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STATE OF LOUISIANA**

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 1998

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Honorable, Harrington B. Dowser, Jr.
House of Representatives
State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the House's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana are intended to present the financial position and results of operations of only that portion of the reporting entity of the State of Louisiana.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, as of June 30, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 15, 1998, on our consideration of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, taken as a whole. The supporting schedule listed in the Table of Contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the House of Representatives. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

PROVOST, SALTER, HARPER & ALFORD, L.L.C.

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September 15, 2008

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OF LOUISIANA

Condensed Balance Sheet

June 30, 1998

Fund Type and Account Groups

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBIT	Governmental Fund Type General	Account Groups		Total (Millions of Dollars)
		General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	June 30, 1998
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,563,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,563,298
Accounts receivable	48,872	-	-	48,872
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	-	3,997,245	-	3,997,245
Other debit - amounts to be provided for compensated absence	-	-	883,823	883,823
Total Assets and Other Debit	\$ 5,683,370	\$ 3,997,245	\$ 883,823	\$ 10,400,638
LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDIT				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 453,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 453,000
Employee benefits payable	183,848	-	-	183,848
Salaries payable	249,389	-	-	249,389
Compensated absence	-	-	883,823	883,823
Total Liabilities	886,237	-	883,823	1,618,891
Fund Equity and Other Credit				
Investment in general fixed assets	-	3,997,245	-	3,997,245
Fund balances				
Reserved for other current expenditures	251,608	-	-	251,608
Designated for repairs and restorations of the State Capitol	1,853,486	-	-	1,853,486
Designated for equipment purchases	500,000	-	-	500,000
Unreserved, undesignated	2,080,118	-	-	2,080,118
Total fund equity and other credit	4,765,212	3,997,245	-	8,792,787
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credit	\$ 5,683,370	\$ 3,997,245	\$ 883,823	\$ 10,400,638

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OF LOUISIANA**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes In Fund Balance - General Fund**

Year Ended June 30, 1999

Revenues

State appropriation	\$ 14,970,416
Interest	383,989
Intergovernmental	181,074
Other	71,797
	<u>15,607,276</u>
Total revenues	<u>15,607,276</u>

Expenditures

Current operations -	
Personnel services	14,880,491
Travel	437,442
Supplies	249,888
Telephone, utilities and building	1,216,839
Trains and subscriptions	62,633
Printing	185,338
Office expense and maintenance	1,168,371
Other fees and services	224,639
Capital outlay	1,855,746
	<u>18,551,598</u>
Total expenditures	<u>18,551,598</u>

(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures (2,944,322)**Fund Balance**

Beginning, as previously stated	6,996,823
Adjustment for prior period error	144,670
	<u>7,141,493</u>
Beginning, as restated	7,141,493
Ending	<u>\$ 4,197,171</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Encumbrances, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (Legal Basis) and Actual General Fund

Fiscal Year 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
State appropriation	\$16,976,410	\$16,976,410	\$ -
Interest	-	382,983	382,983
Intra-governmental	-	181,074	181,074
Other	-	70,781	70,781
Reappropriated fund balance (1)	5,445,000	5,445,000	-
Total revenues	<u>\$22,421,410</u>	<u>\$23,056,148</u>	<u>\$634,738</u>
Expenditures and Encumbrances			
Current expenditures -			
Personnel expenses	13,093,705	14,497,658	(\$1,403,953)
Personal expense	389,556	437,641	(\$48,085)
Travel	267,838	148,885	118,953
Supplies	694,913	1,214,829	(\$519,916)
Telephone, utilities and building	68,898	61,813	7,085
Dues and subscriptions	194,888	185,148	9,740
Printing	1,267,593	1,226,425	41,168
Office expense and maintenance	130,342	195,867	(\$65,525)
Other fees and services	146,836	262,830	(\$115,994)
Capital outlay	14,976,000	16,131,341	(\$1,155,341)
Total expenditures and encumbrances	<u>\$28,070,378</u>	<u>\$30,639,004</u>	<u>(\$2,568,626)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures and Encumbrances	<u>\$5,445,032</u>	<u>\$2,417,144</u>	<u>(\$3,027,888)</u>
Fund Balance			
Beginning, as reported	5,300,004	5,300,004	-
Adjustments for prior period error	144,976	144,976	-
Beginning, as reported	5,445,000	5,445,000	-
Less reappropriated fund balance (1)	(5,445,000)	(5,445,000)	-
Ending	<u>\$ 5,445,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,709,980</u>	<u>\$ 735,020</u>
Adjustments to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles			
Current year encumbrances included in expenditures		381,816	
Amount paid (in budget) in current year		(381,816)	
Ending GAAP Basis		<u>\$ 4,709,980</u>	

(1) Budgets include reappropriated fund balances carried over from prior years to cover expenditures of the current year. This amount is not revenue of the current period, but is presented to increase only for budgetary reporting purposes. Beginning budgetary fund balances have been adjusted by the same amount to reflect the budgetary ending fund balance prepared.

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Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2008

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The House of Representatives is a part of the Legislative branch of government operating under Article III of the 1874 Louisiana Constitution.

Governmental accounting principles and practices are promulgated and established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The GASB has issued a *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*. This codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such pronouncements.

The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies.

Financial Reporting Entity. Application of Section 2100 of the GASB Codification defines the governmental reporting entity (in relation to the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana) to be the State of Louisiana. The accompanying financial statements of the House of Representatives contain substantial information of the General Fund and account groups of the State of Louisiana. Annually, the State of Louisiana issues general purpose financial statements, which include the activity contained in the accompanying financial statements.

Fund Accounting. The House of Representatives uses fund accounting (separate sets of self-balancing accounts) to reflect the sources and uses of available resources and the budgetary restrictions placed on those funds by the Louisiana Legislature. The fund and account groups presented in the accompanying financial statements, and as described below, comprise the General Fund and account groups of the House of Representatives:

Governmental Fund Type - General Fund. The general fund is used to account for all of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's general activities, including the acquisition of general fund assets and the servicing of general long-term debt. It is used to account for all activities of the House of Representatives.

Account Groups. The account groups are a reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain long-term assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable, available financial resources.

Basis of Accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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*Notes to Financial Statements, Continued**June 30, 1958*

Revenues. The governmental fund is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. The revenues susceptible to accrual are state appropriations and interest revenue.

The amount due from the State Treasury and appropriation revenues collected are summarized as follows:

	Total Appropriation Authorized	Funds Collected As Of June 30, 1958	Amount Due From State Treasury As Of June 30, 1958
Act 1453 1957 R.S.	\$ 16,970,416	\$ 16,970,416	\$.

Expenditures. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Statement C is not intended to reflect operations of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in that:

- (1) re-appropriated funds from prior years are recognized as revenues in the current year;
- (2) salaries and related benefits are recognized when paid unless specific authorization is provided in the annual legislative appropriation; and
- (3) encumbrances are recorded as an expenditure when purchase orders are issued.

The statement is intended to compare the annual budget, which is not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles with comparable expenditures for the period.

Fixed Assets. The accompanying statements reflect furniture, fixtures, and equipment used by the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, and funded by the legislative appropriation, in daily operations. These assets are recorded at cost in the General Fixed Asset Account Group. Fixed assets are not depreciated.

The accompanying statements do not include the value of land buildings provided without cost to the House of Representatives, by the State of Louisiana. These assets are recorded with the annual financial statements of the State of Louisiana.

Orders and Budgetary Accounting. The House of Representatives, State of Louisiana is required to submit to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council an estimate of the financial requirements for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund appropriation is enacted into law by the Legislature and sent to the Governor for his signature. The House is authorized to transfer budget amounts between accounts in the general fund. Revisions which alter total appropriations

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

June 30, 1998

must be approved by the Legislature. The level of budgetary responsibility is by total appropriation. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end, and require that any amounts not expended or encumbered at the close of the fiscal year be returned to the State General Fund unless otherwise reappropriated by subsequent legislative action. Current appropriation legislation authorizes such reappropriation of prior year funds.

The budget for the General Fund is prepared on the budgetary (legal) basis of accounting. In compliance with budgetary authorization, the House of Representatives includes the prior year's fund balance represented by appropriated liquid assets remaining in the fund as a budgeted revenue in the succeeding year. The results of operations on a GAAP basis do not recognize the fund balance allocation as revenue as it represents prior period's excess of revenues over expenditures.

Encumbrances. Encumbrances are recorded when purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for expenditure of monies are recorded but are not considered expenditures until liabilities for payments are incurred. Encumbrances are reported as a reservation of fund balance on the balance sheet. Encumbrances do not lapse at the close of the fiscal year but are carried forward as reserved fund balance until liquidated. Encumbrances are an allowable charge against the current year appropriation.

Leave Benefits. Accumulated unpaid annual, sick, and compensatory leave are reported in the General Long-Term Obligation Account Group within the accompanying financial statements. The House's employees accrue unlimited amounts of annual and sick leave at varying rates as established by the House's personnel manual. Upon resignation or retirement, unused annual leave of up to 300 hours is paid to employees at the employee's current rate of pay. Upon retirement, annual leave in excess of 300 hours and unused sick leave are credited as earned service in computing retirement benefits.

Furthermore, employees earn compensatory leave for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per work week. The compensatory leave may be used similarly to annual or sick leave. At June 30, 1998, annual leave of up to 300 hours, for which employees could be paid upon resignation or retirement, and compensatory leave, computed in accordance with the *Comptroller of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Handbook* Section C30.105, total \$403,023.

The following are the changes in compensated absences (general long-term obligations) during the period:

Balance July 1, 1997	Net Change	Balance June 30, 1998
\$ 790,740	\$ 52,280	\$ 843,020

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*Notes to Financial Statements, Continued**June 30, 1998*

Post-Retirement Benefits. The House of Representatives, State of Louisiana provides certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees. Substantially all of the House of Representatives' employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the House. These benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through the State's Group Benefits Program whose monthly premiums are paid jointly by the employee and the House of Representatives. The House recognizes the cost of providing these benefits as an expenditure in the year paid. For the year ended June 30, 1998, those costs totaled \$144,344 which covered 57 retired employees, funded through the legislative appropriations. Retirees pay 5% of the cost of their benefits.

Total Columns as Combined Statements. Total columns on the combined statements overview are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither are such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

2. Deposits in Banks

Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits and certificates of deposits with maturities of three months or less.

Under State law, the House of Representatives may deposit funds in an approved bank located in this State selected by the presiding officer of the House of Representatives. These public deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or pledged securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent in a holding or trust-like bank (category 3). The bank deposits at June 30, 1998, are as follows:

	Carrying Balance	Bank Balance	FDIC Insurance	Pledged Collateral
Cash in Bank	\$ 1,295,348	\$ 1,445,814	\$ 100,000	\$ 2,240,162
Certificates of Deposit	4,267,850	4,267,850	100,000	5,143,554
Total	\$ 5,563,198	\$ 5,713,664	\$ 200,000	\$ 7,383,716

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

June 30, 1998

3. Changes in General Fixed Assets

At June 30, 1998, the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana has an inventory totaling \$3,997,245 of furniture, fixtures, and equipment or movable property. The following summarizes transactions during the year:

	Balance July 1, 1997	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 1998
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 3,808,883	\$ 392,600	\$ (204,238)	\$ 3,997,245

4. Retirement System

Plan Description. Substantially all employees and members of the House of Representatives participate in the Louisiana State Employee's Retirement System (LASERS) or the Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana (TRS), both of which are cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by a separate Board of Trustees. The plans provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to participating, eligible employees. Benefits are established and amended by state statute. Benefits are guaranteed by the State of Louisiana under provisions of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974. LASERS and TRS issue publicly available financial reports that include financial statements and required supplementary information. The reports may be obtained by writing to Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, Post Office Box 44212, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-0212, or by calling (504) 922-0600, or by writing to Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, Post Office Box 54123, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-5123, or by calling (504) 923-0440.

Contributing Policy. Plan members of the House of Representatives are required by state statute to contribute 7.0%, 8%, 9.0% or 10.0% of their annual covered salary to LASERS and TRS, respectively and the House of Representatives (as their employer) is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current employer rate is 10% and 16.0% of annual covered payroll for LASERS and TRS, respectively. The contribution requirements of plan members and the employer are established by, and amended by, state law. As required by state law, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The employer contribution is funded by the State of Louisiana through the annual legislative appropriation. The House of

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June 30, 1998

Representatives' employer contributions to LASERS and TRS for the year ending June 30, 1998, the nine months ending June 30, 1997 and the year ending September 30, 1996, which were equal to the required contributions for each year, were as follows:

Period Ending	LASERS	TRS	Total
June 30, 1998	\$ 3,182,170	\$ 20,690	\$1,202,820
June 30, 1997 (nine months)	704,508	33,180	783,088
September 30, 1996	895,897	25,180	821,050

5. Deferred Compensation Plan

The state offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code § 457. The plan, available to all state employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

It is the opinion of legal counsel that the state has no liability for losses under the plan but does have the duty of due care that would be required of any ordinary, prudent investor, holding these assets in a fiduciary capacity. Amounts relating to the Louisiana Public Employees Deferred Plan, which would include participation by certain employees of the House of Representatives, are included within the financial statements of the State of Louisiana.

6. Lease Agreements

The House of Representatives has operating leases for computer and office equipment on a month-to-month, as needed, basis.

These lease agreements have nonappropriation mandatory clauses that allow for lease cancellation if the Louisiana Legislature does not make an appropriation for their continuation during any future fiscal period. Rental and lease expenditures totaled \$182,608 for the year ended June 30, 1998.

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*Notes to Financial Statements, Continued**June 30, 1998***7. Intergovernmental Revenue**

Amounts received from other governmental units for the year ended June 30, 1998, consisted of the following.

Amount received from the Senate, State of Louisiana	\$ 54,882
Amounts received from other agencies for reimbursement of permitted related expenditures	<u>156,912</u>
	\$ 311,794

8. Prior Period Adjustment

An error, resulting in the overstatement of previously reported liabilities and expenses of a prior year was corrected this year, resulting in the following changes to fund balance as of June 30, 1997.

	Fund Balance
As previously reported	\$ 6,996,812
Overstatement of accounts payable and expenses	<u>144,879</u>
As restated	\$ 7,141,692

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Supplementary Information

June 28, 1998

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OF LOUISIANA*Schedule of Legislators' Per Diem and Other Compensation**Year Ended June 30, 1998*

Legislator	Total	Regular Session		Interim Per Diem		Salary and Expense Allowance
		Days	Amount	Days	Amount	
Alamo, John A.	30,308	71	7,171	19	1,853	21,880
Alexander, Avery C.	30,525	71	7,171	26	2,574	20,680
Alexander, Rodney M.	33,119	71	7,171	32	3,188	22,860
Arnault, Glenn	31,608	71	7,171	25	2,639	21,800
Barton, Robert B.	30,949	71	7,171	18	978	21,800
Baudoin, Glenn G.	31,250	71	7,171	23	2,179	22,900
Bayler, Steven, Jr.	31,686	71	7,171	27	2,633	21,880
Bowler, Shirley, D.	33,187	71	7,171	32	3,176	21,800
Brace, Beverly G.	31,238	71	7,171	23	2,159	21,880
Brown, Ray L.	1,925	-	-	3	125	7,780
Brunson, Charles E.	43,083	71	7,171	44	4,352	39,560
Cantor, Robert J.	30,363	71	7,171	4	393	21,880
Chambers, Paul T., II	30,868	71	7,171	1	93	21,880
Chatham, Jacobyne B.	31,634	71	7,171	27	2,643	21,880
Copelin, Sherman M., Jr.	31,151	71	7,171	12	1,180	21,880
Cramer, Carl M.	34,350	71	5,325	27	2,625	36,400
Curtis, Israel B.	33,802	71	5,171	30	2,831	22,800
Damico, Marcel J.	31,917	71	5,171	30	2,946	22,800
Darst, William H., IV	29,888	71	5,325	12	975	20,600
Deville, John Erik	33,765	71	5,171	38	3,734	21,800
Devine, Charles W.	33,879	71	5,171	38	3,768	21,880
Dice, John C.	31,833	71	5,171	38	3,662	22,800
Dixon, Ann K.	30,266	71	5,171	3	285	22,800
Dwyer, Everett G.	31,344	28	2,628	34	3,378	18,248
Devonon, James	30,480	71	7,171	3	489	21,880
Drewyer, H. B., Jr.	47,223	71	5,325	-	8,980	31,880
Dupey, Reggie P.	33,327	71	5,171	32	3,156	21,880
Durand, Sybil M.	31,438	71	5,171	29	2,827	21,880
Farris, Macon E.	31,858	71	5,171	31	1,887	21,880
Faulstich, Robert K., Jr.	33,307	71	5,171	31	3,136	22,800
Fazio, Daniel E.	31,648	71	5,171	37	1,660	22,800
Festoso, W. Clement, Jr.	34,880	71	7,171	42	4,119	22,800
Festoso, Gary J.	3,880	-	-	38	870	7,330
Fife, Lloyd A.	31,788	71	5,171	38	3,683	22,800
Fragel, Gregory L.	32,908	71	5,171	30	2,938	22,800
Garcenas, D.A.	32,478	71	5,171	35	3,417	22,800
Glavin, Debbie B.	30,362	71	5,171	4	392	20,600
Grain, Kyle M.	31,632	71	5,171	37	1,661	21,880
Guilroy, Eric J.	33,899	71	5,171	31	3,128	21,880

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Schedule of Legislators' Per Diem and Other Compensation,

Year Ended June 30, 1998

Continued

Legislator	Total	Regular Session		Interim Per Diem		Salary and Expense Allowance
		Days	Amount	Days	Amount	
Hammill, Bryant D., Jr.	31,296	71	7,171	15	1,349	21,800
Hansen, Alex M.	31,196	71	7,171	33	3,225	21,800
Holmes, Troy M.	31,086	71	7,171	38	3,439	21,800
Hull, Herman R.	31,143	71	7,171	12	1,172	21,800
Holmes, Melvin L.	31,884	71	7,171	28	2,833	21,800
Hopkins, Roy	31,234	71	7,171	25	2,163	21,800
Wadlow, Charles J.	31,836	71	7,171	21	2,069	21,800
Huaco, Willie, Jr.	31,244	71	7,171	17	1,773	21,800
Hus, Ray C.	31,238	71	7,171	22	2,207	21,800
Jenkins, Louis	31,288	71	5,215	1	73	16,800
Jones, Raymond A.	30,976	71	7,171	5	583	21,800
Jones, Ronald	31,143	71	7,171	12	1,172	21,800
Kennard, Donald R.	31,893	71	7,171	38	3,723	21,800
Kenny, Lelon L.	31,397	71	7,171	14	1,386	21,800
Lacouture, Charles D.	34,399	71	7,171	43	4,239	22,800
Lacourse, Mitchell	30,872	71	7,171	1	181	21,800
LeBlanc, Jerry L.	40,298	71	7,171	38	3,528	36,900
Leop, Jimmy D.	31,210	71	7,171	24	2,298	21,800
Marionneau, Robert, Jr.	31,834	71	7,171	19	1,883	21,800
Martiny, Daniel R.	31,833	71	7,171	16	1,564	21,800
McCall, Aubrey A.	31,745	71	7,171	18	1,734	21,800
McCallum, Jay B.	31,715	71	5,329	-	680	16,800
McDonald, Charles R.	31,517	71	7,171	26	2,596	21,800
McMinn, F. Charles, Jr.	31,800	71	5,329	9	875	16,800
Medley, Michael P.	31,333	71	7,171	14	1,362	21,800
Metcalfe, Harvey R.	30,939	71	7,171	3	198	21,800
Montgomery, Billy W.	31,848	71	7,171	29	2,869	21,800
Morrell, Arthur A.	31,612	71	7,171	27	2,671	21,800
Murphy, Dan W.	31,896	71	7,171	19	1,875	21,800
Murray, Edwin R.	31,758	71	7,171	29	2,799	21,800
Dalton, Kenneth L., Sr.	31,769	71	7,171	20	1,938	21,800
Pyburn, Anthony R.	31,848	71	7,171	19	1,875	21,800
Pierre, Wilfred	31,880	71	7,171	36	3,532	21,800
Poise, Gil	31,438	71	7,171	15	1,467	21,800
Power, Henry	31,638	71	7,171	27	2,675	21,800
Pratt, Bruce D.	31,612	71	7,171	27	2,641	21,800
Quasney, Roy, Jr.	31,210	71	7,171	23	2,263	21,800
Raible, Charles, III.	31,255	71	7,171	16	1,584	21,800
Ramos, Fred A.	31,335	71	7,171	24	2,368	21,800

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OF LOUISIANA*Schedule of Legislators' Per Diem and Other Compensation.**Year Ended June 30, 1998**Continued*

Legislator	Total	Regular Session		Interim Per Diem		Salary and Expense Allowance
		Days	Amount	Days	Amount	
Bronaugh, Benny	24,888	71	7,171	46	4,484	21,880
Nathan, Jim	21,933	71	7,171	58	2,563	21,880
Stallins, Steve	21,826	70	7,170	29	2,883	21,880
Schroeder, Matthew, III	20,871	70	7,170	12	980	18,880
Schwegmann, Melinda B.	20,239	70	7,170	11	1,066	15,877
Shaw, R. L.	22,543	70	7,170	26	2,570	22,880
Smith, Jack Donald	21,878	70	7,170	29	2,877	21,880
Smith, John B.	20,766	70	7,170	29	2,765	20,880
Stelly, Victor T.	21,839	70	7,170	20	1,968	22,880
Stout, R. H.	20,065	70	7,170	3	194	20,880
Thibod, Marshall	21,753	70	7,170	18	1,763	22,880
Thomas, Jerry A.	20,868	70	7,170	1	87	22,880
Thompson, Francis C.	24,299	70	7,170	44	4,228	22,880
Therrell, Tom W.	20,759	70	7,170	8	788	22,880
Toomy, Joseph F.	20,763	70	7,170	8	792	18,880
Torvis, John D.	22,428	70	7,170	25	2,449	22,880
Trotter, Warren, J., Jr.	22,880	70	7,170	29	2,831	18,880
Vince, David B.	22,658	70	7,170	7	525	18,880
Waddell, Wayne	19,479	70	7,170	8	808	15,480
Wakemuth, Michael R.	22,897	70	7,170	22	2,866	22,880
Wanzo, Thomas R.	20,468	70	7,170	5	488	22,880
Wicks, Victor J.	20,298	70	7,170	18	1,825	22,880
Winton, Sharon	20,188	70	7,170	12	1,184	22,880
Wiggins, Randy	20,521	70	7,170	16	1,568	22,880
Wilkinson, Fredie	22,628	70	7,170	27	2,679	22,880
Willard-Lewis, Cynthia	20,979	70	7,170	48	2,868	22,880
Winstone, Stephen J.	22,824	70	7,170	31	2,853	22,880
Winton, Diane	20,888	70	7,170	29	2,839	22,880
Wright, Thomas D.	22,141	70	7,170	22	2,178	22,880
	\$ 3,541,799		\$ 735,418		\$ 248,667	\$ 2,585,644

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Honorable, Huntington B. Downer, Jr.
House of Representatives
State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 1998. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatements, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of compliance findings and recommendations.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk

that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the House of Representatives' management, the Legislative Budgetary Control Council and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

PROVOST, SALTER, HARPER & ALFORD, L.L.C.

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September 15, 1998

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OF LOUISIANA

*Schedule of Compliance Findings and Recommendations**June 30, 1999***Finding 1. Noncompliance With The Louisiana Performance Audit Program**

Condition. The House of Representatives is not in compliance with the Louisiana Performance Audit Program.

Criteria. Revised Statute 24:522 (A)(2) states that "All state agencies shall develop specific goals and objectives for each of their programs to include measures of performance. They shall report on program goals and objectives in developing annual budgets and shall submit such information to the legislature as a part of the appropriation process."

Effect. The House of Representatives is not in compliance with Revised Statutes for the State of Louisiana.

Cause. Management is in the process of evaluating the requirements of R.S. 24:522.

Recommendation. Management should evaluate the requirements of Revised Statute 24:522 and develop goals and objectives for its programs accordingly.

Analytic Response. Management began drafting a strategic plan for the House of Representatives in July, 1998. This plan will establish goals and objectives for the House of Representatives, strategies to meet those goals and performance measures to judge the progress toward meeting those goals. Management set a due date for the plan of September 1, 1998. The issues to be addressed are more complex than management originally envisioned, causing significant delay in finalizing the plan. The strategic plan for the House of Representatives will be completed in the current fiscal year.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OF LOUISIANA

*Schedule of Compliance Findings and Recommendations, Continued**June 30, 1988***Finding 3. Audit Report Was Not Delivered Within Six Months Of The Close Of The Fiscal Year**

Condition. The audit report was not completed within six months of the close of the fiscal year.

Criteria. State law requires that audits be completed within six months of the close of the entity's fiscal year.

Effect. The effect was to cause the audit to be delayed beyond the six months of the close of the fiscal year.

Cause. Information requested by the Auditor was not received until after six months from the close of the fiscal year.

Recommendation. The entity should make every effort to monitor the progress of the audit to insure the timely completion of the engagement.

Auditor Response. The auditor's contract requires the audit of the House of Representatives be complete and filed within six months of the end of the fiscal year. The auditor's request for information was made in a timely manner to allow the auditors to meet contract obligations. The auditor's response to the request, being delivered after the end of the six month period, is the sole cause of the delay of finalizing the audit for the House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OF LOUISIANA

*Independent Auditor's Comments on Resolution of
Prior Audit Findings*

June 30, 1998

The compliance finding described on page 19 is a repeat finding from prior years. There were no other prior year audit findings for which the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana has not implemented the corrective action recommended.