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SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Twenty-fourth Regular Session of the Legislature Under the Adoption of the **Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives State Capitol Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:00 P.M., by the Honorable H. B. "Hunt" Downer, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Guillory	Pratt
Alario	Hammett	Quezaire
Alexander, A.—93rd	Heaton	Riddle
Alexander, R.—13th	Hebert	Romero
Ansardi	Hill	Rousselle
Barton	Holden	Salter
Baudoin	Hopkins	Scalise
Baylor	Hudson	Schneider
Bowler	Hunter	Schwegmann
Bruce	Iles	Shaw
Bruneau	Jenkins	Smith, J.D.—50th
Carter	Johns	Smith, J.R.—30th
Chaisson	Kennard	Stelly
Clarkson	Kenney	Theriot
Copelin	Lancaster	Thomas
Crane	Landrieu	Thompson
Curtis	LeBlanc	Thornhill
Damico	Long	Toomy
Daniel	Marionneaux	Travis
Deville	Martiny	Triche
DeWitt	McCain	Vitter
Diez	McCallum	Waddell
Dimos	McDonald	Walsworth
Donelon	McMains	Warner
Dupre	Mitchell	Welch
Durand	Montgomery	Weston
Farve	Morrell	Wiggins
Faucheux	Morrish	Wilkerson
Flavin	Murray	Willard

Fontenot Frith Fruge	Odinet Perkins Pierre	Windhorst Winston Wright
Gautreaux	Pinac	
Glover	Powell	
Total—100		

Green Michot Jetson Strain

Total-

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

ABSENT

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rev. Wesley Anderson, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Faucheux 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. Dimos, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Heaton, the Journal of May 4, 1998, was corrected to reflect him as voting yea on final passage of House Bill

On joint motion of Reps. Guillory, Jenkins, Donelon, and Windhorst, the Journal of May 4, 1998, was corrected to reflect them as voting nay on final passage of House Bill No. 126.

On motion of Rep. Windhorst, the Journal of May 4, 1998, was adopted.

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

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39— BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Nancy Gautreau, Correctional Social Worker at Elayn Hunt Correctional Center, for outstanding dedication to the well-being of others and to congratulate her for being nationally selected by the American Correctional Association as one of the twelve "Best in the Business".

Read by title.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40— BY REPRESENTATIVE CRANE

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 7, 1998, as Dental Hygiene Day in the state of Louisiana and to commend dental hygienists around the state for their outstanding contributions to the oral health of citizens of the state of Louisiana.

Read by title.

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

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41— BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 9.10(H) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives, relative to the motion for the previous question; to prohibit a member who is recognized for the floor and at that time speaks in the debate from making such

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28-BY REPRESENTATIVE COPELIN A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation to conduct a study of the Capital Companies Tax Credit Program.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29— BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Paul M. Hebert Law Center and the Southern University Law Center to provide a six-hour training course in law office management to graduates of each school, respectively, at no cost to such graduates.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30— BY REPRESENTATIVES ODINET AND WARNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to amend the Highway Beautification Act of 1965 to revise provisions relating to the lighting requirements of outdoor advertising signs, displays, and devices in areas adjacent to the Interstate System and the Federal-Aid primary system.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31— BY REPRESENTATIVES ODINET AND WARNER A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the United States Department of Transportation to renegotiate or modify their agreement relative to control of outdoor advertising in areas adjacent to the national system of Interstate and Defense Highways and the Federal-Aid Primary System in order to allow outdoor advertising signs in zoned and unzoned commercial and industrial areas which contain, include, or are illuminated by flashing, intermittent, or moving light or lights.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to post signs on both sides of Interstate 20 near the city of Grambling, Louisiana, indicating available food establishments.

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. 262— BY REPRESENTATIVES HUDSON, BAYLOR, HUNTER, AND MORRELL AN ACT

To enact Chapter 15 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:1251 through 1255, relative to the taxation of securities; to provide for the levy, collection, and administration of a tax on the sale of stocks, bonds, and certain other securities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 263-

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARTON

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 47:303(B)(3) and to enact R.S. 47:303(B)(7), relative to the collection of sales and use taxes on motor vehicles; to authorize the vehicle commissioner to collect certain taxes on behalf of political subdivisions; to provide for agreements between the vehicle commissioner and the political subdivisions relative to the collection of certain taxes; to relieve the office of motor vehicles of any liability for their failure to collect certain taxes in the absence of an agreement; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 264— BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:341(1), (2), and (3) and 342, relative to the excise tax on certain alcoholic beverages; to provide for an increase in the rate of such tax; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 265— BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 15 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:1251 through 1254, relative to the taxation of certain securities; to provide for the levy, collection, and administration of a tax on the sale of such securities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 266— BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide for a credit for taxpayers with incomes below the poverty level; to provide for the taxable periods to which the credit applies; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 267— BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide for an earned income tax credit; to provide for the taxable periods to which the credit applies; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 268— BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(L), relative to the individual income tax; to provide for an earned income tax credit; to provide for the taxable periods to which the credit applies; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 269-

BY REPRESENTATIVE COPELIN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 51:1927.1, relative to certified capital companies; to require certified capital companies to remit to the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation certain monies; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 270— BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC

AN ACT

To provide with respect to the Revenue Sharing Fund and the allocation and distribution thereof for Fiscal Year 1998-1999; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

HOUSE BILL NO. 271— BY REPRESENTATIVE HOPKINS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to state sales and use tax; to provide for an exemption for purchases of utilities for stripper wells; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, LEBLANC, AND DOWNER AND SENATORS BARHAM AND HAINKEL

AN ACT

To provide with respect to the capital outlay budget and the capital outlay program for state government, state institutions, and other public entities; to provide for the designation of projects and improvements; to provide for the financing thereof making appropriations from certain sources; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3-

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO

AN ACT

To enact the Omnibus Bond Authorization Act of 1998, relative to the implementation of a five-year capital improvement program; to provide for the repeal of certain prior bond authorizations; to provide for new bond authorizations; to provide for authorization and sale of such bonds by the State Bond Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HOUSE BILL NO. 124-

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1501(E)(8), relative to East-Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1; to authorize the governing authority of the district to levy and collect, subject to voter approval, an additional tax for maintenance and operation of the fire district; 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. 191— BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRISH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:816, relative to School District Number 3 of Jefferson Davis Parish; to authorize the levy of a parcel fee within district boundaries; to provide for voter approval; to provide for imposition and collection; to provide a limitation on the amount of any such parcel fee; to provide relative to the use of proceeds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 253-

BY REPRESENTATIVE R. ALEXANDER AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2116(B)(1), relative to facility need review; to include adult residential care home beds in those beds subject to facility need review in order to participate in the Title XIX program; and to provide for related matters.

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Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 254— BY REPRESENTATIVE TOOMY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:326, 341(introductory paragraph), 344, and 359, to enact R.S. 26:341(B), and to repeal R.S. 14:93.20, relative to the sale and shipment of beverage alcohol in Louisiana; to impose a tax on the direct sale and shipment by common carrier of sparkling or still wines; to provide for the enforcement and collection thereof; to require application for authority for such shipments and payment of taxes before making authorized shipments; to provide for who pays the taxes; to provide for to whom the taxes are paid; to provide for the time of payment of the taxes; to require the express agreement to pay all excise and sales and use taxes assessed by the state of Louisiana; to provide for recordkeeping of sales subject to said taxes; to exempt from the tax on direct sale and shipment by common carrier sparkling or still wines manufactured by native wineries; to repeal certain provisions of law relating to the unlawful sale and shipment of beverage alcohol in Louisiana; and otherwise to provide generally and specifically with respect thereto.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HOUSE BILL NO. 255-

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEVILLE AND HEBERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:91(C), relative to riverboat gaming; to increase the franchise fee on net gaming proceeds; 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 Ways and Means.

HOUSE BILL NO. 256-

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1419(A)(2), relative to the dedication of assessments paid by certain insurers; to increase the dedication to the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Operating Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HOUSE BILL NO. 257— BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUNEAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:93.1, relative to the taxation of riverboats; to authorize the levy and collection of a tax on net gaming proceeds by certain levee districts for certain purposes; to provide for certain tax credits; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HOUSE BILL NO. 258— BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:3202(E), 3203(B), and 3204, relative to tax exemption contracts; to replace set-aside provisions with provisions relating to economically disadvantaged businesses; to change the priority for exemptions from state taxes; to provide for review of such contracts; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HOUSE BILL NO. 259-

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:300.2(introductory paragraph), 300.6(B)(1)(a), 300.7, and 300.10 and to repeal R.S. 47:300.5, 300.6(B)(1)(c), and 300.8, relative to income taxation of estates and trusts; to resolve technical and substantive difficulties in the language of the provisions; to provide for the exclusion from taxable income of certain federal deductions; 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 Ways and Means.

HOUSE BILL NO. 260— BY REPRESENTATIVES DANIEL AND JOHNS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:306(B)(10), relative to advance payment of sales taxes; to authorize the secretary of the Department of Revenue to exempt certain dealers from the advance payment of the tax; 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 Ways and Means.

HOUSE BILL NO. 261— BY REPRESENTATIVE POWELL

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1291.1(A), relative to workers' compensation; to clarify that the amount of actual workers' compensation benefits paid shall be reported by insurers on a net basis; to clarify the definition of "workers' compensation benefits"; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the bill was returned to the calendar subject to call.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 43— BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:287.95(J), relative to the corporation income tax; to provide for common paymaster situations with respect to salary, wages, and other compensation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 44— BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1031, relative to the natural gas franchise tax; to provide that the tax is imposed on the exercise of a corporation franchise or charter or the continuance of such franchise or charter; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 56-

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.11(A), relative to corporation income tax; to provide that any entity taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes will also be taxed as a corporation for state income tax purposes; to provide for the applicability of such provision; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 57— BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.732(A) and to enact R.S. 47:287.732(C) and 287.732.1, relative to the state income tax liability of S corporations and qualified Subchapter S subsidiary corporations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 109— BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:606(F), relative to corporation franchise tax; to provide for the allocation of property and net sales when a corporation merges; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 109 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, after "corporation" and before "the" delete the comma "," and insert "and the merging corporation dissolves or ceases to exist,

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete line 14 in its entirety and insert "beginning after December 31, 1999."

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 110-

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:601, 606(C), and 611, relative to the corporation franchise tax; to repeal the minimum tax; to provide for a one-time initial corporation franchise tax; to exempt certain corporations from the tax; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 143-

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY AND SENATORS CRAVINS, BEAN, AND TARVER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:391 and to enact R.S. 27:393, relative to the taxation of slot machine gaming at certain live horse racing tracks as authorized by Act 721 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature; to provide with respect to the authority of certain local governing authorities to levy a tax on taxable net slot machine proceeds; to levy a tax on taxable net slot machine proceeds; and to provide for related matters.

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Reported with amendments by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 143 by Representative Montgomery

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "enact" insert "amend and reenact R.S. 27:391 and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "to" and before "levy" insert the following:

"provide with respect to the authority of certain local governing authorities to levy a tax on taxable net slot machine proceeds; to"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, change "R.S. 27:393" to "R.S. 27:391 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 27:393" $\,$

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"§391. Authorization of local governing authority tax

- \underline{A} . The local governing authorities in the parish in which the licensed eligible facility is located may levy a tax not to exceed four percent in the aggregate of the weekly taxable net slot machine proceeds.
- B. In any parish in which a licensed eligible facility is located and for which the Louisiana State Racing Commission has licensed the conduct of not less than eighty days within a consecutive twentyweek period each year of live horse race meetings, which license was first issued prior to July 1, 1998, the local governing authorities are authorized to levy taxes as follows:
- (1) The governing authority of the school board may levy a tax not to exceed one percent of the weekly net slot machine proceeds provided that the awards of such tax collected in Bossier Parish shall be deposited in and credited to the Bossier Educational Excellence Fund.
- (2) The governing authority of the city in which the licensed eligible facility is located may levy a tax not to exceed one percent of the weekly taxable net slot machine proceeds.
- 3) The governing authority of the parish in which the licensed eligible facility is located may levy a tax not to exceed one percent of the weekly taxable net slot machine proceeds.
- The sheriff or the governing authority of the law enforcement district of the parish in which the licensed eligible facility is located may levy a tax not to exceed one percent of the weekly taxable net slot machine proceeds.
- C. In any parish in which a licensed eligible facility is located and for which the Louisiana State Racing Commission has approved the future licensing of the conduct of not less than eighty days within a consecutive twenty-week period each year of live horse race meetings, the parish governing authority may levy a tax not to exceed

four percent of weekly taxable net slot machine proceeds; however, in St. Landry Parish the proceeds shall be allocated, distributed, or used as follows:

(1) Police Jury	58.0%
(2) St. Landry Parish Airport	1.5%
(3) Coroner	1.5%
(4) Economic development	5.0%
(5) District attorney	<u>3.5%</u>
(6) Registrar of voters	1.5%
(7) Sheriff's office	6.0%
(8) St. Landry Parish Municipal Association	21.0%
(9) St. Landry Parish judicial system	2.0%

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

'C. There is hereby levied an additional tax of fifteen percent of taxable net slot machine proceeds applicable to any licensed eligible facility located within three miles of a building or facility registered on the National Register of Historic Places unless such licensed eligible facility was constructed prior to July 1, 1998.

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

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 226—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDONALD AND SENATOR BARHAM AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 47:7, Subpart C-1 of Part 1 of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, composed of R.S. 47:85 through 89, 284, 305(C)(1), 305.12, 305.21, 305.24, 305.27, 305.29, 305.34, 305.35, 317, 614, 615, 633.1(A), (B), and (D), 644, 648.11, 868(A), 906, 1009, 1039, and Chapter 16 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, composed of R.S. 47:1301 through 1351, relative to certain tax dedications, exemptions, credits, and special rate taxes; to repeal certain dedications; to repeal certain tax exemptions, credits, and special rate severance taxes for which an exclusion has been enacted or which are no longer effective because of their terms; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

HOUSE BILL NO. 231— BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDONALD AND SENATOR BARHAM

AN ACT To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.92(B) and R.S. 47:287.93(A) and to repeal R.S. 47:287.94(H) and (I) and R.S. 47:287.95(I), relative to income tax; to provide for the allocation and/or apportionment of certain income to the state; to provide for the treatment of certain income from corporations with a situs in the state; and to provide for related matters.

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Reported favorably by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Under the rules, placed on the regular calendar.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Triche, the rules were suspended in order to take up Petitions, Memorials and Communications at this time.

Petitions, Memorials and **Communications**

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

Message from the Senate

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 5, 1998

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. 7 Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 10 Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 12 Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 19 Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 23 Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 25 Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 Returned without amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 27 Returned without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III Secretary of the Senate

Message from the Senate

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 5, 1998

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

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III Secretary of the Senate

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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to consider the issuance of a permit for the placement of a "Blue Star" highway monument on Louisiana Highway 1 in Lafource Parish.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

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. 272— BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 29 of the 1996 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the sales and use tax; to provide for the extension of the exemption for boiler fuel; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Appropriations to meet at adjournment on Wednesday, May 6, 1998.

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Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Weston, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to meet at adjournment on Wednesday, May 6, 1998.

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, at 4:45 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, May 6, 1998, at 1:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until $1:00\ P.M.$, Wednesday, May $6,\ 1998.$

ALFRED W. SPEER Clerk of the House

C. Wayne Hays Journal Clerk, *Emeritus*