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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
AT THE
FIFTEENTH
REGULAR SESSION
OF THE
LEGISLATURE

Under the Adoption of the Constitution of 1921; Begun and
Held in the City of Baton Rouge, May 8, 1950.

LEE LAYCOCK
Clerk

MORRIS A. LOTTINGER
Speaker

10-5-50

BY AUTHORITY

enact appropriate legislation restricting the importations of foreign oil, and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the presiding officer of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to the Chairman, Eugene J. Keogh, and members of the Oil Imports Subcommittee of the Small Business Committee of the House of Representatives, to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, to the Honorable S. L. Digby, State Conservation Commissioner, and to Honorable O. G. Collins, Chairman of the State Mineral Board.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. DUGAS,
Secretary of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, HOUSE AND CONCURRENT

The following named Members introduced the following entitled Resolutions, House and Concurrent:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3—
By Mr. Verret:

Resolution relative to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the term and election of the President of the United States.

1. Whereas at the session of the Congress of the United States of America, on March 24, 1947, it was resolved by H. J. R. No. 27 by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein) that the following article be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, viz:

"Article—

"Section 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

"Section 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years

from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress."

Therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana that the foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be, and the same is hereby, ratified to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution of the United States.

2. That the Governor of the State of Louisiana is hereby requested to forward to the Secretary of State of the United States and to the presiding officer of the United States Senate, and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, an authentic copy of the foregoing resolution. The Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate are hereby instructed to send to the Governor the necessary certified copies of the action of the House and Senate on this resolution.

Read in full.

Lies over under the rules.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4—
By Mr. Wimberly:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that when the legislature adjourns today it adjourns until Monday, May 15, 1950, at 6:30 p. m.

Be it further resolved that the Hon. Earl K. Long be invited to address the legislature Monday night in joint session and the Lt. Governor and President of the Senate appoint a committee of ten members, five from the House and five from the Senate, to escort Governor to the joint session in the House of Representatives.

Read in full.

On motion of Mr. Wimberly and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

HOUSE AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

House Resolution No. 5—
By Mr. Verret:

Authorizing and directing the Collector of the Department of Revenue, upon request by any Senator or member of the House of Representatives, to furnish a statement showing the number of licenses issued covering gambling devices, commonly known as slot machines, the said statement to be itemized showing to whom licenses were issued and show the number of

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ducers for milk purchased from them and providing a penalty for violations.

Read by title.

House Bill No. 189—

By Mr. Sevier:

An Act to amend and re-enact Section 575, Chapter 10, Part III, Title 42 of the Revised Statutes, relative to creditable service allowed state employees in the Retirement System for time served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Read by title.

House Bill No. 190—

By Mr. McKeithen:

An Act to amend Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 by adding thereto a new section to be designated as R. S. 15:16.1 relative to the place of trial in cases of criminal neglect of family.

Read by title.

House Bill No. 191—

By Mr. McKeithen:

An Act to amend and re-enact Section 74 of Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, relative to the offense of criminal neglect of family, by making the offense applicable to illegitimate children and providing a presumption of intention as to desertion and non-support.

Read by title.

House Bill No. 192—

By Messrs. Sylvester, Vallee, Folkes and Tomb:

An Act appropriating the sum of \$400,000.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1950, and ending June 30, 1951, and \$400,000.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1951, and ending June 30, 1952, out of the General Fund, to the State Soil Conservation Committee created by Act No. 370 of 1938, for the purpose of assisting legally constituted Soil Conservation Districts to carry out the objectives of the Louisiana Soil Conservation Districts Law; prescribing how such funds shall be expended; and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith.

Read by title.

House Bill No. 193—

By Mr. McKeithen:

An Act to amend and re-enact Section 233 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, requiring legal remedies against deserting parents to be exhausted before welfare assistance can be granted.

Read by title.

Monday, May 15, 1950.

House Bill No. 194—

By Mr. McKeithen:

An Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 by adding thereto a new part to be designated as Part VI thereof to contain R. S. 46:431 through 46:435 providing for the appointment of curators for mentally incompetent persons entitled to receive public assistance; the manner in which curators shall be appointed; and prescribing their powers and duties.

Read by title.

House Bill No. 195—

By Messrs. Sylvester, Cleveland, Whipp, Fontenot and Lafleur:

An Act appropriating the sum of \$50,000.00 to the Southwest Louisiana State Fair, Eunice, Louisiana, for the purpose of erecting new buildings and/or improving existing buildings and grounds in connection with the operation of the fair.

Read by title.

House Bill No. 196—

By Messrs. Cleveland, Whipp, Bertrand and Blanchet:

An Act to make an appropriation to the Department of Public Works, out of the General Fund of the State, for the purpose of providing funds for investigations, surveys and reports regarding the ground and surface fresh water resources of the State;

Read by title.

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana that the foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be, and the same is hereby, ratified to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution of the United States.

2. That the Governor of the State of Louisiana is hereby requested to forward to the Secretary of State of the United States and to the presiding officer of the United States Senate, and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, an authentic copy of the foregoing resolution. The Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate are hereby instructed to send to the Governor the necessary certified copies of the action of the House and Senate on this resolution.

Read in full.

Returned to the Calendar subject to call.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2—
By Messrs. Tooke, Calhoun and Barham:

A Senate Concurrent Resolution Memorializing Congress to Preserve the Present Income Tax Depletion Allowance on Oil and Gas.

Whereas, there has been proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States a reduction of the existing Federal Income tax depletion allowance on the production of oil and gas, and

Whereas, the said existing depletion allowance has been preserved intact through many sessions of Congress,

not by oversight, but upon mature consideration; and

Whereas, the said existing depletion allowance has become an established factor in the economic structure of the oil and gas industry and banking and financial commitments have been based on it, and

Whereas, it has had a wholesome and beneficial effect upon the oil and gas industry in particular and upon the welfare and safety of the nation as a whole by encouraging continual re-investment of tremendous sums of risk capital and the continual discovery of new sources of oil and gas, so vital to the welfare and safety of our nation in time of war; and

Whereas, the maintenance of said existing depletion allowance is of particularly vital importance to small, independent and marginal producers of oil and gas and any substantial reduction of said depletion allowance would cripple production and eliminate altogether many independent producers;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Legislature of Louisiana upon the concurrence of the Senate and the House of Representatives, does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to refrain from enacting any legislation reducing the existing income tax depletion allowance provided for the oil and gas industry; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the presiding officer of the House of Representatives and of the Senate of the United States; to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee of the U. S. Congress, and to the members of the Louisiana Congressional delegation.

Read in full.

On the motion of Mr. Hunter, the resolution was adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3—

By Messrs. Tooke, Calhoun and Barham:

A Senate Concurrent Resolution Memorializing Congress to Restrict Imports of Foreign Oil into the United States.

Whereas, the excessive importation of foreign oil into the United States has resulted in repeated curtailments of domestic production, with resultant heavy loss of revenues and income to domestic operators and the landowners of this state and loss of tax revenue to the State of Louisiana; and

Whereas, it appears that the State Government is sustaining loss of some eight million dollars per year in tax and royalty revenues, as well as un-

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