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House of Representatives
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 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Thursday, May 28, 1998

The House of Representatives was called to order at 1:00 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	Hebert	Riddle
Alario	Hill	Romero
Alexander, A.—93rd	Holden	Rousselle
Alexander, R.—13th	Hopkins	Salter
Ansardi	Hudson	Scalise
Barton	Hunter	Schneider
Baylor	Iles	Schwegmann
Bowler	Jenkins	Shaw
Bruce	Jetson	Smith, J.D.—50th
Bruneau	Johns	Smith, J.R.—30th
Carter	Kennard	Stelly
Clarkson	Kenney	Strain
Copelin	Lancaster	Theriot
Crane	Landrieu	Thomas
Curtis	LeBlanc	Thompson
Damico	Long	Thornhill
Daniel	Marionneaux	Toomy
Deville	Martiny	Travis
DeWitt	McCain	Triche
Diez	McCallum	Vitter
Dimos	McMains	Waddell
Donelon	Michot	Walsworth
Dupre	Montgomery	Warner
Durand	Morrell	Welch
Fauchaux	Morrish	Weston
Flavin	Murray	Wiggins
Fontenot	Odinot	Wilkerson
Frith	Perkins	Willard
Früge	Pierre	Windhorst

Gautreaux	Pinac	Winston
Guillory	Powell	Wright
Hammett	Pratt	
Heaton	Quezaire	
Total—97		

ABSENT

Baudoin	Glover	Mitchell
Chaisson	Green	
Farve	McDonald	
Total—7		

The Speaker announced that there were 97 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rev. Jim Taylor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Landrieu 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. Holden, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Holden, the Journal of May 27, 1998, was adopted.

Petitions, Memorials and Communications

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

Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment

May 28, 1998

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. 52—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE CLARKSON
 A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences and heartfelt sorrow of the House of Representatives upon the death of Mr. George Murrie Leake, noted New Orleans architect and preservationist.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD RAY KENNARD
 Chairman

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

May 28, 1998

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. 2—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILKERSON AND SENATOR IRONS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request Louisiana State University Medical Center to establish an internship program for undergraduate college students who would not ordinarily have an opportunity to work directly in administrative or managerial positions in the medical field to allow such students to be exposed to the administrative and managerial functions involved in the delivery of health care services.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD RAY KENNARD
Chairman

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.

Message from the Senate

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 28, 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. 39, 40, 41, and 42

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

Message from the Senate

SENATE BILLS

May 28, 1998

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

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed the following Senate Bills:

Senate Bill No. 29

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, the rules were suspended in order to take up the bills contained in the message at this time.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
on First Reading**

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on first reading were taken up, read, and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

SENATE BILL NO. 29—
BY SENATOR BAGNERIS
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to providing certain tax deductions to owners of blighted properties; to authorize a waiver of tax liens and tax liabilities on such properties in certain circumstances; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Read by title.

Message from the Senate

SIGNED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

May 28, 1998

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

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the President of the Senate has signed the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 15 and 20

and ask the Speaker of the House of Representatives to affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. BAER, III
Secretary of the Senate

The Senate Concurrent Resolutions contained herein were signed by the Speaker of the House.

**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. 85—
BY REPRESENTATIVES SCALISE AND MICHOT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the attorney general of the state of Louisiana to withdraw from the lawsuit filed against the Microsoft Corporation.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 86—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRISH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to rigorously enforce the December 22, 1998 deadline for upgrades to underground storage tank systems as required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Environmental Regulatory Code of the state of Louisiana.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87—
BY REPRESENTATIVES KENNEY AND WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To acknowledge the many accomplishments of Governor John J. McKeithen and extend sincere congratulations on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

Read by title.

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

Ordered to the Senate.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

**Report of the Committee on
Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs**

May 28, 1998

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to submit the following report:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 65, by Quezairé
Reported favorably. (8-0-1)

Senate Bill No. 89, by Ellington
Reported favorably. (8-0-1) (Regular)

Senate Bill No. 92, by Jones
Reported favorably. (8-0-1) (Regular)

SHARON WESTON
Chairman

The above Senate Bills reported favorably or with amendments were referred to the Legislative Bureau.

House and House Concurrent Resolutions

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BARTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the feasibility of the state having sole responsibility for paying teacher salaries using a statewide minimum salary schedule that would ensure that the average teacher pay in Louisiana would be at the Southern Regional

Education Board average and to report its findings to the legislature at the earliest possible time.

Read by title.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To nominate the Little River in Grant and LaSalle Parishes for declassification from the Louisiana natural and scenic rivers system.

Read by title.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY SENATOR ELLINGTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the development and implementation of career options beginning in the ninth grade with a course of study for students planning immediate post secondary education and a course of study for students planning immediate entry into the work force, with both options receiving the same diploma and meeting the same requirements for all state-sponsored scholarship and other student financial assistance programs.

Read by title.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—
BY SENATOR JONES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Louisiana Commission on Poverty to study and make recommendations for developing and implementing a comprehensive coordinated program to reduce poverty in this state.

Read by title.

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

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on
Second Reading to be Referred**

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

SENATE BILL NO. 40—
BY SENATOR ROMERO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2716 and 2716.2(A) and to enact R.S. 47:301(10)(s), relative to sales and use or rental and lease taxation; to exclude from certain state and/or political subdivision sales and use and lease or rental taxation certain

sales to, and use, lease, and rentals by, construction contractors and subcontractors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 120 (Substitute for Senate Bill No. 81 By Senator Landry)—
BY SENATOR LANDRY**

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1003(4), relative to gross receipts tax; to exempt certain contract carriers from such tax; to provide for 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 and House Concurrent Resolutions
Reported by Committees**

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions reported by committees were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Board of Regents to review and study the use of postsecondary educational institution physical plant facilities by public elementary and secondary schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, to recommend a uniform policy, including provisions for reasonable fees, which will encourage the use of such facilities by public and nonpublic schools subject to the administration of each management board, and to submit a written report of its findings to the House and Senate Committees on Education prior to the beginning of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73—
BY REPRESENTATIVES KENNARD, BRUCE, DIEZ, FONTENOT,
HOLDEN, LONG, MCDONALD, PERKINS, POWELL, QUEZAIRE,
ROMERO, SALTER, THOMPSON, AND TRAVIS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt and submit for legislative approval a revised minimum foundation program formula for the 1998-1999 school year that provides for salary increases for all public elementary and secondary school employees who are required as a condition of employment to hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

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

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Kennard, the rules were suspended in order to take up House and House Concurrent Resolutions on Third Reading for Final Consideration at this time.

**House and House Concurrent Resolutions on
Third Reading for Final Consideration**

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions on third reading for final consideration were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73—
BY REPRESENTATIVES KENNARD, BRUCE, DIEZ, FONTENOT,
HOLDEN, LONG, MCDONALD, PERKINS, POWELL, QUEZAIRE,
ROMERO, SALTER, THOMPSON, AND TRAVIS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt and submit for legislative approval a revised minimum foundation program formula for the 1998-1999 school year that provides for salary increases for all public elementary and secondary school employees who are required as a condition of employment to hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate.

Read by title.

Rep. Pratt sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Pratt to Engrossed House Concurrent Resolution No. 73 by Representative Kennard

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such salary increases shall be in addition to any merit or step increases otherwise provided for by law or policy and that the difference between the largest and smallest of such salary increases shall be as minimal as possible."

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

On motion of Rep. Kennard, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Fauchaux, the rules were suspended in order to take up House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees at this time.

**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 follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 15—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FAUCHEUX AND DURAND
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.51, relative to state and local sales and use tax; to provide for an exemption for motor vehicles of certain retirees upon becoming domiciled in Louisiana; 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. 16—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS AND SENATOR DYESS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(6) and to enact R.S. 47:301(14)(b)(iv), relative to the sales and use taxes of all taxing authorities in the state; to exclude certain property owned by nonprofit religious organizations from the definition of "hotel" and "places of amusement"; 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. 16 by Representative Wiggins

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, between "to exclude" and "property" insert "certain"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the end of line 2, delete the comma ",."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 3 in its entirety and insert "and retreat facilities owned and operated for religious purposes by nonprofit"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete line 15 in its entirety and insert "include camp and retreat facilities owned and"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 16, between "operated" and "by" insert "for religious purposes"

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. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 5 of Subtitle V of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:4351 through 4356, relative to property taxation; to authorize the Board of Commerce and Industry to enter into ad valorem tax exemption contracts with developers of retirement communities; to provide for contract terms and conditions; 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. 97—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(16)(d), relative to the sales and use tax; to define tangible personal property to exclude certain work products which are created in the normal course of business by any person licensed or regulated by the provisions of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950; to provide for certain exceptions; 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. 97 by Representative Alario

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, between "the" and "sales", delete "state"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, between "1950;" and "to provide" insert "to provide for certain exceptions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 3, after "1950" and before the period "." insert the following:

" , unless such work products are duplicated without modification for sale to multiple purchasers"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, at the end of line 3, insert the following:

"This exclusion shall not apply to work products which consist of the creation, modification, updating, or licensing of computer software."

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. 114—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(7)(h), relative to state and local sales and use taxes; to provide for the exclusion of certain leases or rentals of motor vehicles to automobile dealerships; 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. 125—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WESTON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 3 of Act No. 535 of the 1988 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Section 2 of Act No. 285 of the 1992 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Section 3 of Act No. 1291 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program; to extend the termination date of the program to July 1, 2001; 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. 125 by Representative Weston

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 6, delete "to eliminate the termination provision;" and insert "to extend the termination date of the program to July 1, 2001;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the end of line 1, insert "and shall be effective through July 1, ~~1999~~ 2001"

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. 129—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRIEU
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6012, relative to corporate taxation; to provide for a tax credit for corporations to be taken against the corporation

income and franchise taxes for the donation of certain property to a public school; 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. 168—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COPELIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.501(A), relative to the corporation income tax; to provide relative to the taxation of nonprofit corporations; 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. 168 by Representative Copelin

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 13, between "an" and "activity", insert "unrelated trade or business"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 14, after "related to", delete the remainder of the line and delete line 15 in its entirety and insert "its exempt"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 17, after "taxable." insert "The term "unrelated trade or business" shall have the meaning ascribed to it under I.R.C. Section 513."

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. 169—
BY REPRESENTATIVE COPELIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:33, relative to the individual income tax; to provide for a credit for taxes paid to another state on income from property in such state which is also subject to taxation in Louisiana; 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. 169 by Representative Copelin

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, after line 2, insert the following:

"Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be effective until July 1, 2000."

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. 188—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOPKINS AND GLOVER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9033.3, relative to local finance; to provide relative to sales tax incremental financing in certain municipalities; to provide for development and notice of a proposed sales tax area; to provide for determination of applicable sales taxes, increments, and collection rates; to require certification of collection rates; to require publication of and a period of objection to proposed rates; to provide for issuance of bonds; to provide relative to service of bonds; 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. 237—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRATT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841 (introductory paragraph) and (E), to enact R.S. 47:842(15), and to repeal R.S. 47:841(F), relative to the tobacco tax; to provide for the levy and collection of a tax on smokeless tobacco; to provide for definitions; to provide for the implementation of these provisions; 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. 247—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:2461(A) and (B), relative to the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program Act; to extend the date by which the Department of Economic Development shall submit a report regarding fiscal impact and new jobs created; to extend the date beyond which no new applications to receive tax credits shall be approved; 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. 247 by Representative Thompson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 10 in their entirety, and insert the following:

"To amend and reenact R.S. 51:2461(A) and (B), relative to the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program Act; to extend the date by which the Department of Economic Development shall submit a report regarding fiscal impact and new jobs created; to extend the date beyond which no new applications to receive tax credits shall be approved; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 12 and insert "Section 1. R.S. 51:2461(A) and (B) are hereby amended"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 14 through 18 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 9 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 18, change "2005" to "2001"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 19, change "2003" to "2001"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 22, change "2003" to "2001"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, delete line 1 in its entirety.

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. 256—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, A. ALEXANDER, R. ALEXANDER, BARTON, BAYLOR, BRUCE, CARTER, CHAISSON, CLARKSON, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DEVILLE, DIMOS, DUPRE, DURAND, FAUCHEUX, FONTENOT, FRITH, GLOVER, GUILLORY, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HOLDEN, HUDSON, HUNTER, ILES, JOHNS, KENNEY, LANDRIEU, LONG, MCCALLUM, MCDONALD, MICHOT, MITCHELL, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MURRAY, ODINET, PIERRE, PINAC, POWELL, PRATT, QUEZAIRE, ROMERO, SALTER, SCHWEGMANN, JACK SMITH, JOHN SMITH, STELLY, STRAIN, THOMAS, THOMPSON,

THORNHILL, TRAVIS, WADDELL, WALSWORTH, WARNER, WELCH, WESTON, WIGGINS, WILKERSON, WILLARD, WINSTON, AND WRIGHT
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.

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. 298—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633.5(B), relative to the severance tax on oil and gas; to provide that the severance tax rate established for wells utilizing produced water for the purpose of enhanced oil and gas recovery is not limited to wells utilizing water from the same reservoir and field; 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. 298 by Representative Daniel

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, after line 3, insert the following:

"Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be effective for the period beginning after June 30, 1998 and ending on July 1, 2000."

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 Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on third reading and final passage were taken up and acted upon as follows:

Regular Calendar

HOUSE BILL NO. 240—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MONTGOMERY, BRUCE, COPELIN, DEWITT, DUPRE, DURAND, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREAUX, ILES, MICHOT, PIERRE, PINAC, SALTER, TRAVIS, WADDELL, AND HOLDEN AND SENATOR BEAN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301(14)(i) and Chapter 10 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:951 through 958, and R.S. 47:6012, and to repeal R.S.

47:301(14)(i), to provide for the levy of a statewide excise tax on certain communications services; to provide for a credit against Louisiana corporate income and franchise taxes for certain property taxes paid by certain telephone companies with respect to public service properties; to exclude communications services from the state sales tax; to provide for the pass-through to customers of any tax savings through reductions in the prices charged for communications services; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Motion

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

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Appropriations to meet at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, June 1, 1998.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Alario, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Ways and Means to meet on Monday, June 1, 1998, and consider the following legislative instruments without giving the notice required by House Rule 14.21(A) and House Rule 14.53(B):

House Bill No. 41

Leave of Absence

Rep. Baudoin - 1 day

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Vitter, at 2:15 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Monday, June 1, 1998, at 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 4:00 P.M., Monday, June 1, 1998.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House

C. Wayne Hays
Journal Clerk, *Emeritus*