Tuesday, March 15, 2022

The Senate was called to order at 2:35 o'clock P.M. by Hon. Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT
Mr. President Fields Mizell
Abraham Foil Peacock
Bernard Harris Pope
Boudreaux Hewitt Smith
Bouie Lambert Stine
Cathey Luneau Ward
Cloud Milligan Womack
Fesi Mills, R.
Total - 23

ABSENT
Allain Jackson Reese
Barrow McMath Talbot
Carter Mills, F. Tarver
Connick Morris White
Henry Peterson
Hensgens Price
Total - 16

The President of the Senate announced there were 23 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Senator Gary Smith, following which the Senate joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Senator Bernard, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of March 14, 2022, was adopted.

Message from the House

CONCURRING IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS
March 14, 2022

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2— BY SENATOR MIZELL
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To invite Chief Justice John Weimer of the Louisiana Supreme Court to address a joint session of the legislature.

Reported without amendments.

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4— BY SENATOR HEWITT
A RESOLUTION
To designate March 23, 2022, as NASA Day at the state capitol, to recognize the accomplishments of NASA and the remarkable technical and scientific contributions made by the Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, to the United States Space Program, and to acknowledge the work of their distinguished engineers, technicians, management, and support personnel.

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

Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7— BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX AND REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To designate Tuesday, June 14, 2022, as Mr. Tony Chachere Day and to recognize and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his company, Tony Chachere's Famous Creole Cuisine.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8— BY SENATOR CATHEY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To urge and request the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development and the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to meet and function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations regarding the appropriate level of support to further the missions, goals, and priorities of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

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

Motion

Senator Mizell moved that the Senate proceed to the House of Representatives to meet in Joint Session.

Joint Session of the Legislature

The joint session of the legislature was called to order at 3:02 P.M. by the Honorable Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Beth Mizell, the calling of the roll on the part of the Senate was dispensed with.

On motion of Speaker Schexnayder, the calling of the roll on the part of the House was dispensed with.

The President of the Senate introduced The Honorable Louisiana Attorney General, Jeff Landry, the Members of the Louisiana Supreme Court, and the Honorable John Weimer, Chief Justice, who addressed the joint session of the legislature.
After Joint Session

ROLL CALL

The Senate was called to order by the President of the Senate with the following Senators present:

PRESENT

Mr. President  Fields  Peterson
Abraham  Harris  Pope
Allain  Hewitt  Reese
Barrow  Lambert  Smith
Bernard  Luneau  Tarver
Boudreaux  Milligan  Ward
Bouie  Mills, R.  Womack
Cathey  Mizell
Fesi  Peacock
Total - 25

ABSENT

Carter  Hensgens  Price
Cloud  Jackson  Stine
Connick  McMath  Talbot
Foil  Mills, F.  White
Henry  Morris
Total - 14

The President of the Senate announced there were 25 Senators present and a quorum.

Senate Business Resumed

After Joint Session

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred

SENATE BILL NO. 391—
BY SENATOR TALBOT
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 23:1398(F)(3), relative to the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation; to provide compensation for the insurance commissioner's designee to the board of directors for the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation; to provide terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY SENATOR CATHEY
A RESOLUTION
To designate April 26, 2022, as Future Farmer's of America (FFA) Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend the state officers of the Louisiana FFA Association.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—
BY SENATOR FRED MILLS
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Mayor Robert "Bob" Hardey on the occasion of his passing.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY SENATOR CATHEY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To repeal Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors rules (LAC 46:XXIX.503 and 505), which generally require any corporation, partnership, individual, or contractor undertaking certain construction of residential buildings or structures to obtain a specialty classification license or subcontract-labor-only license, and to direct the office of the state register to print the notice of the repeal in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY SENATORS STINE, ABRAHAM AND REESE AND REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAJUE, FARNUM, GEYMANN, ROMERO AND TARVER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of pharmacist and public servant, Carl W. Aron, and to honor the legacy of compassion and love he leaves for his family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
BY SENATOR CATHEY
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To create and provide for the Task Force on Tenure in Public Postsecondary Education.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 15, 2022

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HCR No. 16

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—
BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAIYDER AND GREGORY MILLER AND SENATORS PRICE AND SMITH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend the St. Charles Catholic High School football team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2021 Division III state championship.

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

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AQUACULTURE,
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Senator Stewart Cathey , Jr., Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, submitted the following report:

March 15, 2022

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to submit the following report:

SENATE BILL NO. 26—
BY SENATOR HENSGENS
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2074(D), relative to the Louisiana Equine Promotion and Research Advisory Board; to provide for the terms of the members; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 55—
BY SENATOR CATHEY
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 49:191(13)(a) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(10)(c), relative to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry 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; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 113—
BY SENATOR CATHEY
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3368(B), (D), (E), and (G), relative to structural pest control operator's licenses; to provide relative to examinations; to provide relative to license applications; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 205—
BY SENATOR JACKSON
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1201(C) and (D), 1202(3), 1204(A)(2) and (D)(1) and (12), and 1208(1), (2), (6), and (7) and to enact R.S. 3:1202(13) and (14), relative to the "Soil Conservation Districts Law"; to provide relative to legislative purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to the powers of the state soil and water conservation commission; to provide relative to the powers of the chairman of the state soil and water conservation commission; to provide relative to the powers of the soil and water conservation districts; to remove outdated references; to provide for technical corrections; provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
STEWART CATHEY, JR.
Chairman

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mr. President  Fields  Peterson
Abraham  Foil  Pope
Allain  Harris  Reese
Barrow  Hewitt  Smith
Bernard  Lambert  Stine
Boudreaux  Luneau  Tarver
Bouie  McMath  Ward
Carter  Milligan  White
Cathey  Mills, R.  Womack
Cloud  Mizell
Fesi  Peacock
Total - 31

ABSENT
Connick  Jackson  Price
Henry  Mills, F.  Talbot
Hensgens  Morris
Total - 8

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Connick 1 Day  Henry 1 Day
Hensgens 1 Day  Jackson 1 Day
Mills, F. 1 Day  Morris 1 Day
Price 1 Day  Talbot 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for March 16, 2022, were announced:

Education  1:00 P.M.  Hainkel Room
Health and Welfare  9:30 A.M.  Hainkel Room
Local and Mun. Affairs  2:00 P.M.  Room F
Natural Resources  1:00 P.M.  Room A

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Peacock, at 4:10 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

FRAN OGNIBENE
Journal Clerk