMENDMENT NO. 58

On page 113, line 22, after "office of" change "mineral" to "state"

AMENDMENT NO. 59

On page 125, at the beginning of line 9, change "\$50,000,000.00" to "fifty million dollars"

AMENDMENT NO. 60

On page 166, delete line 25 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"A. It is declared to be in the public interest for a public purpose and the policy of Louisiana that:

(1) ~~The geologic storage of carbon dioxide will benefit the citizens of the state and the state's environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.~~

(2) Carbon dioxide is a valuable commodity to the citizens of the state.

(3) ~~Geologic storage of carbon dioxide may allow for the orderly withdrawal as appropriate or necessary, thereby allowing carbon dioxide to be available for commercial, industrial, or other uses, including the use of carbon dioxide for enhanced recovery of oil and gas.~~

(4)(2) It is the public policy of Louisiana and the purpose of this Chapter to provide for a coordinated statewide program related to the storage of carbon dioxide and to also fulfill the state's primary responsibility for assuring compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, including any amendments thereto related to the underground injection of carbon dioxide."

AMENDMENT NO. 61

On page 167, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

"(3) ~~"Commissioner"~~ has the same meaning as provided in R.S. 30:3. "Common carrier" means a transporter of carbon dioxide by pipeline for storage where there exists a reasonable probability that the pipeline will serve the public by transporting carbon dioxide for storage for one or more third parties.

* * *

AMENDMENT NO. 62

On page 170, delete lines 4 through 11 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 63

On page 170, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following: "§1107. Certificates of public convenience and necessity; certificate of completion of injection operations

* * *

B. The ~~commissioner shall~~ secretary may issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to ~~each~~ a transporter of carbon dioxide applying therefor, whether or not such transporter is also the storage operator, for the laying, maintaining, and operating of a pipeline for the transportation of carbon dioxide to a storage facility, and such rights necessary and incidental thereto if, after a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 30:6, the ~~commissioner~~ secretary determines that it is or will be in the present or future public interest to do so: and finds one of the following:

(1) The applicant requires the use of expropriation due solely to the presence of absentee owners that cannot be located after a reasonable attempt to do so.

(2) The applicant is or intends to operate as a common carrier.

* * *

AMENDMENT NO. 64

On page 174, line 9, after "33:2955," and before "and" insert "including the use of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool,"

AMENDMENT NO. 65

On page 177, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following: "§1115. Notifications regarding applications

A. No public or private legal entity shall engage in, nor shall any government agency permit, activity associated with carbon capture, use, or sequestration unrelated to enhanced oil and gas recovery, without first having delivered advance written notice via United States Postal Service certified mail to any person or persons owning or having any interest, including mineral rights, in property whose planned use includes such activities. Every applicant for a Class VI permit or a Class V permit related to a geologic sequestration project shall comply with the following:

~~A.(1) Within thirty days of receiving notice of an application for a Class VI injection well being~~ In order for an application for a Class VI permit to be deemed administratively complete, the owner or operator shall make a good faith effort to provide notice of the submission of the application via United States certified mail to all of the following located within the surface or subsurface extent of the area of review delineated in the permit application:

(1)(a) ~~The last operator of record for any oil or gas well located within the area of review delineated in the application.~~

(2)(b) ~~Any person known to the applicant after reasonable search that, including owners and operators, acting on behalf of the person, that presently has the right to drill into and produce from a pool and to appropriate production either for himself or others within the predicted or modeled carbon dioxide plume, as that term is defined in administrative rules and regulations providing for Class VI injection wells.~~ All mineral interest owners known to the applicant after a reasonable search, including owners in interest, mineral servitude owners, mineral lessees, and operators acting on behalf of such mineral interest owners.

(c) All surface owners.

~~B.(2) Within ten days of filing an application with the commissioner for a Class V stratigraphic test well~~ In order for an application for a Class V stratigraphic test well permit to be considered complete, the owner or operator shall make a good faith effort to provide notice of the submission of the application via United States certified mail to all of the following located within five hundred feet of the proposed well:

(1)(a) ~~The last operator of record for any oil or gas well located within five hundred feet of the proposed Class V stratigraphic test well location.~~

(2)(b) ~~Any person known to the applicant after reasonable search, including owners and operators, acting on behalf of the person, that presently has the right to drill into and produce from a pool and to appropriate production either for himself or others within five hundred feet of the proposed Class V stratigraphic test well location~~ All mineral interest owners known to the applicant after a reasonable search, including owners in interest, mineral servitude owners, mineral lessees, and operators acting on behalf of such mineral interest owners.

(c) All surface owners.

(3) Notice to all surface owners as required by this Section may be satisfied by notifying all persons shown on the parish assessor's rolls as the current owner of the surface rights for the land included within the applicable area of required notice.

B. The department shall also publish on its website a notice of each application for a Class VI permit or Class V permit related to a carbon dioxide sequestration project.

* * *

AMENDMENT NO. 66

On page 178, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"Section 2. R.S. 30:29(A), (B)(1), (C)(1) and (3)(a) and (5) and (6)(b) and (c), (D)(1) through (3), (E)(1), (F), (H)(1), (I)(2) and (4), and the introductory paragraph of (M)(1) and (c) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 30:29(C)(6)(d) and (N) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§29. Remediation of oilfield sites and exploration and production sites

A. The legislature hereby finds and declares that Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana mandates that the natural resources and the environment of the state, including ground water, are to be protected, conserved, and replenished insofar as possible and consistent with the health, safety, and welfare of the people and further mandates that the legislature enact laws to implement this policy. It is the duty of the legislature to set forth procedures to ensure that damage to the environment is evaluated and if necessary remediated to a standard that protects the public interest. To this end, this Section provides the procedure for judicial resolution of claims for environmental damage to property arising from activities subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources, office of conservation. The provisions of this Section shall be implemented upon receipt of timely notice as required by Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to impede or limit provisions under private contracts imposing remediation obligations in excess of the requirements of the department or limit the right of a party to a private contract to enforce any contract provision in a court of proper jurisdiction.

B.(1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, immediately upon the filing or amendment of any litigation or pleading making a judicial demand arising from or alleging environmental damage, including actions based in whole or in part on R.S. 30:16 or 26, the provisions of this Section shall apply, and the party filing same shall provide timely notice to the state of Louisiana through the Department of Energy and Natural Resources, commissioner of conservation and the attorney general. The litigation shall be stayed with respect to any judicial demand until thirty days after notice is issued and return receipt is filed with the court.

* * *

C.(1) If at any time ~~during the proceeding~~ a party admits liability for environmental damage or the finder of fact determines that environmental damage exists and determines the party or parties who caused the damage or who are otherwise legally responsible therefor, the court shall order the party or parties who admit responsibility or whom the court finds legally responsible for the damage to develop a plan or submittal for the evaluation or remediation to applicable regulatory standards of the contamination that resulted in the environmental damage. The court shall order that the plan be developed and submitted to the department ~~and the court~~ within a time that the court determines is reasonable and shall allow one hundred eighty days from the first date a party admits responsibility or one hundred eighty days of the date the court finds a party legally responsible, whichever occurs later. ~~the~~ The plaintiff or any other party ~~at least shall have~~ thirty days from the date each plan or submittal was ~~made submitted~~ to the department ~~and the court~~ to review the plan or submittal and to provide to the department ~~and the court~~ a with an alternate plan, comment, comments, or input in response ~~thereto to the plan or plans submitted.~~ The court may extend the time for filing any plan or comments for good cause shown. The department shall consider any plan, comment, or response provided timely by any party. The department shall submit to the court a schedule of estimated costs for review of the plans or submittals of the parties by the department and ~~the court~~ shall require the party admitting responsibility or the party found legally responsible by the court to deposit in the registry of the court sufficient funds to pay the cost of the department's review of the plans or submittals. Any plan or submittal shall include an estimation of cost to implement the plan.

* * *

(3)(a) The department shall use and apply ~~the~~ applicable regulatory standards including but not limited to the Risk Evaluation and Corrective Action Program (RECAP) and may use other exceptions to LAC 43:XIX.1 et seq., otherwise identified as Statewide Order No. 29-B, in approving or structuring a plan that the department determines to be the most feasible plan to evaluate or remediate the environmental damage. In any action governed by the provisions of this Section, the department shall consult with the landowner to consider exceptions, including RECAP, but shall not be required to obtain landowner consent.

* * *

(5) The court shall adopt the plan approved by the department as the most feasible plan, unless a party proves by a preponderance of the clear and convincing evidence that another timely submitted plan was provided to the department pursuant to this Subsection is a more feasible plan to adequately protect the environment and the public health, safety, and welfare. The court shall enter a judgment adopting a the most feasible plan with written reasons assigned. Upon adoption of a plan, the court shall order the party or parties admitting responsibility or the party or parties found legally responsible by the court to fund the implementation of the plan. The trial on the merits shall be stayed from the filing of a limited admission until the court adopts the most feasible plan.

(6)

* * *

(b) Any appeal under this Section of a judgment adopting the most feasible plan shall be taken to the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. The appeal of a judgment adopting the most feasible plan a de novo review and shall be heard with preference and on an expedited basis.

(c) The appellate court may affirm the trial court's adoption of a the most feasible plan or may adopt a most feasible plan in conformity with this Section and shall issue written reasons for its decision.

(d) In the absence of an express contractual provision providing for remediation to original condition or some other specific remediation standard, a party's legal responsibility is satisfied by meeting the standards set forth in applicable regulatory standards.

D.(1) Whether or not the department or the attorney general intervenes, and except as provided in Subsection H of this Section, all damages or payments in any civil action, including interest thereon, awarded for the evaluation or remediation of environmental damage shall be paid exclusively into the registry of the court in an interest-bearing account with the interest accruing to the account for clean-up evaluation or remediation.

(2) The court may allow any funds to be paid into the registry of the court to be paid in increments as necessary to fund the evaluation or remediation and implementation of any the most feasible plan or submittal adopted by the court under Paragraph (C)(5) of this Section. In any instance in which the court allows the funds to be paid in increments, whether or not an appeal is taken, the court shall require the posting of a bond for the implementation of the most feasible plan in such amount as provided by and in accordance with the procedures set forth for the posting of suspensive appeal bonds. Any such bond shall be valid through completion of the remediation. In lieu of paying funds into the registry of the court, the responsible party may at its option pay directly the cost of implementing the most feasible plan and post bond in an amount equal to the total cost of the most feasible plan as provided by and in accordance with the procedures set forth for the posting of suspensive appeal bonds. If a responsible party directly pays the cost of implementing the most feasible plan, then the responsible party shall provide to the district court a summary of costs paid each quarter until the earlier of when the most feasible plan is fully implemented or the district court orders that no further summaries are required.

(3) The court shall issue such orders as may be necessary to ensure that any such funds are actually expended in a manner consistent with the adopted and most feasible plan for the evaluation or remediation of the environmental damage for which the award or payment is made.

* * *

E.(1) In any civil action in which a party is responsible for damages or payments for the evaluation or remediation of environmental damage, a party providing evidence, in whole or in part, upon which the judgment is based shall be entitled to recover from the party or parties admitting responsibility or the party or parties found legally responsible by the court, in addition to any other amounts to which the party may be entitled, all costs attributable to producing that portion of the evidence that directly relates to the establishment of environmental damage, including, but not limited to, expert witness fees, environmental evaluation, investigation, and testing, the cost of developing a plan of evaluation or remediation, and reasonable attorney fees incurred in the trial court and the

department. Upon adoption of the most feasible plan by the trial court, a party admitting responsibility or a party found to be legally responsible for environmental damage shall not be responsible for any further attorney fees or costs including but not limited to expert witness fees, environmental evaluation, monitoring, investigation, and testing. Upon a finding by the court that a defendant did not cause or is otherwise not legally responsible for the alleged environmental damage, that defendant shall be entitled to recover from the plaintiff reasonable attorney fees and all costs including expert witness fees, environmental evaluation, monitoring, investigation, and testing if that defendant is found at trial not to have caused or is otherwise not legally responsible for the alleged environmental damage.

F. The court and the department shall retain oversight to ensure compliance with the plan. The party or parties admitting responsibility or the party or parties found legally responsible by the court shall file progress reports periodically as the court or the department may require.

H.(1) This Section shall not preclude an owner of land from pursuing a judicial remedy or receiving a judicial award for private claims suffered as a result of environmental damage, except as otherwise provided in this Section. Any award granted in connection with the judgment for additional remediation in excess of the requirements of the feasible plan adopted by the court ~~is not required to~~ shall not be paid into the registry of the court. Any award granted in connection with the judgment for damages awarded to fund the most feasible plan shall be paid into the registry of the court.

I. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(2) "Environmental damage" shall mean any actual or potential impact, damage, or injury to environmental media caused by actual or potential contamination resulting from activities associated with oilfield sites or exploration and production sites. Environmental media shall ~~include but not be limited to~~ mean soil, surface water, ground water, or sediment.

(4) "~~Feasible Plan~~ Most feasible plan" means the most reasonable plan which addresses environmental damage in conformity with the requirements of Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and is in compliance with the specific relevant and applicable standards and regulations promulgated by a state agency in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act in effect at the time ~~of clean up~~ the most feasible plan to evaluate or if necessary remediate contamination environmental damage resulting from oilfield or exploration and production operations or waste.

M.(1) In an action governed by the provisions of this Section, and notwithstanding any provision contained in this Section to the contrary, damages, including without limitation, remediation and nonremediation damages, may be awarded only for the following:

(c) ~~The cost of evaluating, correcting or repairing environmental damage upon a showing that such damage was caused by unreasonable or excessive operations based on rules, regulations, lease terms and implied lease obligations arising by operation of law, or standards applicable at the time of the activity complained of, provided that such damage is not duplicative of damages awarded under Subparagraph (a) or (b) of this Paragraph. Economic loss damages may be recovered if proven by a preponderance of the evidence. All other nonremediation damages shall be limited no less than the fair market value and no more than three hundred percent of the fair market value, as determined by the court, of the property impacted by environmental damage.~~

N. Any provision of any sale, transfer, or assignment of all or part of the rights to any oil and gas mineral lease, mineral

servitude, surface lease, predial lease, or use servitude which requires the purchaser, transferee, or assignee to defend against or indemnify the seller, transferor, or assignor for remediation of soil, sediment, groundwater, or provisions of this Subsection shall be null, void, and unenforceable. The provisions of this Subsection shall apply to any remediation obligations imposed by any statute, law, or regulation, including but not limited to R.S. 30:29 and to the State and Local Coastal Zone Resources Management Act of 1978 (R.S. 49:214.21 et seq.) and regulations thereunder, applicable to any "oilfield site" or "exploration and production (E&P) site" as defined in R.S. 30:29(I)(5), and applicable to any uses of an oilfield site or exploration and production site. The provisions of this Subsection shall also be applicable to any claims for injunctive relief under R.S. 30:16. The provisions of this Subsection shall apply both retrospectively and prospectively, but if retrospective application of this Paragraph, generally or to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional, then this entire Paragraph including its prospective application shall be invalid and unenforceable.

AMENDMENT NO. 67
On page 178, at the beginning of line 8, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

AMENDMENT NO. 68
On page 178, at the beginning of line 24, change "Section 3." to "Section 4."

AMENDMENT NO. 69
On page 178, line 27, after "and (D)" and before "are hereby" insert a comma "," and insert "and 600"

AMENDMENT NO. 70
On page 180, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:
"(8) The executive director of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission."

AMENDMENT NO. 71
On page 181, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:
"E. The legislature may establish advisory committees to advise the Natural Resources Commission on any matter within the jurisdiction of the commission. Advisory committees shall be established by resolution which, at a minimum, provides for the purpose of the advisory committee, either the membership of the committee or how the members will be appointed, and such other matters as the legislature deems appropriate. An advisory committee established pursuant to this Subsection shall terminate one year after the effective date of the resolution creating it unless a different term is expressly provided in the resolution or the advisory committee is reauthorized by subsequent resolution."

AMENDMENT NO. 72
On page 189, line 9, after "Ensure" delete "robust"

AMENDMENT NO. 73
On page 190, line 6, after "management of" change "this Section" to "the department"

AMENDMENT NO. 74
On page 190, delete lines 25 and 26 and insert:
"D. The authority may request that the state treasurer invest funds, or any portion thereof, under the control of the authority in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 33:2955, including the use of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool."

AMENDMENT NO. 75
On page 192, line 15, after "law," delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 16 through 19 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 76
On page 194, line 4, after "law." insert "The secretary and the commissioner of administration shall enter into and maintain a

memorandum of understanding regarding receipt, administration, and control of these payments to memorialize necessary arrangements associated with funding their respective departments."

AMENDMENT NO. 77

On page 196, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

** * *

§600. Administrative process for resolution of disputes

A. It is the intent of the legislature to establish a voluntary administrative process to provide an alternative means of resolving disputes arising from activities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and Energy. This process may be utilized upon mutual agreement of all parties involved as an alternative to any other administrative or judicial processes provided by law.

B. Procedural requirements.

(1) The administrative process shall initiate upon the submission of written requests by all involved parties to the secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy. The secretary may deny the request at his discretion, but notice of such denial shall be sent to all parties at the addresses provided in the written requests. If the secretary does not deny the request to utilize the administrative process, then the secretary shall forward to all parties an agreement setting forth the details of the process, how the hearing master's costs shall be paid, and other details of the process along with the retired judges list provided for in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. The administrative process shall not proceed until all parties have signed the agreement and the secretary appoints a hearing officer as set forth in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

(2) Upon receipt of the agreement signed by the parties, the secretary shall appoint a hearing master as follows:

(a) Qualified hearing masters shall be retired judges included in the retired judges list maintained by the Louisiana Supreme Court, licensed to practice law in the state, and in good standing with the Louisiana State Bar Association. They shall not have conflicts or relationships that could compromise impartiality, and they shall disclose any potential conflicts upon discovery.

(b) Preference shall be given to retired judges with expertise in administrative law, regulatory compliance, environmental matters, or relevant industry practices. The department may maintain and update a list of preferred candidates meeting these criteria.

(c) The parties shall jointly select a hearing master from the provided list within ten days. If agreement on selecting the hearing officer is not reached within fifteen days, the parties shall alternately strike names from the list until only one candidate remains, who shall be appointed by the secretary, subject to their availability. If unavailable, the process shall be repeated until an appointment is finalized.

C. Scope. The parties may mutually define the scope of matters subject to resolution through this administrative process, provided those matters involve activities that are within the jurisdiction and authority of the department as provided by law.

D. Recordation. The signed agreement to utilize this administrative process shall be recorded in the conveyance records of the parish where the regulated activity or disputed issue occurred. If the activity or issue is located in more than one parish, then the agreement shall be recorded in the conveyance records of all parishes where it is located.

E. Decision and remedies.

(1) The hearing master may grant any appropriate remedy or combination of remedies permissible under applicable law, including but not limited to monetary damages, injunctive relief, or specific performance.

(2) The hearing master shall issue a draft decision and provide copies via certified mail to the parties and the department for their review and comments, which shall be provided to the hearing master, other parties, and the department within thirty days.

(3) Any decision issued by the hearing master is final unless a review is requested by any party. A review, if requested, shall

be conducted en banc by a panel of three hearing masters selected by the secretary.

F. Publication. All final decisions and the rationale therefor shall be published on the department's website within thirty days of issuance.

G. Preemption. Unless all parties agree otherwise at the time they request the administrative process, any pre-existing and duly recorded contractual agreements or leases governing the relationship between the parties shall supersede this administrative process. A settlement agreed to by the parties after initiation of the administrative process but prior to the final decision of the hearing master shall supersede the administrative process as to the parties to the settlement.

H. Rulemaking authority. The department shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 78

On page 196, at the beginning of line 8, change "Section 4." to "Section 5."

AMENDMENT NO. 79

On page 208, at the beginning of line 18, change "Section 5." to "Section 6."

AMENDMENT NO. 80

On page 209, at the beginning of line 2, change "Section 6." to "Section 7."

AMENDMENT NO. 81

On page 209, at the beginning of line 14, change "Section 7." to "Section 8."

AMENDMENT NO. 82

On page 211, at the beginning of line 1, change "Section 8." to "Section 9."

AMENDMENT NO. 83

On page 211, at the beginning of line 8, change "Section 9." to "Section 10."

AMENDMENT NO. 84

On page 212, at the end of line 21, delete "fisherman"

AMENDMENT NO. 85

On page 212, delete line 25 in its entirety and insert "Section 11. R.S. 17:200 through 220, R.S. 30:4(N), 29(M)(1)(d), 85(D)(11), 86(F), 136.3(E), Part III of Chapter 2 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, comprised of R.S. 30:186 through 188, 1104(F), 2458, 2469, and 2470"

AMENDMENT NO. 86

On page 212, at the beginning of line 27, change "Section 11." to "Section 12."

AMENDMENT NO. 87

On page 213, at the beginning of line 1, change "Section 12." to "Section 13."

AMENDMENT NO. 88

On page 213, line 2, after "redesignate" change "R.S. 101.1" to "R.S. 30:101.1"

AMENDMENT NO. 89

On page 213, after line 3, insert the following:

"Section 14. In the event the Act which originated as House Bill No. 605 of the 2025 Regular Session becomes law, the Louisiana State Law Institute shall redesignate R.S. 30:21.1 as enacted by Section 1 of that Act as R.S. 30:4(Q)(1)(b), which shall supersede R.S. 30:4(Q)(1)(b) as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

Section 15. The provisions of R.S. 30:29 in existence prior to the enactment of Section 2 of this Act shall apply to any case in which the lawsuit for damages has been filed within twenty-six months of the effective date of Section 2 of this Act. All lawsuits

which arise out of conduct that occurs on or after the effective date of Section 2 of this Act shall be governed by R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act.

Section 16.(A) Sections 2, 15, and 16 of this Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

(B) All remaining Sections of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025."

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Jacob Landry to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 244 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete Amendment No. 9 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Amendment No. 66 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 9, line 30, after "R.S. 30:29(C)(6)(d)" and before "hereby" delete "and (N) are" and insert "is"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Amendment No. 66 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 12, line 40, after "limited" delete the remainder of the line and insert "to"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

In Amendment No. 66 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 12, line 41, after "value" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 42 in its entirety and insert a period "." and "The fair market value of the property shall be based on the value of the surface of the property as if it had no environmental damage."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

In Amendment No. 66 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 12, delete lines 44 through 59 and on page 13, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 6

In Amendment No. 89 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 16, delete lines 13 through 17 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 15.(A) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall not apply to any lawsuit for damages that arises out of activity conducted prior to the effective date of Section 2 of this Act and which is filed prior to September 1, 2027.

(B) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall apply to any lawsuit for damages that arises out of activity conducted prior to the effective date of Section 2 of this Act and which is filed on or after September 1, 2027.

(C) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall apply to any lawsuit for damages that arises out of activity conducted after the effective date of Section 2 of this Act."

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative McFarland to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 244 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 19, after "and (C)," delete the remainder of the line and on line 20, delete "paragraph of R.S. 38:3076(A), 3076(A)(24) and (C)," and insert "R.S. 38:3072, 3073(8), introductory paragraph of 3076(A), (A)(3), (4), (7), (8), (9), (14)(b), and (24), (C), (D), (E), introductory paragraph of (F)(1), (F)(1)(b), and (2), 3077, 3078, 3079, 3081, 3083,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, at the beginning of line 2, change "136.3(B)(6)" to "136.3(B)(6) and (7)," and at the end of the line, delete "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, line 3, after "and (D)," and before "R.S. 38:3098(G)" insert "and 359(D)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, line 5, after "2474, and" and before "3097.7," delete "R.S. 38:3097.4," and insert "R.S. 38:3073(2), 3074, 3075, 3080, 3097.4,"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, line 21, after "124.1," and before "209(6)," change "136.3(B)(6)," to "136.3(B)(6) and (7),"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 109, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following: "(7) All revenue, income, fees, or other collections collected by or on behalf of the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District (R.S. 38:3087 et seq.). The department shall maintain separate accounting of such revenues for auditing and reporting purposes."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 109, line 29, after "activities." and before "deposited" delete "Additionally, monies" and insert "Monies"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 110, at the at the end of line 2, insert "Monies deposited into the fund pursuant to Paragraph (B)(7) of this Section shall be used solely for the administration, regulation, enforcement, and oversight of groundwater resources and related activities within the geographical boundaries served by the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District. These monies shall not be used for any purpose outside of that jurisdiction."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 178, line 27, after "and (D)" and before "are" insert a comma "," and "and 359(D)"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 196, between lines 7 and 8 insert the following: "D. The Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District (R.S. 38:3071 et seq.) is transferred to the Department of Conservation and Energy and shall perform its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 36:851, et seq."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 196, line 8, after "Section 4." delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 38:3072, 3073(8), the introductory paragraph of 3076(A), (A)(3), (4), (7), (8), (9), (14)(b), and (24), (C), (D), (E), the introductory paragraph of (F)(1), (F)(1)(b), and (2), 3077, 3078, 3079, 3081, 3083,"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 196, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following: "§3072. District and board; creation A. There is hereby created the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District, hereinafter called "district," which shall be a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana and shall be composed of the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana. B. There is hereby created a board of commissioners for the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District who shall administer the affairs of the district. The membership of the board shall be as provided by R.S. 38:3074. §3073. Definitions Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings for purposes of this Part: * * *

(8) "Just and equitable share" of the groundwater underlying a tract within an area subject to an order limiting pumping rates means that portion of the recoverable groundwater within an aquifer which is to be apportioned to such tract on the basis of demonstrable geologic and hydrologic data taking into consideration the volume of groundwater in storage, the maximum perennial recharge potential, and any groundwater use priorities established by the board district.

* * *

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 196, delete lines 17 through 29 and on page 197, delete lines 1 through 8 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"§3076. Powers of the board district

A. The board district shall work with the commissioner of conservation secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy in his responsibilities to do all things necessary to prevent waste of groundwater resources, and to prevent or alleviate damaging or potentially damaging subsidence of the land surface caused by withdrawal of groundwater within the district. In conjunction with the commissioner of conservation secretary, the board district shall have authority to do, as required, the following:

* * *

(3) To require registration with the board district of all wells showing the date drilled, the name of the driller, if available, and the current ownership together with such other information as the board district may reasonably require to permit it to accomplish the purposes of this legislation. No charge shall be assessed for such registration.

(4) To require that all users of groundwater within the district register with the board district showing the number, location, and capacity of wells owned or operated by them or solely for their benefit and designating the beneficial use or uses of that groundwater. The board district shall classify each user as an industrial user or as a commercial, rural or municipal user of groundwater upon the basis of such information. The board district shall have authority in its discretion to require periodical renewals of registrations to determine alterations in uses of water within the district. Such registrations may be required on an annual basis or such greater periods of time as the board district may deem appropriate.

* * *

(7) To require well owners who are users, well owners providing water to other users, and users of groundwater who are not well owners to keep and furnish, on request, information necessary to carry out the provisions of this part pertinent to wells, drawdowns, grouting, casing sizes, property descriptions and other pertinent information reasonably required by the board district, provided that as to wells in existence on the effective date of this part such information is available.

(8) To collect data; to make investigations and inspections; to examine properties, papers, books, and records relevant to groundwater use or conservation; to examine, survey, check test, and gauge all water wells within the district; to require well owners who are users or well owners providing water to other users, at their own expense, to meter wells to permit accurate determination of rates of use. Metering may be required on a continuous or periodic basis, and the board district may require approval by it of metering devices; to provide for the keeping of records and making of reports by owners of water wells providing water to users, and users of groundwater within the district.

(9) To require that authorized representative of the board district be enabled to enter property at reasonable times and under reasonable conditions to inspect wells, perform tests and examine records.

* * *

(14) To assess the following:

* * *

(b) Costs for capital expenditures assessed to users based on either annual flows or specific costs for wells to individual users based on capital, debt service, and operation and maintenance costs. Costs may include specific systems and technologies to allow for remote monitoring of flows, water levels, water quality, and other parameters considered necessary by the board district to conserve

and protect groundwater resources and may include but are not limited to monitoring wells, scavenger wells, reclaimed water systems, pressure differential systems, water treatment systems, and other subsurface systems related to the protection of the aquifers.

* * *

(24) To advise and consult with the commissioner of conservation and the Water secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy and the Natural Resources Commission on matters that impact water resources within the board's district's jurisdiction.

* * *

C. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the board district formed hereunder shall have no authority to regulate water produced from formations producing oil or gas or both for commercial purposes or to issue any rule, regulation, or order conflicting with regulation of drilling to and production from or disposition of water from such formations by the commissioner of conservation secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy. Nor shall the board district formed hereunder have authority to regulate the production of salt water used for pressure maintenance, secondary recovery operations, or other operations for the production of oil or gas.

D. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the board district shall have no regulatory power over and no authority to assess pumping charges for a well or wells with a total depth of less than four hundred feet or wells in the Mississippi River alluvial aquifer; or wells from which the production is used exclusively for bona fide agricultural or horticultural purposes or for domestic use of persons resident upon the same premises and capable of producing not more than fifty thousand gallons per day in the aggregate.

E. The board district shall have authority to make, after notice and hearing and to enforce reasonable rules, regulations, or orders necessary from time to time to achieve the purposes and powers as outlined in this Part, and such rules, regulations and orders shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon promulgation in the official journal of each parish affected.

F.(1) The board district shall not require users to undertake the installation of additional metering devices or prescribe new requirements thereof if the user's installation of metering devices meets all of the following criteria:

* * *

(b) Measures flow data at least hourly for each well, for each stratum from which the well draws, and reports the data to the board district monthly.

* * *

(2) The board district shall have authority to audit the performance of flow measurement devices installed and maintained by users. Audits of the flow measurement devices of all users other than nuclear electric generating stations may include temporary installation of a flow measurement device and other necessary equipment by the board district, at the board's district's expense, in order to verify performance of a user-installed flow measurement device. Each user-installed flow measurement device may be audited once per calendar year.

§3077. Suits and failure to bring suit

A. Whenever it appears that a person is violating or is threatening to violate any provision of this part or a rule, regulation, or order made hereunder, the board district shall bring suit to restrain that person from continuing the violation or from carrying out the threat.

B. Venue shall be in the district court in the parish in which the board district is domiciled.

C. In any such suit, the board district may obtain injunctions, prohibitory and mandatory, including temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions as the facts warrant.

D. If the board district fails to bring suit within ten days to restrain a violation of this part or any rule, regulation, or order issued hereunder, any person in interest adversely affected by the violation who has notified the board district in writing of the violation or threat thereof and has requested the board district to sue, may bring suit to prevent any or further violations, in the district court of the parish in which the board district is domiciled. If the court holds that injunctive relief should be granted, the board district shall be

made a party and shall be substituted for the person who brought the suit, and the injunction shall be issued as if the **board district** has at all times been the complaining party.

§3078. Limiting rate of production; notice

Any order limiting rates of production of groundwater, except emergency orders issued as hereinafter provided, shall be issued only after sixty days notice and a public hearing. The **board district** shall give notice by registered mail to all users of groundwater reasonably known to it within the district within which pumping is to be limited. In addition, the **board district** may give notice to such other individual landowners and well owners as it deems appropriate. However, the **board district** shall also give notice by publication as hereinafter provided of the hearing on the prospective order.

§3079. Pumping charges

A. The pumping charge assessed against each user of groundwater within the district shall be fixed annually upon at least thirty days notice to each user within the district known to the **board district** and general notice by publication; however, the charges assessed against users of groundwater shall not be increased without a public hearing held for the purpose of fixing the pumping charges and opportunity for the submission of all pertinent data concerning total rates of consumption of groundwater within the district, estimated rates of consumption by users within the district, the costs and expenses which must be met during the coming year, costs and expenses which must be met by the pumping charge, and the manner in which the computation of the pumping charge is made. Any user within the district shall have the right to make a presentation by testimony and adduction of evidence and exhibits, and any other interested person shall have the right to be heard by making a personal statement of reasonable length. Any user intending to make a presentation at the hearing resulting in the assessment of pumping charges shall so advise the **board district** at least five days in advance of the hearing and shall indicate the estimated time to be consumed by his presentation. When necessary, in its discretion, the **board district** may limit the time allotted users for their presentations. Further, no pumping charge shall be made against the quantity of water pumped from wells screened in the Mississippi River alluvial aquifer, wells with a total depth of less than four hundred feet, wells used exclusively for bona fide agricultural or horticultural purposes, or wells not capable of producing fifty thousand gallons or more per day.

B. Pumping charges may be made payable by users monthly or on any other reasonable basis set by the **board district**.

* * *

§3081. Court review and injunctive relief

A. Any aggrieved person of the district may, within thirty days after the adoption of any rule, regulation, order or taking of other action by the **board district**, file suit in the district court in which the **board district** is domiciled, to contest the said rule, regulation, order or other action taken. The court may affirm the decision of the **board district** or remand the case for further proceedings. The court may reverse or modify the decision if substantial rights of the appellant have been prejudiced because the administrative findings, inferences, conclusions, or decisions are **any of the following**:

- (1) In violation of constitutional or statutory provisions;
- (2) In excess of the statutory authority of the **board district**;
- (3) Made upon lawful procedure;
- (4) Affected by other error of law;
- (5) Arbitrary or capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion or clearly unwarranted exercise of discretion; or

(6) Manifestly erroneous in view of the reliable, probative, and substantial evidence on the whole record. In the application of the rule, where the **board district** has the opportunity to judge of the credibility of witnesses by firsthand observation of demeanor on the witness stand and the reviewing court does not, due regard shall be given to the **board district's** determination of credibility issues.

B. On institution of any such suit, the court shall issue an order setting the matter for trial, as by summary process, and such suit shall be tried in term time, or in vacation, with the greatest possible dispatch. Pending a hearing, the court may grant a temporary restraining order suspending the action of the **board district** upon a showing of immediate and irreparable injury in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 3603.

* * *

§3083. Violations; penalty; jurisdiction; attorney general to conduct suit; complicity

A. Whoever knowingly and willfully violates a provision of this part or a rule, regulation, or order of the **board district** made hereunder, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars a day for each day of violation and for each act of violation, if a penalty for the violation is not otherwise provided in this part.

(1) The place of suit to recover this penalty shall be selected by the **board district**, as may be appropriate, in the district court of the parish of the residence of any one of the defendants, or in the district court of the parish where the violation took place.

(2) Suit shall be at the direction of the **board district**, and shall be instituted and conducted in its name by the attorney general or by the district attorney of the district under the direction of the attorney general."

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 212, line 26, after "2474, and" and before "3097.7" delete "R.S. 38:3097.4," and insert "R.S. 38:3073(2), 3074, 3075, 3080, 3097.4."

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Geymann to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 244 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete House Committee Amendment No. 70 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977).

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Amendment No. 77 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 15, delete line 5 in its entirety and insert "**via certified mail to the parties, the department, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for their review and**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Amendment No. 77 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 15, at the end of line 7, after "**thirty days.**" insert "**If no comments are submitted, the hearing officer shall issue his decision within fifteen days following the end of the thirty-day comment period. If comments are submitted, the hearing officer shall have thirty days from receipt of the last comment or from the end of the thirty-day comment period, whichever is later, to issue his decision. If a comment is submitted by one of the three departments in which a department states that the draft decision must be revised in order to meet compliance with one of its applicable laws, rules, or regulations, then the hearing officer shall revise the draft decision accordingly prior to issuing his decision.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

In Amendment No. 77 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 15, line 9, after "**party**" and before the period ":" insert "**within thirty days of the issuance of his decision**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

In Amendment No. 77 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 15, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

"(4) If conducted, the panel shall issue a draft decision and provide copies via certified mail to the parties, the department, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for their review and comments, which shall be provided to the panel, other parties, and all three departments within thirty days of receipt of the draft decision. If no comments are submitted, then the panel shall issue its decision within fifteen days following the end of the thirty-day comment period. If comments are submitted, the panel has thirty days from receipt of the last comment or from the end of the thirty-day comment period, whichever is later, to issue its decision. If a

comment is submitted by one of the three departments in which a department states that the draft decision must be revised in order to meet compliance with one of its applicable laws, rules, or regulations, then the panel shall revise the draft decision accordingly prior to issuing its decision. The decision of the panel is final.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 27, after "R.S. 44:4.1(B)(19), change "R.S. 25:252" to ""R.S. 45:251(3), 252, and 255"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 94, at the beginning of line 8, insert "A."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 94, line 14, after "Energy to" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 15 and insert the following: "establish a comprehensive water resource management program taking into consideration the requirements, needs, and obligations of all stakeholders of water in the state of Louisiana. The program shall be based on good management practices, sound science, and economics according to generally accepted principles in those disciplines. It shall include as a goal the long-term sustainability of the state's water resources and of the state's ecological welfare, while considering the economic value of the state's role in interstate commerce and the economic welfare of its citizens. Further, it shall provide for the efficient administration in the utilization and management of water resources, including the gathering of data related to the state's water resources. Thus, the state's water resources shall be protected, conserved, managed, and replenished in an effective manner with due regard for the foregoing considerations and the best interest of all the citizens of the state.

B. The legislature hereby recognizes the need for uniformity in the establishment of a comprehensive water resource management program. Therefore, the state shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the management of water resources and this Part shall supersede and preempt any rule, regulation, code, statute, or ordinance of any political subdivision or other unit of local government. However, nothing contained in this Part shall be construed to deny such local government the authority over siting facilities pursuant to any general land use planning or zoning ordinance or to deny soil and water conservation districts powers granted pursuant to R.S. 3:1208.

C. In accordance with the legislative intent provided in this Section, the statewide water resource management program and any rule, regulation, or order of the secretary shall recognize historic use of water resources in the state and may incorporate the use of appropriate incentives to encourage conservation of water resources and the appropriate utilization of alternate water supplies where appropriate. Consistent with the provisions of this Chapter and in consultation with the secretary, the incentives and provisions of alternate water resources may be provided by the state, or any local subdivision thereof, by virtue of tax incentives, tax credits, and physical projects transporting or providing alternate water resources to existing water users and by any private person with an interest in conserving such water resources for public use."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 94, line 18, after "to the" delete "management," and delete line 19 in its entirety and insert "comprehensive water resource management program."

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 94, delete lines 24 through 26 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 94, at the beginning of line 27, change "(2)" to "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 95, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 95, at the beginning of line 3, change "(4)" to "(2)" and after "for the" and before the comma "," change "office" to "department"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 95, line 5, after "water wells" and before the period "." insert "or surface water withdrawals under the jurisdiction of the department"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 95, delete lines 11 through 29 in their entirety and delete pages 96 through 99 in their entirety and on page 100, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety and insert the following:

"§98.4. Regional districts; water resource management

A. The secretary may in consultation with the Natural Resources Commission promulgate rules and regulations for the appointment or designation of regional water districts, which when so appointed may be delegated the powers, authorities, and duties of the department for groundwater or surface water resource management within the regional district.

B. In addition to its other powers and authorities established in law, the department is authorized to:

(1) Receive and collect water resource data and water use data throughout the state.

(2) Cooperate with and enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with other governmental units and agencies of this state, with governments and agencies of other states and of the United States, and with private agencies or other water conservation districts as necessary to fulfill the provisions of this Part.

(3) Conduct studies and investigations of all problems concerning water resources in the state.

(4) Identify and protect water recharge areas.

(5) Monitor and evaluate water resources including current and projected demands, inventory the state's water resources, identify technical research and previously developed information on water, identify future potential deficit areas, study alternatives to surface water use including treatment, transmission systems, and reclamation, and investigate incentives for conservation and the use of alternative technologies including public education and conservation programs.

(6) Promote water conservation measures and best practices for water resource sustainability."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 100, delete line 13 in its entirety and insert "A. The"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 100, line 14, after "to" delete the colon ":" and delete lines 15 through 18 in their entirety and insert "enforce the provisions of this Part consistent with its authority under law."

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 100, line 23, after "this" and before "shall" change "Chapter" to "Part"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 185, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

"(15) Establish a formal certification process to recognize academic and research institutions within the state who possess specialized expertise in areas such as energy technologies, natural resources management, environmental stewardship, resource economics, and other strategically significant fields of research and development related to the mission of the department, which may be accomplished through entering into agreements with certified institutions to govern ownership of intellectual property developed through or in conjunction with this program. The secretary shall coordinate with the Natural Resources Commission in developing this process. The secretary may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this program. Unless otherwise specified by the secretary, primary management of this program shall be placed in the office of energy."

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 194, at the end of line 21, insert "The office of energy shall work to provide the department and the Natural Resources Commission with technical assistance and expertise in matters related to energy and natural resources and shall also work to identify policy options relative to energy related matters upon request. Finally, the office of energy shall coordinate with academic and research institutions who possess specialized expertise in areas related to energy and natural resources on behalf of the department."

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 209, line 14, after "Section 7." and before "hereby amended" change "R.S. 45:252 is" to "R.S. 45:251(3), 252, and 255 are"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 209, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

"(3)(a) "Pipe line" includes the following:

(i) ~~the~~ The real estate, rights or way, pipe in line, telephone and telegraph lines or other communications systems, tank facilities as herein designated, necessary or integral to the pipe line transportation function and necessary for the proper conduct of its the subject common carrier's business as a common carrier.

(ii) ~~all~~ All fixtures, equipment and personal property of every kind owned, controlled, operated, used or managed, in connection with, or to facilitate the transportation, distribution and delivery of petroleum through lines constructed of pipe.

(b) "Pipe line" does not include the following:

(i) Pipes designed and used solely within a terminal facility for terminaling services, including pipes delivering petroleum into or extracting petroleum from tanks used for terminaling services, intra-terminal transfer lines, metering facilities associated with such terminaling services, tanks designed and used for terminaling services, and truck unloading facilities.

(ii) Any property of an entity that does not otherwise meet the definition of common carrier."

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 210, line 16, after "Section" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 17, delete "the matter for a final decision"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 210, after line 29, insert the following:

§255. Regulations of commission; petition, notice and hearing; reparations

The Louisiana Public Service Commission shall establish and enforce reasonable rates and regulations for gathering, transporting, loading and delivering petroleum, by any common carrier as defined in R.S. 45:251, and for the furnishing and use of reasonable tank facilities necessary and incident to such or integral to the transportation function and that may be necessary, in its capacity as a common carrier only, to take care, for a reasonable time, of all petroleum transported by it, excluding pipes designed and used solely within a terminal facility for terminaling services, including pipes delivering petroleum into or extracting petroleum from tanks used for terminaling services, intra-terminal transfer lines, metering facilities associated with such terminaling services, tanks designed and used for terminaling services, and truck unloading facilities, and to prescribe and enforce regulations for control of these common carriers in respect to their pipe lines and receiving, tanking, delivering, transferring and loading facilities. It shall exercise this power upon petition by any person showing a substantial interest in the subject. No order requiring the furnishing of such facilities or establishing or prescribing rates, rules and regulations shall be made, except after hearing after at least ten days and not more than thirty days notice to the person owning, controlling, managing or operating the pipe lines affected. If any rate shall be filed by any pipe line and a complaint or petition to reduce the rate is filed by any shipper or owner of petroleum, and such complaint is sustained in whole or in part, all owners and shippers of petroleum, who shall have paid rates so filed by the pipe line have the right to reparation or reimbursement of all excess in transportation

charges above the proper rate as finally determined, on all shipments made within six months prior to the date of the filing of the complaint.

* * *

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Geymann to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 244 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete Amendments Nos. 18 and 44 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Amendment No. 4 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 1, delete line 14 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof "1103(3),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Amendment No. 5 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 1, at the end of line 16, change "1107(B)," to "the introductory paragraph of 1107(A)(1), (A)(2), (B), (C), and the introductory paragraph of (D)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

In Amendment No. 13 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 2, line 6, after "188," and before "1104(F)," insert "1103(10)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

In Amendment No. 20 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 2, delete line 29 in its entirety and insert "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

In Amendment No. 21 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 2, at the end of line 31, change ""1107(B)," to ""1107,""

AMENDMENT NO. 7

Delete Amendment No. 35 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977)

AMENDMENT NO. 8

In Amendment No. 52 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 6, at the end of line 34, insert "or as otherwise provided by regulations adopted pursuant to Subsection C of this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

In Amendment No. 63 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 8, delete line 7 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"A.(1) The commissioner secretary shall issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity or a certificate of completion of injection operations to each person applying therefor if, after a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 30:6 held in the parish where the storage facility is to be located, the commissioner secretary determines that it is required by the present or future public convenience and necessity, and such decision is based upon the following criteria:

* * *

(2) However, if any person has previously been issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity or a certificate of completion of injection operations by the commissioner secretary, that certificate continues to remain valid and in force."

AMENDMENT NO. 10

In Amendment No. 63 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 8, between lines 19 and 20 insert the following:

"C. The ~~commissioner~~ secretary shall issue a certificate of completion of injection operations to the operator applying therefor if, after a public hearing pursuant to R.S. 30:6, it is determined that such operator has met all of the conditions required for such certificate, including the requirements of R.S. 30:1109.

D. Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter or any rule, regulation, or order issued by the commissioner under this Chapter to the contrary, accepting or acting pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity or a certificate of completion of injection operations issued under this Chapter; compliance with the provisions of this Chapter or with rules, regulations, or orders issued by the ~~commissioner~~ secretary under this Chapter; or voluntarily performing any act which could be required by the ~~commissioner~~ secretary pursuant to this Chapter or rules, regulations, or orders issued by the ~~commissioner~~ secretary under this Chapter shall not have the following consequences:"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

In Amendment No. 65 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 8, delete lines 27 through 34 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"A. Every applicant for a Class VI permit or a Class V permit related to a geologic sequestration project shall comply with the following:

AMENDMENT NO. 12

In Amendment No. 65 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 8, line 37, after "make a" and before "good" insert "**reasonable search and a**"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

In Amendment No. 65 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 8, line 48, after "**All**" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 49, delete "**search, including owners in interest,**"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

In Amendment No. 65 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 9, line 5, after "make a" and before "good" insert "**reasonable search and a**"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

In Amendment No. 65 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 9, line 14, after "**All**" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 15, delete "**search, including owners in interest,**"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

In Amendment No. 65 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 9, at the end of line 23, delete "**carbon dioxide**" and insert "**geologic**"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

In Amendment No. 66 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 9, at the beginning of line 30, insert "and 87(A), introductory paragraph of (F)(1)(a), and introductory paragraph of (b) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

In Amendment No. 66 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 13, at the end of line 2, delete the quotation mark "" and between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

* * *

§87. Oilfield site restoration fees

A. There is hereby imposed on crude petroleum produced from producing 11 wells in this state a fee on each barrel of oil and condensate as provided in this Section, **payable upon the initial disposition of each barrel of oil and condensate.** The fee is in addition to any tax imposed pursuant to Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The provisions of Chapters 17 and 18 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 shall apply to the administration, collection, and enforcement of the fee

imposed in this Section, and the penalties provided by that code shall apply to any person who fails to pay or report the fee. Proceeds from the fee, including any penalties collected in connection with the fee, shall be deposited into the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund.

* * *

F. The site restoration fee shall be the following:

(1) Full rate production shall include all production from oil or gas wells 30 except for production from reduced rate production wells as set forth in R.S. 31 47:633(7).

(a) **For crude oil and condensate, the fee shall be based on the oil price on July first of each year for the ensuing twelve months based upon the average New York Mercantile Exchange Price per barrel of crude oil per month on the close of business on June thirtieth for the prior twelve months.** The amount of the fee for a well that produces crude oil and condensate shall be as follows:

* * *

(b) **For natural gas and casing head gas, the fee shall be based on the natural gas price on July first of each year for the ensuing twelve months based upon the Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Price average monthly price in dollars per million BTU published by the United States Energy Information Administration for the preceding January first through December thirty-first available as of April first.** For natural gas and casing head gas, the fee shall be as follows:

* * *

AMENDMENT NO. 19

In Amendment No. 77 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 15, at the end of line 10, delete "**by the secretary**" and insert "**pursuant to the procedure provided pursuant to Paragraph (B)(2) of this Section**"

AMENDMENT NO. 20

In Amendment No. 85 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 15, at the end of line 39, insert "1103(10),"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 3, line 27, after "R.S. 49:214.29(B)" and before "R.S." delete the comma "," and insert "and 992(D)(7),"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 59, line 15, after "**cover**" and before "**administrative**" insert "**custodial services, investment, and disbursement costs directly attributable to the investment of the fund and**"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 60, line 3, after "**2026,**" delete the remainder of the line, delete lines 4 and 5 in their entirety, and insert "**excluding the proceeds from the oilfield site restoration fees collected pursuant to R.S. 30:87 and any interest thereon, all cash deposits held or managed under**"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 60, line 6, after "**R.S. 30:86**" and before "**or any**" delete "**through 88**"

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 60, at the end of line 9, delete "**of**" and at the beginning of line 10, delete "**instruments and associated records**" and insert a comma "," and "**including the transfer of associated records.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 167, delete lines 5 through 7 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 211, line 1, after "R.S. 49:214.29(B)" and before "hereby" delete "is" and insert "and 922(D)(7) are"

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 211, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following: "**§992. Applicability; exemptions; attorney fees; court costs**"

* * *

June 11, 2025

D.

* * *

(7) All adjudications by the ~~assistant secretary of the office of conservation~~ **Department of Conservation and Energy** pursuant to Chapters 1 and 7 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, except determinations of violations of laws, rules, regulations, and orders, and determinations of penalties for such violations, shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter.

* * *

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Geymann to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 244 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Amendment No. 2 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 1, delete line 5 and at the beginning of line 6, delete "(g), and (J), 29(A), (B)(1)" and insert "On page 2, line 7, after "29(A)" insert a comma "," and "(B)(1),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Amendment No. 29 by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment (#3977), on page 3, delete lines 15 and 16 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof "On page 16, line 21, after "operator to" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 22 and 23 and insert "**inspect the line**; however""

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, after "(3)" delete "(a) and (b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 6, after "(M)(3)," delete the remainder of the line and delete line 7, and insert "(6)(b), (O)(1) and (2), (P),"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, at the end of line 8, delete "R.S." and at the beginning of line 9, change "30:4.1(B)(1) and (2)" to "4.1(B)"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 9, after "(C)(1)" delete "(a)" and at the beginning of line 10, delete "and (b),"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, line 13, after "(E)," insert "(F),"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 1, line 15, after "and (D)," delete the remainder of the line and insert "the introductory paragraph of 10(A), the introductory paragraph of (A)(1), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2)(a)(i), (b)(ii)(ii), introductory"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 2, after "(B)(1)" delete the comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, at the end of line 3, change "paragraph" to "paragraphs"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, line 5, change "27(A)" to "the introductory paragraph of 27(A)"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 2, line 7, after "(I)(1)" and before "(a)" insert a comma "," and "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 2, line 20, change "101.9(D)(1) and (2)" to "101.9(D), (D)(1) and (2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 2, at the beginning of line 24, change "209(4)(e)" to "the introductory paragraph of 209(4)(e)"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 3, line 21, change "3094(A)(1)" to "the introductory paragraph of 3094(A), (A)(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 3, at the end of line 24, change "paragraphs" to "paragraph"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 3, at the beginning of line 25, change "of (2), (d), and (f)" to "of (2), the introductory paragraph of (d), and the introductory paragraph of (f)"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 3, line 29, after "21.1," insert "29(C)(6)(d),"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 4, line 23, after "(3)" delete "(a) and (b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 4, line 25, after "(M)(3)," delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 26, delete "paragraph of (4), (4)(a), and (5)," and insert "(6)(b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 4, line 27, change "R.S. 30:4.1(B)(1) and (2)" to "4.1(B)"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 4, line 28, after "(C)(1)" delete "(a) and (b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 5, line 2, after "(E)," insert "(F),"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 5, line 4, change "10(A)(1), (2)(a)(i)," to "the introductory paragraph of 10(A), the introductory paragraph of (A)(1), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2)(a)(i),"

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 5, line 10, change "27(A)" to "the introductory paragraph of 27(A)"

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 5, line 12, after "(I)(1)" and before "(a)" insert a comma "," and "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 5, line 24, change "(D)(1) and (2)" to "(D)(1) and (4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 5, line 27, change "209(4)(e)" to "the introductory paragraph of 209(4)(e)"

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 82, at the end of line 27, change "**R.S. 30:03(C)**" to "**R.S. 30:93(C)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 103, at the end of line 7, insert "pertinent provision of any state or federal law or regulation."

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 112, line 25, after "(4)(a)" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 26 through 29 and on page 113, delete lines 1 through 3

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 145, at the beginning of line 12, delete "**the**"

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Owen
Abraham	Hensgens	Pressly
Allain	Hodges	Price
Bass	Jenkins	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Bouie	Lambert	Selders
Carter	Luneau	Stine
Cathey	McMath	Talbot
Cloud	Miguez	Wheat
Connick	Mizell	Womack
Edmonds	Morris	
Fesi	Myers	
Total - 34		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Miller
Duplessis	Jackson-Andrews	
Total - 5		

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

Rules Suspended

Senator Connick asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the Conference Committee report on House Bill No. 688.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 688— (Substitute for House Bill No. 633 by Representative Braud)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (i) and (ii), (2)(b) through (e), (3)(a) through (c), and (4) and (D) and to enact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(a)(xii) and (f) and (g), relative to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank; to change membership of the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East; to appoint the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as secretary of the nominating committee; to replace certain requirements of the regional directors, or in their absence, the presidents of the boards of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank with the chair; to change timeframes for notification of unexpected and expected vacancies within the flood authorities, to reduce consecutive terms of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 688 by Representative Braud recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works (#2885) be rejected.
2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Connick (#2995) be adopted.
3. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 2, delete "(2)(b)" and insert "(2)(a)(ii) and (c)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 14, after the semicolon ";", and before "and" insert "to provide for an effective date;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the end of line 16, delete "(2)(b)" and insert "(2)(a)(ii) and (c)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

"(ii) A member or designee of the Council Leaders for A Better Louisiana.

* * *

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 5 in their entirety and insert a set of asterisks "***"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 6, line 21, after "Subsection" and before the period ".", insert a comma "," and "except the nominating committee shall submit its nominations for each expected vacancy to the governor for consideration no later than thirty days prior to the start of the Regular Session. If the nominating committee fails to submit nominees for an expected vacancy thirty days prior to the start of the Regular Session, the governor shall follow the procedure outlined in Subparagraph (3)(c) of this Subsection"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 8, line 12, after "All commissioners" and before the comma ",", delete "thereafter appointed"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 8, line 15, after "terms" and before the period "." insert a comma "," and "beginning on June 1, 2025"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 8, after line 22, insert the following:

"Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."

Respectfully submitted,
Representatives:
Jacob Braud
Ryan Bourriague
Chad Boyer

Senators
Patrick Connick
Mark Abraham
Kirk Talbot

Senator Connick moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

June 11, 2025

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Selders, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack

Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns of names: Barrow, Carter, Harris, Jackson-Andrews

Total - 4

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 36—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, BUTLER, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, OWEN, THOMAS, AND VILLO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.62(2) and R.S. 9:2800.63(B)(1), relative to consumable hemp products; to expand the definition of illegal controlled substance; to provide for damages in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 9, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 36 by Representative Schlegel recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 by Senator Pressly (#2607) be rejected.
2. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 by Senator Pressly (#2607) be adopted.
3. That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 9:2800.63(B)(1)" and before the comma "," insert "and to enact R.S. 9:2800.63(E)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 6, insert "and R.S. 9:2800.63(E) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 15 and insert the following: "(2) "Illegal controlled substance" means either of the following:

(a) cocaine Cocaine, phencyclidine, heroin, or methamphetamine and any other illegal controlled dangerous substance the possession or distribution of which is a violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, R.S. 40:961 et seq.

(b) A consumable hemp product as defined in R.S. 3:1481, the possession or distribution of which is a violation of R.S. 3:1482 or 3:1483."

Respectfully submitted, Representatives: Laurie Schlegel, Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., Debbie Villio

Senators Adam Bass, Thomas A. Pressly, Kirk Talbot

Senator Pressly moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Selders, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack

Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns of names: Barrow, Carter, Harris, Luneau

Total - 4

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 14—

BY REPRESENTATIVES COX AND VILLO AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:30(A)(1) and 30.1(A)(2), relative to homicide; to add cruelty to persons with infirmities as a predicate felony to first and second degree murder; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 14 by Representative Cox recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Judiciary C (#2309) be adopted.
2. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 3 by the Senate Committee on Judiciary C (#2309) on page 1 at the end of line 6 delete "intentional"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 3 by the Senate Committee on Judiciary C (#2309) on page 1, line 7 after "and" and before "with" change "person" to "persons"

Respectfully submitted,

Representatives: Debbie Villio Vincent Cox III Tony Bacala
Senators: Mark Abraham Regina Ashford Barrow Patrick Connick

Senator Connick moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	Lambert	Selders
Cloud	McMath	Stine
Connick	Miguez	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Luneau
Total - 3		

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Explanation of Vote

Senator Barrow stated she appeared as absent on the vote on House Bill No. 14. She intended to vote yea and asked that the Official Journal so state.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 67—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 571.1 and Code of Evidence Article 804(B)(5) and to enact R.S. 14:42.1(A)(3), relative to sex offenses involving minors; to provide for an additional circumstance that constitutes second degree rape; to provide relative to the time limitations upon which to institute prosecution for certain sex offenses; to provide relative to hearsay exceptions in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 67 by Representative Horton recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Morris (#2185) be rejected.
2. That the following amendments to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 15 through 17 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(3) When the offender acts without the consent of the victim, the victim is thirteen years of age or older but less than seventeen years of age, and the difference between the age of the victim and the age of the offender is three years or greater. Lack of knowledge of the victim's age shall not be a defense."

Respectfully submitted,

Representatives: Dodie Horton Bryan Fontenot Debbie Villio
Senators: Heather Miley Cloud Patrick Connick John C. "Jay" Morris III

Senator Connick moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Myers
Abraham	Hensgens	Owen
Allain	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Fesi	Morris	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

June 11, 2025

ABSENT

Barrow Harris
Total - 2

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 238—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BILLINGS, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, DEWITT, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FISHER, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HORTON, HUGHES, JACKSON, KNOX, MELERINE, NEWELL, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, TARVER, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, WYBLE, YOUNG, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:297.20(C) and 6042(B)(introductory paragraph) and (1), (D), and (F)(4), relative to income tax; to provide for tax benefits for adoption of children from foster care and donations to certain foster care charitable organizations; to provide for a tax deduction for adoption of children from foster care; to provide for a tax credit for donations to foster care charitable organizations; to provide for administration of the tax deduction and tax credit by the Department of Revenue; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 238 by Representative McFarland recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1 through 3 and 5 by the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (#2205) be rejected.
2. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 4 and 6 by the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (#2205) be adopted.
3. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 4 by the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (#2205), on page 1, line 17, after "297.20(C), and" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and delete line 18 in its entirety and insert the following: "6042(D), (E), and (F)(4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 6 by the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (#2205), on page 2, line 38, after "all" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and delete line 39 in its entirety and insert "qualifying foster care charitable organizations that held a valid, unsuspended license issued by the Department of Children and Family Services during"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 6 by the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (#2205), on page 2, at the beginning of line 41, delete "nonprofit"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 2 and 3 in their entirety and insert the following:

"To amend and reenact R.S. 47:297.10(A), 297.11(A), 297.12(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(1), 297.20(C), and 6042(D), (E), and (F)(4) and to repeal R.S. 47:6042(B), relative to income tax; to provide for the tax deduction for educational expenses for home-schooled children; to provide for the tax deduction for fees and other educational expenses for a quality education; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for tax benefits for adoption of children"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 11 through 17 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, delete lines 13 through 28 in their entirety and on page 4, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(4) "Qualifying foster care charitable organization" or "foster care organization" means an organization that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Is exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Provides services to at least twenty-five qualified individuals each operating year.

(c) Spends at least seventy-five percent of its total budget on providing services to qualified individuals or spends at least seventy-five percent of its funds budgeted for Louisiana on providing services to qualified individuals and the organization certifies to the department that one hundred percent of the donations it receives from Louisiana residents will be spent on providing services to qualified individuals.

(d) Is approved by the department after applying as provided in Subsection B of this Section an organization licensed by the Department of Children and Family Services as a child placing agency to provide adoption and foster care services."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following: "Section 2. R.S. 47:6042(B) is hereby repealed in its entirety."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, at the beginning of line 4, delete "Section 2." and insert "Section 3."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4, at the beginning of line 6, delete "Section 3." and insert "Section 4."

Respectfully submitted,
Representatives:
Jack G. McFarland
Julie Emerson
Emily Chenevert

Senators
Franklin J. Foil
Beth Mizell
Glen Womack

Senator Womack moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Position, and Status. Includes Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Fesi, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Morris, Myers, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Selders, Stine.

Connick	Miguez	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Jackson-Andrews
Total - 3		

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Explanation of Vote

Senator Barrow stated she appeared as absent on the vote on House Bill No. 238. She intended to vote yea and asked that the Official Journal so state.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 327—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5024(A)(1), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to require schools to use a ten-point grading scale to assign grades used to calculate the minimum grade point average for initial qualification for a program award; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 327 by Representative Chassion recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 by Senator Miguez (#2366) be adopted.
2. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 by Senator Miguez (#2366) be rejected.
3. That the following amendments to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, after line 7, insert the following:

"Section 2. All nonpublic schools that did not implement a ten-point grading scale in the 2024-2025 school year and submitted grades for students graduating in that school year prior to the effective date of this Act shall recalculate and resubmit recertified grades for any graduate with a cumulative grade point average of less than 3.50. The recalculation shall use the ten-point grading scale as required by R.S. 17:5024(A)(1) as amended and reenacted by this Act, and the nonpublic schools shall submit the recertified grades to the state Department of Education not later than August 31, 2025. The recalculation shall apply to courses in the Opportunity, Performance, and Honors or TOPS-Tech core curricula that were taken in the 2024-2025 school year by any graduating student applying for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students award. The recalculation shall use the same percentage values that were

originally assigned by the teacher when final grades were initially given.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."

Respectfully submitted,

Representatives:

Tehmi Chaisson

Laurie Schlegel

Jason Hughes

Senators

Rick Edmonds

Blake Miguez

Beth Mizell

Senator Boudreaux moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris
Total - 1

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 340—

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:753(I), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry; to change the domicile of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry; to allow the board to select a location for its office; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 340 by

June 11, 2025

Representative Newell recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#2359) be adopted.
2. That the following amendment to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 3, after "Dentistry;" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and line 4 in its entirety and insert "and to provide for related matters."

Respectfully submitted,
Representatives: Candace N. Newell, Dustin Miller, Matthew Willard
Senators: Gerald Boudreaux, Patrick McMath, W. Jay Luneau

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Representative Name, Senator Name, and Count. Includes Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Total - 38.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris
Total - 1

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 399—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(24) and to enact R.S. 37:3085(7), 3086(C)(5), and Part II of Chapter 41 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 37:3095.1, relative to the Dietitian Licensure Compact; to provide for the powers and duties of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition; to provide for the qualifications of dietitians; to establish the purpose of the compact; to identify objectives of the compact; to provide for definitions; to establish procedures for the issuance of a compact privilege; to establish the Dietitian Licensure Compact Commission; to provide for member state licensing authority; to establish provisions for military families; to establish authority for certain entities to take adverse action; to require the usage of a coordinated data system; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of certain provisions; to provide for construction and severability; to require consistency and conflict resolution

between states; to redesignate certain provisions; to provide for exceptions to public records; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 399 by Representative Chenevert recommend the following concerning the Re-Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1 and 3 by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#2357) be adopted.
2. That Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#2357) be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,
Representatives: Emily Chenevert, Dustin Miller, Annie Spell
Senators: Patrick McMath, Heather Miley Cloud, Rick Edmonds

Senator Carter moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Representative Name, Senator Name, and Count. Includes Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Total - 38.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris
Total - 1

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 445—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 412(M) and R.S. 15:576(2) and 579 and to enact Children's Code Article 412(P) and R.S. 15:589.1, relative to juvenile records; to provide for

applicability; to provide relative to what constitutes information or record of criminal history; to provide relative to duties of the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 445 by Representative Villio recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Barrow (#2111) be rejected.
2. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, at the end of line 5, add the following:

"Such access and use shall include an audit trail to maintain the integrity of the records and ensure accountability. Such trail shall include all of the following:

- (1) Who accessed the system.
- (2) When the system was accessed.
- (3) What actions were performed during access."

Respectfully submitted,
Representatives:
Dodie Horton
Vanessa Caston LaFleur
Debbie Villio

Senators
Regina Ashford Barrow
Caleb Seth Kleinpeter
John C. "Jay" Morris III

Senator Connick moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	Lambert	Selders
Cloud	Luneau	Stine
Connick	McMath	Talbot
Duplessis	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Boudreaux	Harris	Miguez
Total - 3		

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 476—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:969.18(A)(2)(a), relative to an annual automatic adjustment to a fee for motor vehicle dealers; to provide for a fee increase based on the Consumer Price Index; to instruct the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission on the calculation of the fee; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 476 by Representative Fontenot recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs (#2070) be rejected.
2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Abraham (#2473) be adopted.
3. That the following amendment be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 4 by Senator Abraham (#2473), on page 1, line 24, after "year," and before "If" insert the following: "If the calculated adjustment results in a fee with a fractional dollar amount of less than fifty cents, the fee shall be rounded down to the nearest whole dollar."

Respectfully submitted,
Representatives:
Bryan Fontenot
Ryan Bourriaque
Troy Hebert

Senators
Mark Abraham
Beth Mizell
Edward J. "Ed" Price

Senator Abraham moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Duplessis	Mizell
Abraham	Edmonds	Morris
Allain	Fesi	Myers
Barrow	Foil	Pressly
Bass	Hensgens	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miller	Wheat
Total - 33		

June 11, 2025

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris Jackson-Andrews Owen
Hodges Miguez Womack
Total - 6

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 520—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND STAGNI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:337.9(D)(36) and 463.8(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:305.21, relative to taxes and fees; to provide for sales tax exemptions; to establish a state and local sales and use tax exemption for certain antique motor vehicles; to provide with respect to fees for certain antique motor vehicle license plates; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 520 by Representative Illg recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (#2228) be rejected.
2. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 through 3 and 5 through 7 by Senator Connick (#2523) be rejected.
3. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 4 by Senator Connick (#2523) be adopted.
4. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 47:337.9(D)(36) and" and before "and to enact" delete "463.8(B)(1)" and insert "463.8(A)(1) and (B)(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, after "R.S. 47:337.9(D)(36) and" and before "are hereby" delete "463.8(B)(1)" and insert "463.8(A)(1) and (B)(1)"

Respectfully submitted,
Representatives: John R. Illg, Jr. Julie Emerson Joseph A. Stagni
Senators: Patrick Connick Franklin J. Foil Mike Reese

Senator Connick moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Morris
Abraham Foil Myers
Allain Hensgens Owen
Barrow Hodges Pressly
Boudreaux Jenkins Price
Bouie Kleinpeter Reese
Carter Lambert Seabaugh
Cathey Luneau Selders
Cloud McMath Stine
Connick Miguez Talbot
Duplessis Miller Wheat
Edmonds Mizell

Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bass Jackson-Andrews
Harris Womack
Total - 4

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Conference Committee Report

The following report was received and read:

HOUSE BILL NO. 544—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9) and (14), and (G) and to repeal Part IV-C of Chapter 9 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:2048.61, R.S. 36:651(L)(1)(b) and (c), and Subpart C of Part III of Chapter 11 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:1007, relative to health care workforce development; to provide for the Louisiana Health Works Commission; to provide for its membership; to provide for committees of the commission; to abolish the Nursing Supply and Demand Council; to abolish the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 544 by Representative Turner recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Mizell (#1838) be rejected.
2. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2 in its entirety and insert the following: "To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9), (10), and (20), and (G), to enact R.S. 17:2048.51(C)(14), and to repeal Part IV-C"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 12 and 13 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9), (10), and (20), and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:2048.51(C)(14) is hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 19, change "health care" to "healthcare"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 7 and 8 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(9) The chairman of the Nursing Supply and Demand ~~Council~~ Committee or his designee.

(10) The dean of the ~~School of Allied Health Professions~~ at or a staff member of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport ~~or his designee~~ appointed by the president of the Louisiana State University System."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

"(20) The chancellor ~~or a staff member~~ of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans ~~or his designee~~ appointed by the president of the Louisiana State University System.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete lines 22 through 24 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(4) (iv) The dean of the ~~School of Allied Health Professions~~ at or a staff member of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport ~~appointed by the president of the Louisiana State University System~~ or his designee for the commission."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete lines 3 through 5 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(9) (ix) The chancellor ~~or a staff member~~ of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans ~~appointed by the president of the Louisiana State University System~~ or his designee for the commission."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, delete line 13 in its entirety and insert "designee for the commission."

Respectfully submitted,
Representatives:
Christopher Turner
Dustin Miller
Wayne McMahan

Senators
Patrick McMath
Beth Mizell
Robert "Bob" Owen

Senator Mizell moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh

Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris
Total - 1

The Chair declared the Conference Committee Report was adopted.

Message from the House

**RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION
AFTER 57TH LEGISLATIVE DAY**

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House, by a record vote of two-thirds of its elected members, has adopted a motion to consider **House Bill No. 321** on Third Reading and Final Passage after the 57th legislative day and ask the Senate to concur in the same.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on
Third Reading and Final Passage, Resumed**

HOUSE BILL NO. 321—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.13(A)(2), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) through (E) and to enact R.S. 17:8.1(A)(8) and 24.13(F), relative to teachers; to require instruction and testing on numeracy as a component of teacher certification; to require numerical development for certain math teachers; to require numeracy coaches to provide training for such teachers; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Edmonds moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Owen
Allain	Hensgens	Pressly
Barrow	Hodges	Price
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Selders
Carter	Lambert	Stine
Cathey	Luneau	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miguez	Womack
Duplessis	Miller	
Edmonds	Mizell	

Total - 37

June 11, 2025

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Harris Myers
Total - 2

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it returned to the House. Senator Edmonds moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

Rules Suspended

Senator Bouie asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to the Morning Hour.

Conference Committee Reports Received

June 11, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 122—
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2150.1, 2151(A)(2), (B)(5), (6), (7), and (8), and (D), 2153(F)(1) and (5), and (G), 2155(B) and (G)(2) and (4), 2156(A)(1), (B)(1), (E) through (M), 2156.1, 2156.2, 2156.3, 2157(A), the introductory paragraph of 2158(A), 2158(A)(2), (8), (10), (11), (13), (15) through (19), and (C), the introductory paragraph of 2159(A), 2159(A)(1), (B), and (D), the introductory paragraph of 2159.1, 2159.1(1) and (2), 2160(B) and (C), 2161(A) and (C), 2163(A)(2) and (C)(3), 2164, and 2165(B) and (C) and to enact R.S. 37:2151 (B)(9), 2153(H), 2155(G)(5) and 2156(N), 2156.4, 2158(A)(20) through (23), 2159(A)(6), and 2165(A)(6) through (8), relative to the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors; to provide for membership, qualifications, and term limits of board members; to provide for the power and duties of the board; to provide for residential contractors subcommittee terms and membership; to provide for application and license procedures, requirements, applicability; to provide for license classification; to provide for scope of work and licensure and classification requirements; to provide for records and documents of licensee; to provide for enforcement, violations, penalties, and fees; to provide for terms, conditions, procedures, exemptions, and definitions; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 669—
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(B) and 842(20), relative to the tobacco tax; to provide for the tax on cigarettes; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 63—
BY REPRESENTATIVES GREEN AND HUGHES
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 23(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the mandatory retirement of judges; to provide that a judge shall not remain in office beyond his seventy-fifth birthday; to provide for applicability; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 310—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 253(B)(2) and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 14.1(B), relative to civil and criminal court filings; to provide that civil and criminal court filings shall be filed in person in paper form or electronically; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 358—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1212, relative to pharmacy technicians; to permit a pharmacy technician to work remotely in certain circumstances; to require a pharmacy to protect confidential information; to prohibit certain administrative actions; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 467—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY AND MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1059.6 and R.S. 40:1081.13, relative to health insurance coverage; to require coverage for amino acid-based elemental formulas for infants and children when medically necessary; to provide application to Medicaid coverage; to provide for application to coverage plans; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The Conference Committee Reports for the above legislative instruments lie over under the rules.

Appointment of Conference Committee
on Senate Bill No. 36

The President of the Senate appointed the following members to confer with a like committee from the House to consider the disagreement on Senate Bill No. 36:

Senators Hensgens,
Lambert
and Talbot.

Message from the House

ADOPTION OF
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 14.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

ADOPTION OF
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to House Bill No. 238.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

**ADOPTION OF
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 399**.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

**ADOPTION OF
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 520**.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Message from the House

**ADOPTION OF
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has adopted the Report of the Conference Committee on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 688**.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Privileged Report of the Committee on
Senate and Governmental Affairs**

ENROLLMENTS

Senator Kleinpeter, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

June 11, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Bills have been properly enrolled:

SENATE BILL NO. 15—

BY SENATOR MORRIS AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BACALA, COX, ECHOLS, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, GLORIOSO, HORTON, JACOB LANDRY, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, WILDER, WILEY AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 14:130.1(A) and 134(A) and to enact R.S. 14:130.1(A)(6) and (B)(6) and (7), relative to criminal interference with federal immigration enforcement activities; to provide relative to the crimes of obstruction of justice and malfeasance in office; to prohibit interference by public and private actors with immigration enforcement and other official governmental acts; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 30—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:1270.30.1, relative to recreational vehicle dealerships; to provide for the establishment of new dealerships and the relocation of existing recreational vehicle dealerships; to provide for notification requirements; to provide for protests to the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission; to provide for exemptions for certain existing dealerships; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 41—

BY SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CONNICK, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIZELL, PRICE, SELDERS, STINE AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRYANT, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, FISHER, HILFERTY, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, KNOX, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCMAHEN, MENA, NEWELL, PHELPS, SPELL, TAYLOR AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:91.3(A), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 15:587.1(C), 587.1(C)(1), and 1110.3(H), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:8.7(B) and 8.7(B)(1), 15(A)(1)(a), (b)(i)(bb) and (cc), and (b)(ii) and (2)(a)(ii) through (v), (D), and (E), 16(A), 24.8(A) and (B)(2), 407.33(5), 407.35(A), 407.42(A)(2) and (B)(1)(b), 407.46(A)(1), 407.71(A), 443(B)(1), 493(C)(1), and 3996(B)(28), R.S. 24:525(D), R.S. 40:2008.10(A)(3) and 2019(F)(3)(b), R.S. 46:51.2(A)(1)(b), 56(F)(1), (4)(c), (10)(b)(i), and (11), and 1414.1(A), Children's Code Art. 116(2.1) and (2.2), 603(4)(a) and (17)(d), 603.1(B), 610(A), (E)(1) and (2), and (H), 612(A)(3), 615(B)(2), (3), and (5), the introductory paragraph of 615(E) and 615(E)(1) and (4)(A) and (F), 616(B), the introductory paragraph of 616(D), 616(E) and (H), and 616.1.1(A) and to enact R.S. 17:15(A)(1)(b)(i)(dd) and (2)(a)(vi), 407.41, and 3996(B)(82), Children's Code Art. 603(17)(l) through (o) and 610(I) and Civil Code Art. 2315.12, relative to child welfare; to provide for review of the state central registry for school employees; to provide for reporting recordation on the state central registry; to provide for the licensure of early learning centers; to provide for child welfare and safety minimum standards for prekindergarten programs; to provide for child abuse and neglect determinations; to provide for definitions in the Children's Code; to provide for mandatory reporting training; to provide for procedures for reporting child abuse and neglect; to provide for the responsibility of the Department of Children and Family Services to respond to reports; to provide for investigations of child sexual abuse in a school setting; to provide for liability for damages caused by sexual abuse in a school setting; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 96—

BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVES CARRIER, CHASSION, KNOX, LYONS AND MARCELLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.77.4, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral health services; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to reimburse Medicaid providers for certain behavioral health services; to provide relative to reimbursement rates; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

June 11, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 97—

BY SENATORS PRESSLY, BASS, CATHEY, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS AND MORRIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2(A)(2) and (3), 5.1, 6, 32(B)(3), 84(A) and (B), 111, 112, 214(C) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 49:214.6.6(A) and (C), 220.41(D), 220.42(B)(5) and (7) and to enact R.S. 38:90.2(D), 214(D), and Chapter 11-A of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 38:2351 through 2361, and R.S. 49:214.6.3(A)(5), 214.6.6(A)(5), 220.42(B)(9) and (10), relative to flood control, risk reduction, navigation, and water resource management; to provide for the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for the office of public works; to create the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority; to provide for purpose and intent; to provide for the development and implementation of an integrated plan for the upland area; to provide for definitions; to create the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board; to provide for members, powers, duties, and functions of the board; to provide for master and annual plans; to provide for public meetings and notices; to provide for legislative approval; to provide for the executive director; to provide for infrastructure programs; to provide for exclusions, exemptions, terms, and conditions; to provide for appeals; to provide for emergencies; to provide for the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; to provide for the chief resilience officer; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 121—

BY SENATOR SELDERS AND REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION, FISHER, JACKSON, KNOX, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MENA, TAYLOR AND WALTERS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:416.24 and 3996(B)(89), relative to mental health screenings in schools; to authorize public schools to offer annual mental health screenings for students; to require notification of parents; to provide for parental consent; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for confidentiality; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 123—

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS AND REPRESENTATIVES WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, FREIBERG, KNOX, LYONS, MOORE, TAYLOR AND WILEY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6302, relative to income tax credits for donations to public schools; to authorize a credit for donations to certain public schools; to provide for an amount of the credit; to provide for the use of donations by certain schools; to provide for a receipt issued by certain public schools for the donation; to provide for the granting of the credit; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to provide an annual credit cap for the program; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 125—

BY SENATOR OWEN AND REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:54.3 and R.S. 40:1472.3(E)(3)(c), relative to explosives; to provide relative to the crime of manufacture and possession of a bomb; to provide for penalties; to provide for licensure of dealer-distributors, users, blasters, or handlers of explosives; to provide for background investigations and criminal history record checks; to provide for costs; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 126—

BY SENATORS KLEINPETER, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BOUDREAU, CARTER, CLOUD, CONNICK, EDMONDS, FESI, FOIL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JENKINS, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, SELDERS, STINE AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERALT, BILLINGS, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COATES, DEWITT, FREIBERG, GALLE, HORTON, ILLG, KERNER, KNOX, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MOORE, OWEN, ROMERO, WILDER, WYBLE AND ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9) and to enact R.S. 17:416.16.1 and 3996(B)(89), relative to school mapping data; to provide relative to delivery of school mapping data; to provide for definitions; to provide for school mapping data guidelines; to prohibit modification or updating of data without certain corresponding updates; to provide relative to public records exceptions; to provide for charter school exemptions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 130—

BY SENATOR CLOUD
AN ACT

To enact Subpart F of Part VI-A of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:440.21, relative to Medicaid; to provide for Medicaid eligibility determinations; to provide for Medicaid program integrity measures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 153—

BY SENATOR SELDERS AND REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION AND KNOX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2724(B) and R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(c) and to enact R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(d), relative to behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana medical assistance program; to provide for limited licenses for certain individuals to provide CPST services; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 161—

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, BOUIE, CONNICK, HARRIS AND MORRIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:101(C)(1), 104(A)(17), the introductory paragraph of 108(B), and 109(B), and 110(F), R.S. 51:940.1(A), 2311(D), 3135, and 3136(A), to enact R.S. 36:109(E) and (F) and R.S. 51:2364, and to repeal R.S. 47:6007(B)(18) and 6022(C)(7) and R.S. 51:935.1, 938.1, 2314, 3131, 3132(7), (8), and (9), 3133, and 3137, relative to economic development; to provide relative to Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for the structure and organization of Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for powers and duties of the secretary of Louisiana Economic Development; to create the Louisiana Economic Development Innovation Fund; to provide for membership and duties of an advisory board; to provide terms and definitions; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 175—

BY SENATOR WOMACK
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1361(B), 1361(B)(3) and (4) and (D), 1362, 1363, 1366(A)(1), and 1379, relative to the State Plumbing Board; to provide for membership of the board; to provide for terms of office; to provide for the election of officers of the board; to provide for duties of the board; to provide relative to an advisory committee; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 189—

BY SENATOR JENKINS
AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 3 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:599.1 through 599.32, relative to the creation of the State Land Banking Authority Act; to provide relative to land banking; to provide relative to the purpose; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to the establishment of Land Banks by political subdivisions; to provide relative to the board of directors; to provide relative to powers of the land bank authority; to provide relative to property; to provide relative to the hiring of staff and consultants; to provide relative to the appointment of receivers; to provide relative to internal administration; to provide for immunity; to provide relative to property rights; to provide

relative to inventory and classification; to provide relative to tax liens; to provide relative to money and proceeds; to provide for taxes; to provide for civil actions; to provide relative to public property; to provide relative to annual reports; to provide relative to bonds; to provide relative to trusts; to provide relative to securities; to provide relative to conveyance of title and release of collateral; to provide relative to enforcement of rights and duties; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 207—

BY SENATORS CARTER, EDMONDS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MIGUEZ AND MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BRASS, CARLSON, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, TERRY LANDRY, OWEN, TAYLOR AND YOUNG

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:183.4 and 3996(B)(4), relative to public high schools; to require that certain public school students have access to vocational and technical education courses; to provide for agreements; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 210—

BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:341, 342, 344, 345, 346, 349, 350, 353, 380.10, 380.14(A), (B) and (C)(2)(b)(iii), and 380.15 and R.S. 36:208(C) and 209(A)(3) and (9) and to repeal R.S. 25:351, 352 and 380.11 and R.S. 36:801.8, relative to the office of the state museum; to provide relative to the board of directors and appointments; to provide for domicile, powers and duties of the office of the state museum and its board; to provide regarding transition of board membership; to provide relative to properties included in the state museum system; to provide regarding use of the museum's collections; to provide relative to residential and commercial leasing of properties; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 231—

BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.27, relative to civil actions; to provide relative to recoverable medical expenses; to provide relative to the amount billed and the amount paid in certain circumstances; to provide relative to the calculation of certain damages; to provide relative to admissible evidence; to provide relative to certain definitions; to provide relative to obtaining discovery in certain circumstances; to provide relative to admissibility of evidence; to provide relative to automobile liability insurance that provides for medical payments coverage; to provide relative to attorney-negotiated write-offs or discounts for medical expenses; to provide relative to write-offs or discounts provided by a medical provider; to provide related to consideration; to provide relative to attorney fees; to provide for prospective application; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 234—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVES CARLSON, CHENEVERT, EDMONSTON AND OWEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:58.2(J) and 68.1 through 68.7, and to repeal R.S. 17:58.2(I) and 67 through 67.4, relative to school systems in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the St. George Community School System; to provide for the establishment and geographic boundaries of the school system; to provide for the school board, an interim school board, and an interim school superintendent; to provide for board membership, apportionment, qualifications, method of selection, terms of office, filling of vacancies, compensation, expenses, powers, duties, and responsibilities; to provide relative to facilities and property; to provide relative to the collection and remittance of certain taxes; to provide relative to the provision of certain student services; to provide relative to certain applications for funding; to provide for the reapportionment of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; to provide with respect to certain costs related to retired employees; to provide for agreements between school boards with respect to an allocation of assets

and liabilities; to provide for effectiveness and for implementation; to repeal provisions of law with respect to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School District which did not take effect due to the failure to enact an authorizing constitutional amendment; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 236—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 19:136 and 136.1(3) and R.S. 33:4761 and to enact R.S. 13:2575(B)(3)(g) and R.S. 19:136.2(D), relative to removal of dangerous buildings or structures in parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to blighted property in the city of Baton Rouge and in the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to blighted properties in municipalities within the parish; to provide relative to the authority to condemn, demolish, remove, or expropriate dilapidated and dangerous buildings or structures; to provide relative to administrative adjudication procedures; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 245— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 184 by Senator Cloud)

BY SENATOR CLOUD AND REPRESENTATIVES BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, FREIBERG, HORTON, ILLG, KERNER AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:51.1(B)(11), to enact R.S. 39:16.15, 51.1(I) and (J), and Subpart F of Part II of Chapter 1 of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:89.1 through 89.4, and to repeal R.S. 39:51.1(B)(10) and (F), relative to nongovernmental entities; to provide for requirements for nongovernmental entities; to provide for nongovernmental entity funding request form information; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for audit requirements; to prohibit certain activities of nongovernmental entities; to provide for a nongovernmental entity database; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

Senator Kleinpeter, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

June 11, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—

BY SENATOR PRESSLY AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to take action relative to the use of prior authorization processes and its impact on the citizens of Louisiana.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—
BY SENATORS MCMATH AND BOUDREAU AND REPRESENTATIVES
ADAMS, BACALA, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BOURRIAQUE, CARRIER,
CHASSION, COATES, EDMONSTON, EGAN, ILLG, JACKSON, ROMERO,
SPELL, TAYLOR, VENTRELLA, WALTERS, WILDER AND WYBLE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to direct the United States Department of Agriculture to reinstate and fund the Local Food for Schools Program to support Louisiana farmers, strengthen local food systems, and improve nutrition for children and communities, in alignment with national efforts to improve public health through locally grown food.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—
BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to take action relative to the corporate practice of medicine.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission to study and recommend changes to the Incumbent Worker Training Account and funds to improve the delivery of business workforce solutions, as required by Act 330 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate committees on labor and industrial relations by February 1, 2026.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—
BY SENATOR FOIL
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the division of administration, the Patient's Compensation Fund, and the Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Board to study the feasibility and potential costs of implementing an e-filing system for medical review panel requests and an e-payment system for filing fees.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE,
CHASSION AND TAYLOR
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to procure an annual license for a three-dimensional (3D) game-based learning platform that aligns with Louisiana's chemistry and physical science standards and includes real-world technologies that support career opportunities for middle and high school students.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39—
BY SENATORS EDMONDS AND BARROW
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to make a training program accessible to athletic directors and coaches that provides important safety information for the prevention and treatment of injuries to student athletes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62—
BY SENATOR BARROW AND REPRESENTATIVES BILLINGS, CARVER,
CHASSION, COX, DOMANGUE, FREIBERG, JACKSON, KNOX,
MARCELLE, MOORE, NEWELL AND STAGNI
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Blight to study and make recommendations on implementing a comprehensive plan to address property blight within the state.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64—
BY SENATOR HODGES
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To continue the Comite River Diversion Canal/Amite River Basin Task Force.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67—
BY SENATOR HODGES
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to investigate geoeengineering in Louisiana.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69—
BY SENATOR WOMACK
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Public Projects Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the Louisiana Public Works Act and to evaluate state and local public works policy and procedure relating to public contracts and projects.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

Message to the Governor

SIGNED SENATE BILLS

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable Governor of the State of Louisiana:

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have signed the following Senate Bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 201—
BY SENATOR HARRIS AND REPRESENTATIVES JACKSON AND KNOX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:1260(C)(5) and (6), (E), (F), and (G) and to enact R.S. 51:1260(H) and 1261, relative to financial incentives for events held in Louisiana; to provide for qualifying major events; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility requirements; to create a grant program for certain Louisiana events; to provide for administration of the program; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 100—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 23 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:1511 through 1518, relative to the legal status of individuals receiving state services; to provide for responsibilities of certain state agencies; to provide for annual reporting and publication of data; to provide for data collection and verification; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to implementation; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 120—
BY SENATOR SELDERS AND REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION AND KNOX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(B)(2)(e) and to enact R.S. 28:53(B)(5), relative to admissions by emergency certificate; to provide for information included in emergency certificates; to provide for assessment at a treating facility; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 137—
BY SENATOR TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM, BERAULT,
BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, CARVER, CHASSION, DEVILLIER,
EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, ILLG, MIKE JOHNSON, KNOX, RISER,
SCHAMERHORN, WILDER AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:1276, relative to certain notices provided to the Department of Insurance; to require insurers to notify the Department of Insurance when ceasing, pausing, or resuming the writing of

policies in a particular region; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 166—

BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:2225.6, relative to public contracts; to provide for expending state funds through contracts with local governmental entities and third party entities; to require the division of administration to issue guidance relative to contract requirements for payments; to provide relative to contract procedures; to authorize the creation of software for tracking certain contracts; to provide for training requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 174—

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1121.21 and to enact R.S. 40:1123.5, relative to pregnancy screenings; to require HIV and syphilis blood tests for pregnant women at certain intervals; to provide for testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea; to require patient notification; to provide for laboratory testing; to provide an effective date; to provide for screening of pregnant women for substance use disorder; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 178—

BY SENATOR JENKINS AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BAYHAM, BRYANT, WILFORD CARTER, DEVILLIER, EDMONSTON, FISHER, FREIBERG, HUGHES, JACKSON, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, LYONS, MENA, NEWELL, RISER, WALTERS, WILLARD AND YOUNG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(b)(i) and the introductory paragraph of 416.8(A)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 17:416.8(A)(1)(a)(x) and 416.18.1, relative to school employees; to provide for the School Employee Bill of Rights relative to disciplinary matters; to provide for membership on certain committees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 187—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

AN ACT

To enact Subpart B-50 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:130.883 through 130.889, relative to economic development districts in St. Martin Parish; to create the St. Martin Parish Economic and Industrial Development District as a political subdivision of the state; to provide for the district boundaries, purpose, and governance; to provide relative to the authority, powers, duties and functions of the board of commissioners; to provide relative to the economic plans and projects; to provide relative to powers of the district, including the power of taxation with voter approval; to provide relative to the authorization of the district to issue and sell bonds and other debt obligations; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 221—

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BOUDREAU, CARTER, CLOUD, HENRY, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, LUNEAU, PRICE AND STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3555(A)(11) and (14)(a) and 3561(A) and to enact R.S. 37:3555(D), 3558(E), 3565(C), and 3569, relative to massage therapy; to provide relative to powers and duties of the board; to provide relative to licensure and renewals; to provide for criminal background checks; to provide for inspections and complaints; to provide for penalties; to provide for applicability; to provide for accountability and reporting to the legislature; to provide for terms, conditions, procedures, and enforcement; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 143—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1053(K)(1) and (L)(1), relative to hospital service districts; to provide relative to the Vermilion Parish Hospital Service Districts No. 1 and No. 2; to provide relative to the terms of office for certain members of the board of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 164—

BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:1420.32, relative to training for certain elected officials and employees; to require the elected officials and employees of local governmental entities to participate in training; to authorize state agencies or associations to provide web-based training; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 182—

BY SENATORS TALBOT, BARROW, BOUDREAU, CARTER, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, HARRIS, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLER, OWEN, PRICE, SELDERS, STINE AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT, BILLINGS, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, EGAN, FISHER, KNOX, MANDIE LANDRY AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.76.3, relative to Medicaid prior authorization during a declared emergency; to authorize the Louisiana Department of Health to suspend prior authorization requirements for certain Medicaid recipients during a declared emergency; to require payments to certain providers without prior authorization; to provide for documentation; to provide for notification to Medicaid recipients; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 186—

BY SENATOR REESE AND REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6016.1(B)(8)(a) and (11), (E)(1)(c), (2), and (5)(d), and the introductory paragraph of (H)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:6016.1(E)(1)(g) and (5)(e) and (J)(4) and (5), relative to the New Markets Jobs Act premium tax credit; to provide for the definition of qualified active low-income community business; to provide for the definition of qualified low-income community investment; to provide for the application requirements to be designated a qualified equity investment; to provide for the denial of applications under certain circumstances; to provide relative to the deposit required under certain circumstances; to provide for equity investment authority after a certain date; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 202—

BY SENATORS HARRIS, CARTER, EDMONDS AND JACKSON-ANDREWS AND REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, CARPENTER, CARVER, CHASSION, COATES, COX, FISHER, ILLG, JACKSON, KNOX, LYONS, MACK, MENA, NEWELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, VILLIO AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3215(9) and 3241(B)(2), to enact R.S. 17:3215(10) and 3230.1, and to repeal R.S. 17:3217(A)(9) and 3230, relative to postsecondary education; to provide for the transfer of the University of New Orleans to the Louisiana State University System; to provide relative to the transfer of the facilities, resources, funds, obligations, and functions of the institution; to provide for the transition responsibilities of the impacted institution and management boards and the division of administration; to provide for cooperative agreements; to provide relative to accreditation issues; to provide relative to funding; to provide relative to employees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 203—
BY SENATOR HARRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 21:204(A), relative to hotel assessments; to provide relative to the levy of hotel assessments in Orleans Parish; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 204—
BY SENATOR CARTER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.27(D)(1)(b) and to enact R.S. 33:2740.27(D)(1)(f), relative to the Algiers Development District; to provide relative to the composition of the board of commissioners of the district; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 212—
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4547.1(C), (E)(1), (F)(2)(g) and 4547.2(A) through (F), to enact R.S. 33:4547.1(G) through (I), and to repeal R.S. 33:4547.2(G) and (H), relative to performance-based energy efficiency contracts; to provide for requirements for political subdivisions to procure a contract; to provide for definitions; to authorize political subdivisions to use requests for qualifications; to provide for procurement procedures; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 19—

BY SENATOR FESI AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, CARLSON, CARRIER, COATES, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, HORTON, JACOB LANDRY, MCCORMICK, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN AND WILDER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:1218.3, relative to the dispensing of ivermectin; to provide for a standing order for the dispensing of ivermectin; to provide for pharmacist authorization; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for immunity; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 24—
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:440.1(B) through (E), relative to the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund; to provide for the dedication of certain revenues and for the deposit and use of monies in the fund; to limit the amount of monies in the fund; to provide for the allocation of monies from the fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 27—
BY SENATOR TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM, BILLINGS AND TRAVIS JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6301(B)(1)(c)(v), (2)(a)(ii), and (3)(b) and (C)(1)(d)(i), relative to the credit for donations to school tuition organizations; to provide for scholarship limits from donations to school tuition organizations; to provide relative to the distribution of scholarship payments; to provide for the authorization method by parents for the scholarship payments; to provide for testing requirements of a qualified school; to authorize qualified students to receive additional scholarships or other forms of financial assistance; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 28—
BY SENATOR TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM, BILLINGS, CHASSION, ORGERON AND WILLARD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6044, relative to income tax credits; to establish an income tax credit program for expenses related to fortifying a roof; to provide for definitions; to provide for the amount of the credit; to provide for an annual cap; to provide for the administration of the cap; to provide for an application process, certification, and administration of the credit; to provide for application of the credits; to provide for the recovery and recapture of credits; to authorize the promulgation of rules; to

provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 34—

BY SENATORS LUNEAU AND BARROW
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1923(2)(q), relative to fraudulent insurance acts; to provide that amending or altering the original adjuster's or appraiser's repair estimate without the documented permission of the adjuster is a fraudulent insurance act; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 61—

BY SENATORS LUNEAU, BARROW, BOUDREAU, BOUIE, CARTER, DUPLESSIS, HARRIS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, PRICE AND SELDERS AND REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, CHASSION, FISHER, HUGHES, JACKSON, JORDAN, KNOX, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MILLER, NEWELL, PHELPS, WILLARD AND YOUNG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1508, 1509, and 1510, relative to the use of credit information in underwriting or rating of certain personal insurance policies; to require an insurer to provide a consumer with the credit information obtained by the insurer; to provide for adverse action notification; to require review of an insurer's scoring system; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 71—

BY SENATORS FOIL, CLOUD, EDMONDS, MIGUEZ, SELDERS, STINE AND WOMACK
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4001 and R.S. 24:514(I), relative to the Louisiana Charter School Start-Up Loan Fund; to expand the authorized uses and purposes of the fund; to rename the fund; to provide for the administration, investment, and disposition of monies in the fund; to establish eligibility criteria; to authorize the division of administration to enter into contracts and agreements; to authorize the reimbursement of administrative expenses; to provide for requirements and limitations; to require certain loan agreements; to provide for the terms of loan agreements; to provide for the transfer of assets in certain circumstances; to provide for audit requirements; to require eligible charter schools to submit a supplemental reporting schedule; to provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 85—

BY SENATOR WHEAT AND REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.4(A)(17), 851.14.1(A), 851.27(B)(1) and (3) and (C), and R.S. 38:3086.24(F)(2)(a) and to enact R.S. 34:851.27(B)(10), relative to operation of watercraft; to provide for requirements of careless operation; to provide for emergency closure of waterways; to provide for parish authority, to provide for posting of no-wake zones, to provide for state authority, to provide for enforcement, to provide for powers of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 87—

BY SENATOR BARROW
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 326(B) and 330(A) through (C), (D)(introductory paragraph), and (E) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 326(F), relative to bail; to provide relative to cash deposits; to provide relative to a cash depositor as a surety; to provide relative to notice; to provide relative to the appearance of the defendant in connection with a bail undertaking; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 95—
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 15:571.36(C)(1), the introductory paragraph of (C)(2), and the introductory paragraph of (C)(4), and 571.36(D) and to enact R.S. 15:571.36(A)(12), 571.37, and 571.38, relative to electronic monitoring of certain criminal defendants; to provide relative to notifications of noncompliance; to provide relative to penalties; to provide for program costs and maintenance; to provide for termination of electronic monitoring; to provide for certification and registration of electronic monitoring service providers and manufacturers; to create the crime of violation of electronic monitoring conditions; to provide for the elements of the offense; to provide definitions and penalties; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 101—

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BOYER, BUTLER, CARRIER, CREWS, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMINT, JACOB LANDRY, MCCORMICK, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(A)(4)(a) and (M), 95.2(B)(3) and (C)(9), and 95.6(C)(1), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 117—

BY SENATORS MIGUEZ, EDMONDS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS AND MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, EDMONSTON AND TAYLOR

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:192.3 and 3996(B)(4), relative to school nutrition programs; to prohibit serving and selling foods with certain ultra-processed ingredients to students in public and nonpublic schools; to require certain information to be posted on the state Department of Education's website; to authorize certain schools to purchase food produced in Louisiana; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 175—

BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1361(B), 1361(B)(3) and (4) and (D), 1362, 1363, 1366(A)(1), and 1379, relative to the State Plumbing Board; to provide for membership of the board; to provide for terms of office; to provide for the election of officers of the board; to provide for duties of the board; to provide relative to an advisory committee; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 189—

BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 3 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:599.1 through 599.32, relative to the creation of the State Land Banking Authority Act; to provide relative to land banking; to provide relative to the purpose; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to the establishment of Land Banks by political subdivisions; to provide relative to the board of directors; to provide relative to powers of the land bank authority; to provide relative to property; to provide relative to the hiring of staff and consultants; to provide relative to the appointment of receivers; to provide relative to internal administration; to provide for immunity; to provide relative to property rights; to provide relative to inventory and classification; to provide relative to tax liens; to provide relative to money and proceeds; to provide for taxes; to provide for civil actions; to provide relative to public property; to provide relative to annual reports; to provide relative to bonds; to provide relative to trusts; to provide relative to securities; to provide relative to conveyance of title and release of collateral; to provide relative to enforcement of rights and duties; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 207—

BY SENATORS CARTER, EDMONDS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MIGUEZ AND MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BRASS, CARLSON, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, TERRY LANDRY, OWEN, TAYLOR AND YOUNG

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:183.4 and 3996(B)(4), relative to public high schools; to require that certain public school students have access to vocational and technical education courses; to provide for agreements; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 210—

BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:341, 342, 344, 345, 346, 349, 350, 353, 380.10, 380.14(A), (B) and (C)(2)(b)(iii), and 380.15 and R.S. 36:208(C) and 209(A)(3) and (9) and to repeal R.S. 25:351, 352 and 380.11 and R.S. 36:801.8, relative to the office of the state museum; to provide relative to the board of directors and appointments; to provide for domicile, powers and duties of the office of the state museum and its board; to provide regarding transition of board membership; to provide relative to properties included in the state museum system; to provide regarding use of the museum's collections; to provide relative to residential and commercial leasing of properties; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 231—

BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.27, relative to civil actions; to provide relative to recoverable medical expenses; to provide relative to the amount billed and the amount paid in certain circumstances; to provide relative to the calculation of certain damages; to provide relative to admissible evidence; to provide relative to certain definitions; to provide relative to obtaining discovery in certain circumstances; to provide relative to admissibility of evidence; to provide relative to automobile liability insurance that provides for medical payments coverage; to provide relative to attorney-negotiated write-offs or discounts for medical expenses; to provide relative to write-offs or discounts provided by a medical provider; to provide related to consideration; to provide relative to attorney fees; to provide for prospective application; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 234—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVES CARLSON, CHENEVERT, EDMONSTON AND OWEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:58.2(J) and 68.1 through 68.7, and to repeal R.S. 17:58.2(I) and 67 through 67.4, relative to school systems in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the St. George Community School System; to provide for the establishment and geographic boundaries of the school system; to provide for the school board, an interim school board, and an interim school superintendent; to provide for board membership, apportionment, qualifications, method of selection, terms of office, filling of vacancies, compensation, expenses, powers, duties, and responsibilities; to provide relative to facilities and property; to provide relative to the collection and remittance of certain taxes; to provide relative to the provision of certain student services; to provide relative to certain applications for funding; to provide for the reapportionment of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; to provide with respect to certain costs related to retired employees; to provide for agreements between school boards with respect to an allocation of assets and liabilities; to provide for effectiveness and for implementation; to repeal provisions of law with respect to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School District which did not take effect due to the failure to enact an authorizing constitutional amendment; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

June 11, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 236—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 19:136 and 136.1(3) and R.S. 33:4761 and to enact R.S. 13:2575(B)(3)(g) and R.S. 19:136.2(D), relative to removal of dangerous buildings or structures in parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to blighted property in the city of Baton Rouge and in the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to blighted properties in municipalities within the parish; to provide relative to the authority to condemn, demolish, remove, or expropriate dilapidated and dangerous buildings or structures; to provide relative to administrative adjudication procedures; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 245— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 184 by Senator Cloud)

BY SENATOR CLOUD AND REPRESENTATIVES BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, FREIBERG, HORTON, ILLG, KERNER AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:51.1(B)(11), to enact R.S. 39:16.15, 51.1(I) and (J), and Subpart F of Part II of Chapter I of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:89.1 through 89.4, and to repeal R.S. 39:51.1(B)(10) and (F), relative to nongovernmental entities; to provide for requirements for nongovernmental entities; to provide for nongovernmental entity funding request form information; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for audit requirements; to prohibit certain activities of nongovernmental entities; to provide for a nongovernmental entity database; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 15—

BY SENATOR MORRIS AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BACALA, COX, ECHOLS, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, GLORIOSO, HORTON, JACOB LANDRY, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, WILDER, WILEY AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 14:130.1(A) and 134(A) and to enact R.S. 14:130.1(A)(6) and (B)(6) and (7), relative to criminal interference with federal immigration enforcement activities; to provide relative to the crimes of obstruction of justice and malfeasance in office; to prohibit interference by public and private actors with immigration enforcement and other official governmental acts; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 30—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:1270.30.1, relative to recreational vehicle dealerships; to provide for the establishment of new dealerships and the relocation of existing recreational vehicle dealerships; to provide for notification requirements; to provide for protests to the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission; to provide for exemptions for certain existing dealerships; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 41—

BY SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CONNICK, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIZELL, PRICE, SELDERS, STINE AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRYANT, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, FISHER, HILFERTY, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, KNOX, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCMAHEN, MENA, NEWELL, PHELPS, SPELL, TAYLOR AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:91.3(A), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 15:587.1(C), 587.1(C)(1), and 1110.3(H), the introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:8.7(B) and 8.7(B)(1), 15(A)(1)(a), (b)(i)(bb) and (cc), and (b)(ii) and (2)(a)(ii) through (v), (D), and (E), 16(A), 24.8(A) and (B)(2), 407.33(5), 407.35(A), 407.42(A)(2) and (B)(1)(b), 407.46(A)(1), 407.71(A), 443(B)(1), 493(C)(1), and 3996(B)(28), R.S. 24:525(D), R.S. 40:2008.10(A)(3) and 2019(F)(3)(b), R.S. 46:51.2(A)(1)(b),

56(F)(1), (4)(c), (10)(b)(i), and (11), and 1414.1(A), Children's Code Art. 116(2.1) and (2.2), 603(4)(a) and (17)(d), 603.1(B), 610(A), (E)(1) and (2), and (H), 612(A)(3), 615(B)(2), (3), and (5), the introductory paragraph of 615(E) and 615(E)(1) and (4)(a) and (F), 616(B), the introductory paragraph of 616(D), 616(E) and (H), and 616.1.1(A) and to enact R.S. 17:15(A)(1)(b)(i)(dd) and (2)(a)(vi), 407.41, and 3996(B)(82), Children's Code Art. 603(17)(l) through (o) and 610(I) and Civil Code Art. 2315.12, relative to child welfare; to provide for review of the state central registry for school employees; to provide for reporting recordation on the state central registry; to provide for the licensure of early learning centers; to provide for child welfare and safety minimum standards for prekindergarten programs; to provide for child abuse and neglect determinations; to provide for definitions in the Children's Code; to provide for mandatory reporting training; to provide for procedures for reporting child abuse and neglect; to provide for the responsibility of the Department of Children and Family Services to respond to reports; to provide for investigations of child sexual abuse in a school setting; to provide for liability for damages caused by sexual abuse in a school setting; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 96—

BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVES CARRIER, CHASSION, KNOX, LYONS AND MARCELLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.77.4, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral health services; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to reimburse Medicaid providers for certain behavioral health services; to provide relative to reimbursement rates; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 97—

BY SENATORS PRESSLY, BASS, CATHEY, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS AND MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2(A)(2) and (3), 5.1, 6, 32(B)(3), 84(A) and (B), 111, 112, 214(C) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 49:214.6.6(A) and (C), 220.41(D), 220.42(B)(5) and (7) and to enact R.S. 38:90.2(D), 214(D), and Chapter 11-A of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 38:2351 through 2361, and R.S. 49:214.6.3(A)(5), 214.6.6(A)(5), 220.42(B)(9) and (10), relative to flood control, risk reduction, navigation, and water resource management; to provide for the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for the office of public works; to create the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority; to provide for purpose and intent; to provide for the development and implementation of an integrated plan for the upland area; to provide for definitions; to create the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board; to provide for members, powers, duties, and functions of the board; to provide for master and annual plans; to provide for public meetings and notices; to provide for legislative approval; to provide for the executive director; to provide for infrastructure programs; to provide for exclusions, exemptions, terms, and conditions; to provide for appeals; to provide for emergencies; to provide for the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; to provide for the chief resilience officer; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 121—

BY SENATOR SELDERS AND REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION, FISHER, JACKSON, KNOX, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MENA, TAYLOR AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:416.24 and 3996(B)(89), relative to mental health screenings in schools; to authorize public schools to offer annual mental health screenings for students; to require notification of parents; to provide for parental consent; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for confidentiality; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 123—

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS AND REPRESENTATIVES WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, FREIBERG, KNOX, LYONS, MOORE, TAYLOR AND WILEY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6302, relative to income tax credits for donations to public schools; to authorize a credit for donations to certain public schools; to provide for an amount of the credit; to provide for the use of donations by certain schools; to provide for a receipt issued by certain public schools for the donation; to provide for the granting of the credit; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to provide an annual credit cap for the program; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 125—

BY SENATOR OWEN AND REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:54.3 and R.S. 40:1472.3(E)(3)(c), relative to explosives; to provide relative to the crime of manufacture and possession of a bomb; to provide for penalties; to provide for licensure of dealer-distributors, users, blasters, or handlers of explosives; to provide for background investigations and criminal history record checks; to provide for costs; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 126—

BY SENATORS KLEINPETER, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CLOUD, CONNICK, EDMONDS, FESI, FOIL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JENKINS, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, SELDERS, STINE AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COATES, DEWITT, FREIBERG, GALLE, HORTON, ILLG, KERNER, KNOX, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MOORE, OWEN, ROMERO, WILDER, WYBLE AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9) and to enact R.S. 17:416.16.1 and 3996(B)(89), relative to school mapping data; to provide relative to delivery of school mapping data; to provide for definitions; to provide for school mapping data guidelines; to prohibit modification or updating of data without certain corresponding updates; to provide relative to public records exceptions; to provide for charter school exemptions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 130—

BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To enact Subpart F of Part VI-A of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:440.21, relative to Medicaid; to provide for Medicaid eligibility determinations; to provide for Medicaid program integrity measures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 153—

BY SENATOR SELDERS AND REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION AND KNOX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2724(B) and R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(c) and to enact R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(d), relative to behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana medical assistance program; to provide for limited licenses for certain individuals to provide CPST services; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 161—

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, BOUIE, CONNICK, HARRIS AND MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:101(C)(1), 104(A)(17), the introductory paragraph of 108(B), and 109(B), and 110(F), R.S. 51:940.1(A), 2311(D), 3135, and 3136(A), to enact R.S. 36:109(E) and (F) and R.S. 51:2364, and to repeal R.S. 47:6007(B)(18) and 6022(C)(7) and R.S. 51:935.1, 938.1, 2314, 3131, 3132(7), (8), and (9), 3133, and 3137, relative to economic development; to provide relative to Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for the structure and organization of Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for powers and duties of the secretary of Louisiana Economic

Development; to create the Louisiana Economic Development Innovation Fund; to provide for membership and duties of an advisory board; to provide terms and definitions; and to provide for related matters.

and they are hereby presented for executive approval.

Respectfully submitted,
YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HOUSE BILL NO. 206—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:5, relative to prohibiting certain changes to election procedures without legislative approval; to prohibit election officials and the state and parish boards of election supervisors from entering into certain agreements regarding election procedures; to provide for legislative approval of such actions by concurrent resolution; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 307—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:233.4, relative to public assistance; to provide for eligibility for certain public assistance programs; to prohibit certain individuals from receiving public assistance; to establish reporting requirements to certain federal agencies; to require reporting; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 323—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:52(A) and R.S. 33:383(A)(1) and (2)(a) and (c) and to enact R.S. 33:383(A)(3), relative to election dates for municipal and school board elections; to authorize the election of school board members to occur at the same time as the gubernatorial elections; to authorize municipal elections to occur at the same time as gubernatorial elections; to provide for terms of office; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 378—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILDER, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BRYANT, CARLSON, CARRIER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, GALLE, GEYMANN, GLORIOSO, HORTON, JACKSON, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, MENA, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, TARVER, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, TURNER, VENTRELLA, AND WILEY AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, MIZELL, STINE, AND WOMACK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5029(B)(2) and (3)(a) and (b)(ii) and (iii), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to provide relative to the alternate eligibility requirements for students who complete approved home study programs; to lower the minimum ACT score such students must attain for initial qualification for an award; and to provide for related matters.

June 11, 2025

HOUSE BILL NO. 384—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BRYANT AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416(C)(2)(a) and (b) and to enact R.S. 17:416(O), relative to discipline of students in public schools; to provide for discipline of certain students found to be in possession of certain substances on school property; and to provide for related matters.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 475—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:836(B)(9), relative to insurance premium tax credits; to extend the termination date of the credit; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 483—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAU, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MCMATH, MIZELL, PRICE, AND SELDERS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 6:1382(31) through (34), 1383(D), 1389, 1393.1(J), and 1395 through 1397, relative to virtual currency kiosks; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for maximum daily transactions; to provide for cancellations and refunds; to provide for required disclosures; to provide for blockchain analytics; to provide for an anti-fraud policy; to provide for an enhanced due diligence policy; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5—
BY REPRESENTATIVES JACKSON AND KNOX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:46.3(A)(1) and (D)(2), 82.2(C)(1), (4), and (5), 83(B)(1)(b), (2), and (3), 83.1(B)(2) and (3), 83.2(B)(2) and (3), 84(B)(2) and (3), 85(B)(2) and (3), 86(B)(1)(b) and (c), 89.2(B)(3)(a), 104(B)(2) and (3), 105(B)(2) and (3), and 282(B)(2) and (3), R.S. 15:539.1(A) and 541(24)(a), and R.S. 46:1844(W)(2)(a) and to enact R.S. 14:46.3(A)(7) and 83(C), relative to offenses concerning prostitution; to provide for certain prostitution offenses; to provide for penalties; to provide for a definition; to provide with respect to sex offender registration and notification requirements; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 640— (Substitute for House Bill No. 621 by Representative Bourriaque)

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE, ADAMS, AMEDÉE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BOYER, BRAUD, BROWN, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, CREWS, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE AND SENATORS BASS, BOUDREAU, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, DUPLESSIS, HARRIS, HENRY, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MYERS, PRICE, REESE, SELDERS, STINE, AND TALBOT
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; to create 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 the exercise of procurement procedures, including emergency procurement; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 423—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1060.7(B)(3) and R.S. 51:413(B), relative to healthcare professionals; to require healthcare professionals to display evidence of proper licensure in person or in advertisements; to provide for enforceability; to provide for medications prescribed by certain healthcare professionals; to make technical corrections; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 533—
BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, BAYHAM, BERAULT, COX, DOMANGUE, EGAN, FISHER, GLORIOSO, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MENA, MOORE, SPELL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:386 and R.S. 47:6033(G) and to enact R.S. 47:6003, relative to tax credits; to establish a tax credit for employment of certain apprentices, interns, and youth workers; to provide for the amount of the credit; to provide for qualifications for the credit; to provide for requirements and limitations with respect to the credit; to provide for claiming of the credit; to authorize recovery of credit amounts in certain circumstances; to provide relative to apprenticeship programs of the Louisiana Workforce Commission; to limit the period in which a tax credit relative to apprenticeships may be earned; to provide for definitions; to authorize promulgation of administrative rules; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

and asked that the President of the Senate affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

The House Bills and Joint Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To repeal the Department of State rule (LAC 31:III.303(B)(1)(j)), which provides relative to password protection and authentication on devices used for tabulation as part of a voting system to be tested and certified for use in Louisiana, and to direct the office of the state register to incorporate the repeal into the Louisiana Administrative Code.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—
BY REPRESENTATIVES YOUNG, BILLINGS, CHASSION, COX, JACKSON, KNOX, MOORE, AND NEWELL
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.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state of Louisiana's participation in the Gulf of America Hypoxia Action Plan and Task Force.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—(Substitute for House Concurrent Resolution No. 21 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to study and make recommendations on the issues addressed by the Processing Revival and Intrastate Meat Exemption Act (PRIME Act) as proposed during the 118th United States Congress to enhance operations for small meat processing businesses in Louisiana, emphasize local control, economic resilience, support for small farmers, and meet the needs of Louisiana citizens.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to conduct a review of particular misdemeanors, also known as "Duncan misdemeanors", that are located throughout the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS AND CHASSION
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of motor vehicles to study the necessity of special identification cards for Louisiana citizens with Alzheimer's and related dementia diseases; including, the types of proof required from a physician of the condition, the necessary information required on the identification card, waiver of fees for obtaining the identification cards, and the potential expiration and renewal of identification cards.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, ADAMS, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, DEVILLIER, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, HUGHES, JACKSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, PHELPS, ROMERO, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WILEY, AND WILLARD AND SENATORS BASS, BOUDREAU, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, LUNEAU, MIZELL, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, PRICE, REESE, SELTERS, AND WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State University School of Public Health to change the recommended age for breast cancer screening for beginning of mammograms to thirty years old.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI AND SENATORS CONNICK, HENRY, MILLER, AND TALBOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the administration of the New Orleans Aviation Board to appear annually at the Jefferson Parish and Kenner City Council meetings and provide updates on hurricane preparedness and other related matters of mutual concern regarding infrastructure prior to the start of hurricane season.

and asked that the President of the Senate affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

The House Concurrent Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Total - 38		

ABSENT

Harris
Total - 1

Leaves of Absence

Harris 1 Day

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 3:04 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE
Journal Clerk

