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**OF THE**  
**HOUSE OF**  
**REPRESENTATIVES**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Organizational Session of the 67th Legislature**  
**Since Admission to Statehood**

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 10, 2000

The House of Representatives was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by the Honorable John A. Alario, Jr., Acting Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Morning Hour**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENT**

Alario	Green	Pitre
Alexander, E.	Guillory	Powell
Alexander, R.	Hammett	Pratt
Ansardi	Heaton	Quezaire
Baudoin	Hebert	Richmond
Baylor	Hill	Riddle
Bowler	Holden	Romero
Broome	Hopkins	Salter
Bruce	Hudson	Scalise
Bruneau	Hunter	Schneider
Carter, K.	Iles	Schwegmann
Carter, R.	Jackson, L.	Shaw
Cazayoux	Jackson, M.	Smith, G.—56th
Clarkson	Johns	Smith, J.D.—50th
Crane	Katz	Smith, J.H.—8th
Crowe	Kennard	Smith, J.R.—30th
Curtis	Kenney	Sneed
Damico	LaFleur	Stelly
Daniel	Lancaster	Strain
Dartez	Landrieu	Thompson
Devillier	LeBlanc	Toomy
DeWitt	Lucas	Townsend
Diez	Martiny	Travis
Doerge	McCallum	Triche
Donelon	McDonald	Waddell
Downer	McMains	Walsworth
Dupre	Montgomery	Warner
Durand	Morrell	Welch
Erdey	Morrish	Wilkerson
Farrar	Murray	Willard
Faucheux	Nevers	Windhorst
Flavin	Odinet	Winston

Frith	Perkins
Fruge	Pierre
Futrell	Pinac
Total—104	
	ABSENT
Glover	
Total—1	

The Acting Speaker announced that there were 104 members-elect present.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rep. Salter.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Petitions, Memorials and Communications**

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

**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
**State of Louisiana**

January 10, 2000

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State of Louisiana

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with R.S. 18:573, a list of names of persons who have received the greatest number of votes cast for State Representative in the Legislature of Louisiana from their respective Representative Districts, and who have been duly proclaimed elected.

Sincerely,

Fox McKeithen  
Secretary of State

FM:dat  
Enclosure

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**State of Louisiana**

**Fox McKeithen**  
**Secretary of State**

*As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby Certify that the following listing of candidates are declared elected by the people to the office set above their names at the 1999 Gubernatorial Election:*

1st Representative District	Roy "Hoppy" Hopkins
2nd Representative District	Lydia P. Jackson
3rd Representative District	Ernest Baylor, Jr.
4th Representative District	Cedric Bradford Glover
5th Representative District	Wayne Waddell
6th Representative District	B. L. "Buddy" Shaw
7th Representative District	Beverly G. Bruce
8th Representative District	Jane H. Smith
9th Representative District	Billy Montgomery
10th Representative District	Jean Doerge
11th Representative District	Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson

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12th Representative District Jay B. McCallum  
13th Representative District Rodney Alexander  
14th Representative District Charles R. McDonald  
15th Representative District "Mike" Walsworth  
16th Representative District Kay Kellog Katz  
17th Representative District Willie Hunter, Jr.  
18th Representative District Donald "Don" Cazayoux, Jr.  
19th Representative District Francis C. Thompson  
20th Representative District Lelon Kenney  
21st Representative District Bryant O. Hammett, Jr.  
22nd Representative District Tommy Wright  
23rd Representative District T. Taylor Townsend  
24th Representative District Joe R. Salter  
25th Representative District "Charlie" DeWitt  
26th Representative District Israel "Bo" Curtis  
27th Representative District Rick Farrar  
28th Representative District Charles "Charlie" Riddle, III  
29th Representative District Sharon Weston Broome  
30th Representative District John Smith  
31st Representative District Kay Iles  
32nd Representative District Herman Ray Hill  
33rd Representative District Ronnie Johns  
34th Representative District Elcie Joseph Guillory  
35th Representative District "Vic" Stelly  
36th Representative District "Dan" Flavin  
37th Representative District Dan "Blade" Morrish  
38th Representative District Eric LaFleur  
39th Representative District Clara Guilbeau Baudoin  
40th Representative District Charles I. Hudson  
41st Representative District Gregory Fruge  
42nd Representative District Gil Pinac  
43rd Representative District "Ernie" Alexander  
44th Representative District Wilfred Pierre  
45th Representative District Jerry Luke Leblanc  
46th Representative District Sydnie Mae Maraist Durand  
47th Representative District "Mickey" Frith  
48th Representative District Errol "Romo" Romero  
49th Representative District Troy Hebert  
50th Representative District Jack D. Smith  
51st Representative District Carla Blanchard Dartez  
52nd Representative District "Hunt" Downer  
53rd Representative District Reggie Dupre, Jr.  
54th Representative District Loulan Pitre, Jr.  
55th Representative District Warren Triche, Jr.  
56th Representative District Gary L. Smith, Jr.  
57th Representative District Robert R. "Bobby" Faucheux, Jr.  
58th Representative District Roy Quezair, Jr.  
59th Representative District John C. "Juba" Diez  
60th Representative District Emma Devillier  
61st Representative District Michael Jackson  
62nd Representative District John D. Travis  
63rd Representative District Melvin L. "Kip" Holden  
64th Representative District Tony Perkins  
65th Representative District Donald Ray Kennard  
66th Representative District "Mike" Futrell  
67th Representative District Yvonne Dorsey-Welch  
68th Representative District William Daniel  
69th Representative District Charles "Chuck" McMains  
70th Representative District Carl Crane  
71st Representative District Dale Erdey  
72nd Representative District Robby Carter  
73rd Representative District Henry "Tank" Powell  
74th Representative District Michael G. "Mike" Strain  
75th Representative District Ben W. Nevers  
76th Representative District A. G. Crowe  
77th Representative District Diane Winston  
78th Representative District Shirley Bowler  
79th Representative District Daniel R. "Danny" Martiny  
80th Representative District Charles D. Lancaster, Jr.

81st Representative District Jennifer Sneed  
82nd Representative District "Steve" Scalise  
83rd Representative District John A. Alario, Jr.  
84th Representative District N. J. Damico  
85th Representative District Joseph F. Toomy  
86th Representative District Stephen J. "Steve" Windhorst  
87th Representative District Kyle Mark Green  
88th Representative District "Jim" Donelon  
89th Representative District "Mitch" Landrieu  
90th Representative District "Pete" Schneider  
91st Representative District Renee Gill Pratt  
92nd Representative District Glenn Ansardi  
93rd Representative District Karen R. Carter  
94th Representative District Emile "Peppi" Bruneau  
95th Representative District Alexander "Alex" Heaton  
96th Representative District Edwin R. "Ed" Murray  
97th Representative District Arthur A. Morrell  
98th Representative District Melinda Schwegmann  
99th Representative District Leonard Lucas, Jr.  
100th Representative District Cynthia Willard  
101st Representative District Cedric Richmond  
102nd Representative District Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson  
103rd Representative District Kenneth L. Odinet, Sr.  
104th Representative District "Tommy" Warner  
105th Representative District Ernest D. Wooton

*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on January 7, 2000.*

Fox McKeithen  
Secretary of State

The Chair called for the voicing of objections to the qualifications or elections of the members-elect.

Hearing no objections, the Chair declared each member-elect duly qualified and elected.

## Oath of Office

The membership-elect presented themselves before the bar of the House and took the following oath of office:

"I, ..., do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution and laws of the United States and the constitution and laws of this state and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God."

## Election of the Clerk of the House

Rep. Daniel placed in nomination the name of Mr. Alfred W. Speer for Clerk of the House.

Rep. Crane seconded the nomination of Mr. Speer.

Rep. Durand moved that the nominations be closed.

There being but one nominee, Mr. Alfred W. Speer was duly elected Clerk of the House of Representatives.

## Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Alfred W. Speer by the Honorable Thomas W. Tanner, Retired District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court.

**Election of the Speaker of the House**

Rep. Bruneau placed in nomination the name of Rep. Charlie DeWitt for Speaker of the House.

Rep. Salter seconded the nomination of Rep. DeWitt.

**Acting Speaker Thompson in the Chair**

Rep. Alario seconded the nomination of Rep. DeWitt.

**Acting Speaker Alario in the Chair**

Rep. Durand moved that the nominations be closed.

There being but one nominee, Rep. DeWitt was duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Oath of Office**

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Charlie DeWitt by the Honorable Catherine "Kitty" Kimball, Supreme Court Justice, Fifth District.

**Speaker DeWitt in the Chair**

**Election of the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House**

Rep. LeBlanc placed in nomination the name of Rep. Emile "Peppi" Bruneau for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House.

Rep. Montgomery seconded the nomination of Rep. Bruneau.

Rep. Winston seconded the nomination of Rep. Bruneau.

Rep. Durand moved that the nominations be closed.

There being but one nominee, Rep. Emile "Peppi" Bruneau was duly elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.

**Oath of Office**

The oath of office was administered to Rep. Emile "Peppi" Bruneau by Dr. Ken Ward.

**Appointment of the Sergeant at Arms of the House**

Pursuant to House Rule 2.11, the Speaker appointed Mr. John Gentry Sergeant at Arms of the House.

**Oath of Office**

The oath of office was administered to Mr. John Gentry by the Honorable Thomas W. Tanner, Retired District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court.

**LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Office of the Clerk**

January 10, 2000

To: All Members of the House of Representatives

From: Alfred W. Speer

Re: Appropriations Committee Election

The following members were elected to the Appropriations Committee in accordance with House Rule 6.4:

Congressional District 1 - Steve Scalise - Elected. Election results: Steve Scalise - 14 votes; Melinda Schwegmann - 1 vote; Michael Strain - 1 vote.

Congressional District 2 - Renee Pratt - Elected when other candidate withdrew.

Congressional District 3 - Warren Triche - Elected without opposition.

Congressional District 4 - Roy Hopkins - Elected without opposition.

Congressional District 5 - Francis Thompson - Elected. Election results: Charles Riddle - 2 votes; Francis Thompson - 8 votes; Pinkie Wilkerson - 5 votes.

Congressional District 6 - Yvonne Welch - Elected when other candidates withdrew.

Congressional District 7 - Jerry LeBlanc - Elected when other candidate withdrew.

**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. 1**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYLOR

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend and express the appreciation of the Louisiana House of Representatives to the Honorable Sherman N. Copelin, Jr., former representative of House District 99, and to recognize and record his contributions and effective service to his district, his community, the state of Louisiana, and the House of Representatives.

Read by title.

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER

**A RESOLUTION**

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of State Representative R.H. "Bill" Strain.

Read by title.

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

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment**

January 10, 2000

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. 1**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYLOR, ALARIO, E. ALEXANDER, R. ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, BAUDOIN, BOWLER, BROOME, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, K. CARTER, R. CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CLARKSON, CRANE, CROWE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DARTEZ, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DIEZ, DOERGE, DONELON, DOWNER, DUPRE, DURAND, ERDEY, FARRAR, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FRITH, FRUGE, FUTRELL, GLOVER, GREEN, GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HOLDEN, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HUNTER, ILES, M. JACKSON, L. JACKSON, JOHNS, KATZ, KENNARD, KENNEY, LAFLEUR, LANCASTER, LANDRIEU, LEBLANC, LUCAS, MARTINY, MCCALLUM, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, ODINET, PERKINS, PIERRE, PINAC, PITRE, POWELL, PRATT, QUEZAIRE, RICHMOND, RIDDLE, ROMERO, SALTER, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SCHWEGMANN, SHAW, GARY SMITH, JACK SMITH, JANE SMITH, JOHN SMITH, SNEED, STELLY, STRAIN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TOWNSEND, TRAVIS, TRICHE, WADDELL, WALSWORTH, WARNER, WELCH, WILKERSON, WILLARD, WINDHORST, WINSTON, WOOTON, AND WRIGHT

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2**

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHNEIDER, ALARIO, E. ALEXANDER, R. ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, BAUDOIN, BAYLOR, BOWLER, BROOME, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, K. CARTER, R. CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CLARKSON, CRANE, CROWE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DARTEZ, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DIEZ, DOERGE, DONELON, DOWNER, DUPRE, DURAND, ERDEY, FARRAR, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FRITH, FRUGE, FUTRELL, GLOVER, GREEN, GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HOLDEN, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HUNTER, ILES, M. JACKSON, L. JACKSON, JOHNS, KATZ, KENNARD, KENNEY, LAFLEUR, LANCASTER, LANDRIEU, LEBLANC, LUCAS, MARTINY, MCCALLUM, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, ODINET, PERKINS, PIERRE, PINAC, PITRE, POWELL, PRATT, QUEZAIRE, RICHMOND, RIDDLE, ROMERO, SALTER, SCALISE, SCHWEGMANN, SHAW, GARY SMITH, JACK SMITH, JANE SMITH, JOHN SMITH, SNEED, STELLY, STRAIN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TOWNSEND, TRAVIS, TRICHE, WADDELL, WALSWORTH, WARNER, WELCH, WILKERSON, WILLARD, WINDHORST, WINSTON, WOOTON, AND WRIGHT

**A RESOLUTION**

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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.

**Leave of Absence**

Rep. Glover - 1 day

**Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Warner, at 11:25 A.M., the House agreed to adjourn *sine die*.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned *sine die*.

ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House