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House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, March 16, 2026

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:00 P.M., by the Honorable Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

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

Domangue
Echols
Total - 100

Martinez
McCormick

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

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Pastor Morris St. Angelo of New Beginnings Church in Slidell.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Knox led the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the Journal of March 11, 2026, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials, and
Communications**

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

Message from the Senate

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 16, 2026

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

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 9
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 12
Returned without amendments

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

Message from the Senate

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

March 16, 2026

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

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions
Lying Over**

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Dr. Norman Christopher Francis upon the occasion of his passing.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

March 16, 2026

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

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

The following House Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, March 11, 2026, as Funeral Directors Day at the capitol, to recognize National Funeral Directors and Morticians Day, and to commend the Louisiana Funeral Directors Association for the vital services provided by funeral directors and morticians across the state of Louisiana.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Krewe of Eve on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize March 17, 2026, as Nurse Practitioner Day at the state capitol.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Dorothy Prevost, the last living matriarch of the 1960 New Orleans public school desegregation movement.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHANIE HILFERTY
Chairwoman

The above House Resolutions contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Secretary of State in accordance with the rules of the House.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

March 16, 2026

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

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

The following House Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Drew Brees for being elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM, AMEDEE, AND HORTON AND SENATORS BASS, EDMONDS, FOIL, HENRY, HODGES, LUNEAU, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MORRIS, MYERS, REESE, SEABAUGH, AND WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Charles James "Charlie" Kirk, co-founder of Turning Point USA.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHANIE HILFERTY
Chairwoman

The above House Concurrent Resolutions contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken to the Senate by the Clerk of the House and were signed by the President of the Senate and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Secretary of State in accordance with the rules of the House.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Butler, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent at this time.

**Introduction of Resolutions,
House and House Concurrent**

The following members introduced the following entitled House and House Concurrent Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, March 17, 2026, as Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association Day at the state capitol and commends the members of the association for their dedication to advancing horticulture, promoting environmental stewardship, and supporting the beautification and sustainability of the state of Louisiana.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Conservation and Energy to study the industrial use of water from Caddo Lake and to report

its findings to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Sharon K. Fontenot.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of D'Orsay Deavenport Bryant, Jr., M.D.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
A RESOLUTION

To commend Livingston Parish Sheriff Jason Ard and his law enforcement team for their work in stopping child predators.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY
A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, March 17, 2026, as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN
A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, March 16, 2026, as Opportunity in Action Day at the capitol.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN
A RESOLUTION

To commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Lambda Omega Chapter, on the occasion of its one hundred eighteenth Founders' Day and seventy-first Charter Day.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Livingston Parish Fire Protection District #4 for establishing the first high school firefighter training program in the state of Louisiana.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
A RESOLUTION

To commend Live Oak High School wrestler Laken Griffin on winning the 132-pound weight class 2026 state championship at the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Wrestling State Tournament.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Live Oak High School cheerleading team on winning its tenth consecutive Universal Cheerleaders Association National High School Cheerleading Championship.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 30—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR
A RESOLUTION

To commend Wanda Theresa Anderson Davis for her professional accomplishments.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS
A RESOLUTION

To commend Chief Judge Ree Casey Jones and Caddo Juvenile Court on the achievements of S.T.A.R. Court, Louisiana's first specialized court against human trafficking.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS
A RESOLUTION

To commend Shirley Wills, the first African American woman elected to the Caddo Parish Police Jury, for her exemplary leadership and service to Caddo Parish.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD
A RESOLUTION

To commend Bishop-Elect Jonathan Everett on the occasion of his elevation to the office of Bishop-Elect at Rock of Ages Baptist Church of New Orleans.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34—
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN
A RESOLUTION

To commend Colonel Joseph Musacchia, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Bernard LaFayette, Jr.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN
A RESOLUTION

To commend James C. Walsh on being named 2026 Hibernian of the Year in Louisiana.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express legislative support for a request by Senator John N. Kennedy of Louisiana to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to initiate a formal study to evaluate the impact of flooded corn on migratory waterfowl behavior, wintering distributions, and associated economic outcomes in the Mississippi Flyway.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT, ADAMS, BACALA, CARPENTER, CHENEVERT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, LACOMBE, TERRY LANDRY, MARCELLE, MCMAKIN, VENTRELLA, AND WILDER AND SENATORS EDMONDS, FOIL, HODGES, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, AND MORRIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Guaranty Corporation.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LARVADAIN, DEWITT, AND MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR LUNEAU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana on the death of Dr. Joe S. Green, "The Bayou Bishop".

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT AND GLORIOSO
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Pope John Paul II Catholic High School Lady Jaguars Soccer Team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2026 Division IV state championship.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Introduction of House Bills and Joint Resolutions

The following named members introduced the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

HOUSE BILL NO. 115—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(38), relative to the village of Edgefield and Red River Parish; to provide for the abolition of the office of police chief and the police department in the village of Edgefield; to authorize the village to contract with other law enforcement entities in the parish for law enforcement services; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 208—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:1221.3, relative to term limits for members of the governing authority of St. Helena Parish; to require a local option election in St. Helena Parish to determine if the members of the governing authority shall have term limits; to specify the term limitation if approved by the electors; to provide for applicability; to provide relative to the conduct of such elections and the costs thereof; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 465—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9038.82, relative to St. Bernard Parish; to create the Violet Economic Development District within the parish; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 832—

Withdrawn from the files of the House prior to introduction.

HOUSE BILL NO. 964—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK
AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer of certain state property in Caddo Parish; to provide for the property description; to provide for the reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 965—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 163 from Green Tree Street to Watson Road, in Webster Parish, as the "Sergeant William 'Billy' Earl Collins, Jr., Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 966—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MOORE, WALTERS, AND FISHER AND
SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 15 in Monroe, Louisiana, as the "President Barack Obama Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 967—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(K), relative to parole; to provide relative to parole eligibility for certain offenders; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 968—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:571.37(B) through (D) and (E)(1) and to enact R.S. 15:571.37(E)(4) and (F), relative to electronic monitoring; to provide relative to payment of costs for electronic monitoring supervision; to provide for conditions of electronic monitoring; to provide for penalties; to provide for duties of the court; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 969—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:176(B), R.S. 10:9-406(i) and 9-408(f), R.S. 15:574.4.2(C)(1), 705(C)(3)(a) and (D)(3), 874(7), 875(E), and 1223, R.S. 27:94(C), 252(C), 394(C), and 610(A)(3)(c), R.S. 32:865(B)(2), R.S. 36:4(B)(11)(b), R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6)(introductory paragraph) and (b), R.S. 44:4(28), the heading of Chapter 21 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 46:1801, 1802(introductory paragraph), (1) through (4), (5)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (c), (e), and (f), and (6) through (15), 1803 through 1806, 1807(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 1808, 1809(A), (B), (C), (D)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and (2), and (E), 1810, 1811(A), (B), and (C), 1812 through 1815, 1816(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (4), (5), and (8), (C), (D)(1)(b) and (2), and (E)(2), 1817(A) and (B), 1818 through 1822, 1842(introductory paragraph) and (9), 1844(V) and (W)(1)(a), (3), and (5)(a) and (c), 1851, 1852(D), and 1853(A), (B)(introductory paragraph) and (2), and (C), Code of Criminal Procedure Article 890.2(D), Children's Code Articles 811.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (7) and 811.2(D), to enact R.S. 46:1802(5)(h) and (16) through (20), and to repeal Chapter 21-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:1831.1 through 1831.16, relative to compensation for victims of criminal offenses; to change all references of the "Crime Victims Reparations Fund" to "Crime Victims' Compensation Fund", "Crime Victims Reparations Board" to "Crime Victims' Compensation Board", and "reparations" to "compensation"; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicable crimes; to provide for duties, powers, and procedures of the board; to provide for applications and eligibility; to provide for award amounts and criteria; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice; to provide for duties of the attorney general;

to provide for penalties; to provide relative to reimbursements; to repeal the Victims of Vehicular Homicide Act; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 970—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MENA
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:358, relative to child custody; to provide relative to competing custody orders; to establish a procedure for competing custody orders; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 971—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2197.1, relative to rural health clinics; to provide for Medicaid reimbursement rates of rural health clinics; to provide for the promulgation and adoption of rules; to provide for a state plan amendment; to provide for an implementation date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 972—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUDREAUX
AN ACT

To designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 93 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, as the "Desert Shield-Desert Storm Memorial Highway"; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 973—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2925(A)(1), (3), (6), and (7), relative to student high school graduation plans; to allow certain responsibilities of school counselors with respect to the development, review, and revision of the plans to be fulfilled by a career coach; to provide for meetings pertaining to plan revision; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 974—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 316(9) and (10) and 319(A) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 316(11), relative to bail; to provide relative to factors in fixing the amount of bail; to provide relative to fixing the amount of bail; to provide for the consideration of the presumption of innocence; to provide relative to modification of bail; to provide relative to motions filed to reduce the amount of bail; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE BILL NO. 975—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(b), relative to the Department of Public Service, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Public Service and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on
Transportation, Highways and Public Works

March 16, 2026

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 487, by Bayham
Reported with amendments. (16-0)

House Bill No. 503, by Orgeron
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

House Bill No. 606, by Bourriaque
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 707, by Turner
Reported with amendments. (16-0)

House Bill No. 720, by Riser
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 728, by Braud
Reported favorably. (15-0)

House Bill No. 733, by Phelps
Reported favorably. (15-0)

House Bill No. 846, by Bayham
Reported favorably. (15-0)

House Bill No. 856, by Fontenot
Reported with amendments. (16-0)

House Bill No. 868, by Dewitt
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 875, by Phelps
Reported with amendments. (16-0)

RYAN BOURRIAQUE
Chair

Report of the Committee on
Ways and Means

March 16, 2026

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Ways and Means to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 474, by Young
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 633, by Bacala
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

House Bill No. 852, by Lyons
Reported with amendments. (15-0)

TONY BACALA
Chair

**House and House Concurrent Resolutions
Lying Over**

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions lying over were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS
A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of the Reverend Dr. William J. Shaw.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Walters, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the SAVE America Act requiring voter identification in federal elections to protect election integrity and public confidence in the democratic process.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER
A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 14, 2026, as Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, Day at the capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Carpenter, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
A RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Board of Regents, Louisiana Works, and Louisiana Economic Development to jointly study, in collaboration with the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center, the state's return on investment with respect to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students and submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education not later than March 1, 2027.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Chris Hansen and TruBlu Crew for helping the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office fight crime in Louisiana.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Dickerson, the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER AND SCHLEGEL AND SENATOR EDMONDS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express support for federal efforts to eliminate the United States Department of Education and to memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to cooperate fully with these efforts.

Read by title.

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

Motion

On motion of Rep. McCormick, the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice was discharged from further consideration of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Louisiana congressional delegation to take such actions as are necessary to ensure that all individuals implicated in the Jeffrey Epstein files, including those involved in alleged criminal activities such as child sex trafficking, blackmail, and bribery, are fully investigated, prosecuted, and held responsible through every available legal process.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. McCormick, the resolution was withdrawn from the files of the House.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions Lying Over

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions lying over were taken up and acted upon as follows:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and recognize the cultural and historic links between Ireland and Louisiana and the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Coates, the resolution was concurred in.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 7, 2026, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Coates, the resolution was concurred in.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Monday, March 16, 2026, as Amite Oyster Festival Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend the Amite Oyster Festival for its historical, cultural, and economic significance to the city of Amite, and Tangipahoa Parish for its enduring legacy since 1976.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Coates, the resolution was concurred in.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading to be referred to committees were taken up, read, and referred to committees, as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 362—

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9091.30, relative to Orleans Parish; to create the Regency Park Townhomes Crime Prevention and Security District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 963—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

AN ACT

Relative to the appropriation of monies out of the state general fund to be used to pay the consent judgment captioned "Elva Moorhead, et al. versus Eagle, Inc., et al" between the state of Louisiana, through the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District, and Elva M. Moorhead, Nicol Moorhead, Jeromy Moorhead, and Clayton Moorhead, individually and on behalf of Decedent, Thomas Moorhead; to provide for an effective date, and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

Motion

On motion of Rep. Hebert, the Committee on Commerce was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 176.

HOUSE BILL NO. 176—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 8:659(C) and (D), relative to the remains of certain individuals; to provide for the authority to determine the interment of remains of certain individuals; to limit liability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

Motion

On motion of Rep. Taylor, the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice was discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 397.

HOUSE BILL NO. 397—
BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:39.3, relative to reckless throwing from a parade float; to create the crime of reckless throwing from a parade float; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committee

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading reported by committee were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 207—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3111(B) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Auctioneers Licensing Board; to provide for board membership; to provide for board member qualification; to provide for the domicile of the board; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 207 by Representative Henry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "board;" insert "to provide for applicability;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 13 and 14, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"~~auctioneers; one selected from each public service commission district, and~~ two of whom shall be consumers from the public at large, and all appointed by the governor."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 4, change "may" to "shall" and after "sued." delete the remainder of the line in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete line 5 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, after line 6, add the following:

Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 37:3111(B) as enacted by this Act shall apply only to board members appointed on or after the effective date of this Act.

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 300—
BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:243(C)(1) and (2), relative to powers and functions of state banks; to provide for price thresholds for required residential appraisals; to increase the thresholds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 331—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Louisiana GOP" special prestige license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 331 by Representative Mack

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 9, after "A." and before "The" insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

(2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 10 through 13 in their entirety

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 428—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "2023 and 2025 LSU Fighting Tigers College World Series Champions" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, consent, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 428 by Representative Bayham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "the" delete "'Louisiana State University Baseball National Champions 2025'" and insert "'2023 and 2025 LSU Fighting Tigers College World Series Champions'"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, after "plate;" delete the remainder of the line, delete line 10 in its entirety, and insert "'2023 and 2025 LSU Fighting Tigers College World Series Champions'"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, after "A." and before "The" insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 12, after "the" delete the remainder of line, on line 13 delete "State University Baseball National Champions 2025'", and insert "'2023 and 2025 LSU Fighting Tigers College World Series Champions'"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

"(2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall create these special prestige license plates when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 18, after "words" delete the remainder of the line, delete line 19 in its entirety, and insert "'2023 and 2025 LSU Fighting Tigers College World Series Champions'"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 21, after "the" delete the remainder of the line and insert "'2023 and 2025 LSU Fighting Tigers College World Series Champions'"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, delete lines 25 through 28 in their entirety

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 464—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.17(A), relative to mandatory reporting of damage to utilities; to provide for notification from excavators or demolishers; to provide for notification from the regional notification center; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce.

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

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 587—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle prestige license plates; to establish the "PANS/PANDAS" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; to provide for the deposit of royalty proceeds into the state general fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 587 by Representative Dickerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, after "A." and before "The" insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

"(2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 11 through 14 in their entirety

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 618—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:104(C) and (D) and 104.1(B)(1) and (2), (D), and (E) and to enact R.S. 36:104(E), relative to fees and costs assessed by Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for the amounts of certain fees and costs of the department; to authorize a new fee of the department; to authorize reductions in and waiving of certain fees at the discretion of the secretary of the department; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 618 by Representative McMakin

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "104.1(B)(1)," to "104.1(B)(1) and (2),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "36:104(E)" and before the comma "," delete "and (F)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "department;" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 7, delete "inflationary adjustments of certain fee amounts;"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 10, change "104.1(B)(1)," to "104.1(B)(1) and (2),"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 11, change "and (F) are" to "is"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, delete line 14 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"C. The amount of"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

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

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 13, delete "shall mean" and insert "means"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, line 14, delete "account" and insert "accountant"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

"(2) Maintains a current Louisiana certified public account accountant firm permit."

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 629—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, BRAUD, BROUSSARD, DICKERSON, MARTINEZ, MURRAY, SPELL, WALTERS, AND WILEY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Krewe of Athena" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 629 by Representative Lyons

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, after "A." and before "The" insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

(2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates."

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 801—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARTINEZ AND DICKERSON AND SENATOR KLEINPETER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Classic Black" special prestige license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to the license plate; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 801 by Representative Martinez

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "R.S. 47:463.243" change "amend and reenact" to "enact"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "design," and before "fees" insert "implementation,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, after "hereby" and before "to" change "amended and reenacted" to "enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 9, after "A." and before "The" insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

"(2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 6, after "in" and before "Louisiana" change "Holden," to "Zachary,"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete lines 11 through 13 in their entirety

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 853—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:391, relative to misleading solicitations by nongovernment entities; to provide for what qualifies as a misleading solicitation; to provide for disclosure requirements; to provide for remedies and penalties; to provide for civil damages; to provide for an unfair or deceptive act or practice; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 853 by Representative McMakin

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "provides" to "provide"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "practice;" insert "to provide for exceptions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 15, change "shall qualify as" to "qualifies as a"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 16, change "requirements;" to "requirements:"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 17, change "shall" to "may"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 19, after "costs" and before the period , insert "pursuant to R.S. 51:1401 et seq"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 22, delete "LA."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, after line 23, add the following:

"F. This Section shall not apply to the following:

(1) A bank, trust company, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, finance or credit company, industrial loan company, or any foreign bank maintaining a branch or agency licensed under the laws of the United States, or any subsidiary or affiliate of these.

(2) An insurer licensed under Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950."

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 891—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.46(B) and (C), 463.53(C) and (D), and R.S. 56:10(B)(8) through (17), to enact R.S. 47:463.243, and to repeal R.S. 56:10(B)(18) through (20), relative to reallocation of fees and creation of special prestige license plates associated with wildlife; to provide for the reallocation of fees to the Louisiana Quail Forever organization; to provide for the reallocation of funds to the Louisiana Ducks Unlimited organization; to establish the "Conserve Louisiana" special license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to the license plate; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original House Bill No. 891 by Representative Jacob Landry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 17, after "A." and before "The" insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

"(2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 10, delete lines 18 through 21 in their entirety

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

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

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Wiley, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent at this time.

**Introduction of Resolutions,
House and House Concurrent**

The following members introduced the following entitled House and House Concurrent Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to issue the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal to U.S. veterans who served in Honduras from 1981 to 1992.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38—

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and to restore the rights of privacy and protection against unreasonable searches and seizures that have been taken from the

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Deshotel, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Commerce to meet on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, and consider other business that was not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Edmonston, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Judiciary to submit this weekly schedule on a day other than permitted by House Rules 14.23.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Bourriaque, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to meet on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 12:00 noon, a time not permitted by the previously adopted schedule, and consider the

following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

House Bill Nos. 129, 130, 854 and other business items.

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 3:36 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House

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