

REPORT
SENATE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
JUNE 30, 2004

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 29, 2004

Honorable Donald E. Hines
Senate, State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Senate, State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, as listed in the index. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Senate's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *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 Senate, 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 Senate, State of Louisiana, as of June 30, 2004 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated October 29, 2004 on our consideration of the Senate, State of Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the other required supplementary information on pages 3 through 4 and 16, respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule on page 17 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Senate, State of Louisiana. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hagan & Maher, LLP

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MANAGEMENTS' DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

This section of the Senate, State of Louisiana (Senate) annual financial report presents Management's analysis of the Senate's financial performance for the year ended June 30, 2004. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Senate's net assets decreased by \$911,847.

The general revenues of the Senate were \$13,802,957.

The other financing sources of the Senate were \$513,079.

The total expenditures/expenses of the Senate were \$15,227,883.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report consists of three sections: Management's Discussion and Analysis, audited financial statements and supplementary information. The financial statements also include notes that provide additional detail of the information included in the financial statements.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Senate report information about the Senate using accounting methods similar to those used by private companies. These financial statements provide financial information about the activities of the Senate.

The Statement of Net Assets (p. 5) presents the current and long-term portions of assets and liabilities separately.

The Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in the Fund Balance/Statement of Activities (p. 6) presents information on how the Senate's net assets changed as a result of current period operations.

The following presents condensed financial information of the Senate:

SUMMARY OF NET ASSETS

ASSETS:

	<u>June 30, 2004</u>	<u>June 30, 2003</u>
Current assets	\$ 2,054,847	\$ 2,709,872
Capital assets	<u>345,192</u>	<u>433,330</u>
Total assets	<u>2,400,039</u>	<u>3,143,202</u>

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AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

LIABILITIES

	<u>June 30, 2004</u>	<u>June 30, 2003</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 365,882	\$ 370,372
Long-term liabilities	<u>1,064,631</u>	<u>891,457</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,430,513</u>	<u>1,261,829</u>
Invested in capital assets	345,192	433,330
Unrestricted	<u>624,334</u>	<u>1,448,043</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 969,526</u>	<u>\$ 1,881,373</u>

SUMMARY OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	<u>For the Year Ended June 30, 2004</u>	<u>For the Year Ended June 30, 2003</u>
General revenues	\$ 13,802,957	\$ 13,804,738
Expenditures/expenses	(15,227,883)	(15,025,150)
Other financing sources	<u>513,079</u>	<u>248,317</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$ (911,847)</u>	<u>\$ (972,095)</u>

BUDGET ANALYSIS

A comparison of budget to actual operations is a required supplementary statement and is presented in the accompanying supplementary information. Total expenditures were \$1,493,258 above budgeted amounts. This resulted primarily from personal services being in excess of the amounts budgeted.

CONTACTING THE SENATE'S MANAGEMENT

This audit report is designed to provide a general overview of the Senate and to demonstrate the Senate's accountability for its finances. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, please contact the Senate, State of Louisiana, P.O. Box 44305, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2004

	General Fund	Adjustments*	Statement of Net Assets
ASSETS			
Cash in bank	\$ 1,932,965	\$ -	\$ 1,932,965
Cash, restricted agency accounts	8,598	-	8,598
Unwarranted appropriations	-	-	-
Due from other legislative agencies	89,616	-	89,616
Accounts receivable	23,668	-	23,668
Capital assets (net of allowance for depreciation)	-	345,192 (1)	345,192
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,054,847	\$ 345,192	\$ 2,400,039
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 63,806	\$ -	\$ 63,806
Accrued salaries and related benefits	293,478	-	293,478
Due to restricted agency accounts	8,598	-	8,598
Compensated absences	-	1,064,631 (2)	1,064,631
TOTAL LIABILITIES	365,882	1,064,631	1,430,513
FUND BALANCE/NET ASSETS			
Unreserved, undesignated	1,688,965	(1,688,965)	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,054,847		
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets		345,192	345,192
Unrestricted		624,334	624,334
TOTAL NET ASSETS		\$ 969,526	\$ 969,526

***Explanation**

- (1) Capital assets, net of the depreciation allowance, are recorded on the statement of net assets, but not within the fund statements of the General Fund.
- (2) Long-term liabilities, such as compensated absences, are recorded on the statement of net assets, but not within the fund statements of the General Fund.

See accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN THE FUND BALANCE/STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments*</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES:			
Personal services	\$ 11,035,547	\$ 173,174 (1)	\$ 11,208,721
Travel	258,235	-	258,235
Operating services	2,423,240	-	2,423,240
Supplies	141,591	-	141,591
Professional services	155,392	-	155,392
Telephone	192,189	-	192,189
Printing	170,736	-	170,736
Capital outlay	589,641	(44,730) (2)	544,911
Depreciation	-	132,868 (2)	132,868
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>14,966,571</u>	<u>261,312</u>	<u>15,227,883</u>
GENERAL REVENUES:			
State appropriations	13,759,179	-	13,759,179
Interest	5,739	-	5,739
Other	38,039	-	38,039
Total general revenues	<u>13,802,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,802,957</u>
Deficiency of general revenues over expenditures/expenses	(1,163,614)	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES(USES):			
Interagency transfers in	537,633	-	537,633
Interagency transfers out	(24,554)	-	(24,554)
Total other financing sources(uses)	<u>513,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>513,079</u>
Deficiency of general revenues and other financing sources over expenditures/expenses and other financing uses	(650,535)	650,535	-
Change in net assets	-	(911,847)	(911,847)
Fund Balance/Net Assets:			
Beginning of Year	2,339,500	(458,127)	1,881,373
End of Year	<u>\$ 1,688,965</u>	<u>\$ (719,439)</u>	<u>\$ 969,526</u>

***Explanation**

(1) Increase in long term obligation for compensated absences

(2) Reclassify furniture, fixture and equipment purchases and record depreciation

See accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Nature of Operations:

The Louisiana State Senate is a part of the legislative branch of government created under Article III of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution.

Government accounting principles and practices are promulgated and established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The GASB has issued a *Codification of Government Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*. This codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 Senate, State of Louisiana) to be the State of Louisiana. The accompanying financial statements of the Senate contain sub-account information of the General Fund and account groups of the State of Louisiana. Annually, the State of Louisiana issues financial statements, which include the activity contained in the accompanying financial statements.

Fund Accounting – The Senate, State of Louisiana, uses fund accounting (separate set 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 General Fund is used to account for all of the Senate, State of Louisiana's general activities, including the acquisition of general fixed assets and the servicing of general long-term debt. It is used to account for all activities of the Senate.

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.

In accordance with *Statement of Governmental Accounting Standard 34*, the Senate presents a Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities. These statements reflect entity-wide operations of the Senate. The Senate has no fiduciary funds or component units. The Senate has only a General Fund, supported by an appropriation from the State of Louisiana and self-generated funds.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Within the accompanying statements, the General Fund column of the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities reports all activities of the Senate using the current financial resource measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Management considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 45 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Using this methodology, the legislative appropriation is recorded during the year, and for the year, the appropriation is made, and interest and other revenues are recorded when earned. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as in accrual accounting. However, compensated absences are recorded when paid.

The General Fund column is adjusted to create a Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities. Within this column, amounts are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Fixed Assets

The accompanying statements reflect furniture, fixtures and equipment used by the Senate, State of Louisiana, and funded by the legislative appropriation, in daily operations. Those assets are recorded at cost.

The accompanying statements do not include the value of land and buildings provided without cost to the Senate, State of Louisiana. Those assets are recorded with the annual financial statements of the State of Louisiana.

Budgetary Practices

The Senate, State of Louisiana, is required to submit to the members of the Senate an estimate of the financial requirements for the ensuing fiscal year. The General Fund appropriation is enacted into law by the Legislature and sent to the Governor for her signature. The Senate, State of Louisiana, is authorized to transfer budget amounts between accounts in the General Fund. Revisions that alter total appropriations 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 amount 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.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Budgetary Practices (Continued)

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

Encumbrances

Encumbrances are recorded when purchase orders, contracts and commitments for expenditure of monies are recorded but are not considered expenditures unless 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 is reported in the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities within the accompanying financial statements. The Senate, State of Louisiana's employees accrue unlimited amounts of annual and sick leave at varying rates as established by the Senate'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 workweek. The compensatory leave may be used similarly to annual or sick leave. At June 30, 2004, 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 *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* Section C60.105, total \$1,064,631.

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

<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2003</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2004</u>
\$ 891,457	\$ 173,174	\$ 1,064,631

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Postretirement Benefits

The Senate, State of Louisiana, provides certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees. Substantially all of the Senate's employees may become eligible for those benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the Senate. 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 Senate. The Senate recognizes the cost of providing these benefits as an expenditure in the year paid. For the year ended June 30, 2004, those costs totaled \$291,265, which covered 48 retired employees, funded through the legislative appropriation. Retirees pay ½ of the cost of their benefits.

Agency Accounts

Agency accounts are custodial in nature and are used to account for assets held by the Senate in a agency capacity and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as an asset "Cash, restricted agency accounts" and a corresponding liability "Due to restricted agency accounts". Management has included the accounts in the financial statements to more accurately reflect Senate responsibilities. These funds are managed by Senate personnel, but are restricted to the use by the following commission:

Louisiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

This account was formed by an initial investment from the Louisiana Municipal Association of \$1,000 in February, 1990.

The activities in the restricted agency accounts for the year ended June 30, 2004 can be summarized as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2003</u>	<u>Additions</u> <u>Interest</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Reductions</u> <u>Transfer to</u> <u>State Treasurer</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2004</u>
Louisiana Advisory Commission of Intergovernmental Relations	\$ 8,598	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 8,598

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2. RETIREMENT SYSTEM:

Plan Description

Substantially, all employees and members of the Senate 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, P. O. Box 44213, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4213, or by calling (225) 922-0600; or by writing to Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, P. O. Box 94123, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9123; or by calling (225) 925-6446.

Funding Policy

Plan members of the Senate are required by state statute to contribute 7½%, 8%, 9½% or 11% of their annual covered salary to LASERS and TRS, respectively, and the Senate (as their employer) is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current employer rate is 15.8% and 13.8% 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 Senate's employer contributions to LASERS and TRS for the years ending June 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002, which were equal to the required contributions for each year, were as follows:

<u>June 30,</u>	<u>LASERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2004	\$ 1,123,794	\$ 16,355	\$ 1,140,149
2003	951,238	17,778	969,016
2002	824,404	16,650	841,054

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3. CASH IN BANK:

Under State law, the Senate, State of Louisiana, may deposit funds in an approved bank located in the State selected and designated by the presiding officer of the Senate. These public deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of 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 bank (Category 3) in a holding or custodial bank. The bank deposits at June 30, 2004, are secured as follows:

	<u>Carrying Balance</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>FDIC Insurance</u>	<u>Pledged Collateral</u>
Cash in bank	\$ 1,932,965	\$ 2,462,349	\$ 100,000	\$ 3,134,334
Cash, restricted agency accounts	<u>8,598</u>	<u>8,598</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>--</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,941,563</u>	<u>\$ 2,470,947</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,134,334</u>

4. CAPITAL ASSETS:

The accompanying statements reflect furniture, fixtures and equipment used by the Senate and funded by the legislative appropriation, in daily operations. Those assets are recorded at cost. Furniture, fixtures and equipment with acquisition cost of \$5,000 or greater are capitalized and depreciated as follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Allowance for Depreciation</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
Balance, July 1, 2003	\$ 1,285,392	\$ (852,062)	\$ 433,330
Acquisitions	44,730	--	44,730
Deletions	(51,356)	51,356	--
Depreciation	<u>--</u>	<u>(132,868)</u>	<u>(132,868)</u>
Balance, June 30, 2004	<u>\$ 1,278,766</u>	<u>\$ (933,574)</u>	<u>\$ 345,192</u>

The depreciable assets are depreciated using the straight-line method of allocating asset costs over the following useful lives.

Computer equipment	5 years
Office furniture and equipment	5 years
Vehicles	5 years

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add value to the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

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5. LITIGATION, CLAIMS AND SIMILAR CONTINGENCIES:

Losses arising from litigation, claims and similar contingencies are considered State liabilities and are paid by special appropriations made by the Louisiana Legislature. Any applicable litigation, claims and similar contingencies are not recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

At June 30, 2004, the Senate was involved in various lawsuits relating to its function as the Senate, State of Louisiana. In the opinion of legal counsel, resolution of the litigation would not result in a substantial liability to the Senate, State of Louisiana and, accordingly, is not recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

6. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Professional services include the following professional fees:

Architectural Studio (architect)	\$ 10,239
Robert Keaton (fiscal analyst)	90,310
Phelps Dunbar (attorney)	9,316
Assaf, Simoneaux, Tauzin (engineers)	36,568
Custom Accounting Solutions (programming and installation)	2,771
Ceredian (employee benefits)	1,898
Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Phillips (attorney)	<u>4,290</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 155,392</u>

7. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN:

The State of Louisiana 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 salaries until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property or rights are (until paid or made available to the employee or other beneficiary) solely the property and rights of the State (without being restricted to the provisions of benefits under the plan), subject only to the claims of the State's general creditors. Participants' rights under the plan are equal to those of general creditors of the State in an amount equal to the fair market value of the deferred account for each participant.

It is the opinion of the State's 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 an ordinary prudent investor. The State believes that it is unlikely that it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future.

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8. INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS:

Amounts paid to other governmental units for the year ended June 30, 2004, consist of payments to the House of Representatives for personal expenses in the amount of \$24,554.

Amounts received from other governmental units for the year ended June 30, 2004, consist of the following:

	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Document Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other agencies	\$ --	\$ 6,131	\$ --	\$ 6,131
Legislative Budgetary Control Council	<u>472,710</u>	<u>51,363</u>	<u>7,429</u>	<u>531,502</u>
	<u>\$ 472,710</u>	<u>\$ 57,494</u>	<u>\$ 7,429</u>	<u>\$ 537,633</u>

9. OTHER COSTS:

The State of Louisiana, through other appropriations, provides office space, utilities and janitorial services for the operations in the State Capitol, all of which are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

10. ESTIMATES:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

11. UNWARRANTED APPROPRIATION:

The unwarranted appropriation and appropriation authorized and collected during the year are summarized as follows:

	<u>Total Appropriation Authorized</u>	<u>Unwarranted Appropriation as of June 30, 2003</u>	<u>Appropriation Authorized in the year ended June 30, 2004</u>	<u>Funds Collected in the year ended June 30, 2004</u>	<u>Unwarranted Appropriation as of June 30, 2004</u>
Act 63, 2002 R.S.	\$ 13,759,179	\$ 2,559,179	\$ --	\$ 2,559,179	\$ --
Act 64, 2003 R.S.	13,759,179	<u>--</u>	<u>13,759,179</u>	<u>13,759,179</u>	<u>--</u>
		<u>\$ 2,559,179</u>	<u>\$ 13,759,179</u>	<u>\$ 16,318,358</u>	<u>\$ --</u>

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12. RECONCILIATION:

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities present the Senate's fund balance/net assets from a fund perspective and an entity-wide perspective, using the current financial resources focus for the fund balance and the economic resources measurement focus for net assets. The amounts are reconciled as follows:

Fund balance, June 30, 2004	\$ 1,688,965
Capital assets	345,192
Compensated absences	<u>(1,064,631)</u>
Net assets, June 30, 2004	<u>\$ 969,526</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Budget to GAAP Differences Over (Under)	Actual Amounts GAAP Basis
	Original	Final			
REVENUES:					
State appropriations	\$ 13,759,179	\$ 13,759,179	\$ 13,759,179	\$ -	\$ 13,759,179
Interest	-	-	5,739	-	5,739
Other	-	-	38,039	-	38,039
Reappropriated fund balance (1)	<u>2,542,239</u>	<u>2,542,239</u>	<u>2,542,239</u>	<u>(2,542,239)</u> (1)	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	<u>16,301,418</u>	<u>16,301,418</u>	<u>16,345,196</u>	<u>(2,542,239)</u>	<u>13,802,957</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Personal services	10,108,475	10,108,475	11,035,547	173,174 (2)	11,208,721
Travel	302,460	302,460	258,235	-	258,235
Operating services	2,346,233	2,346,233	2,423,240	-	2,423,240
Supplies	279,000	279,000	141,591	-	141,591
Professional services	170,000	170,000	155,392	-	155,392
Telephone	250,000	250,000	192,189	-	192,189
Printing	220,511	220,511	170,736	-	170,736
Capital outlay	32,500	32,500	589,641	(44,730) (3)	544,911
Depreciation	-	-	-	132,868 (3)	132,868
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>13,709,179</u>	<u>13,709,179</u>	<u>14,966,571</u>	<u>261,312</u>	<u>15,227,883</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	2,592,239	2,592,239	1,378,625	(2,803,551)	(1,424,926)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Interagency transfers in	-	-	537,633	-	537,633
Interagency transfers out	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>(24,554)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,554)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>513,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>513,079</u>
Net change in fund balance	2,542,239	2,542,239	1,891,704	(2,803,551)	(911,847)
Fund balances - beginning	1,619,170	1,619,170	2,479,081	(597,708) (4)	1,881,373
Less reappropriated fund balance	<u>(2,542,239)</u>	<u>(2,542,239)</u>	<u>(2,542,239)</u>	<u>2,542,239</u> (1)	<u>-</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,619,170</u>	<u>\$ 1,619,170</u>	<u>\$ 1,828,546</u>	<u>\$ (859,020)</u>	<u>\$ 969,526</u>

Explanation of differences:

- (1) Budgets include reappropriated fund balances carried over from prior years to cover expenditures of the current year. The results of operations on a GAAP basis do not recognize these amounts as revenue since they represent prior period's excess of revenues over expenditures.
- (2) Compensated absences are budgeted on a modified accrual basis. Under generally accepted accounting principles these costs are recognized when the benefit is earned.
- (3) Capital assets are recognized for budget purposes when purchased. Under generally accepted accounting principles, such capital assets are recognized as long-lived assets and depreciation is recognized over the life of the assets, as well as any loss on disposal.
- (4) The amount reported as fund balance on the budgetary basis of accounting derives from the basis of accounting used in preparing the Senate's budget. This amount differs from the fund balance reported in the statement of governmental fund revenues, expenditures and changes in the fund balance because of the cumulative effect of transactions such as those described above.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF SENATORS' PER DIEM AND OTHER COMPENSATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

Senator	Total	Regular Session		Special Session		Interim Session		Allowance
		Days	Amount	Days	Amount	Days	Amount	
Adley, Robert	\$ 35,262	85	\$ 10,285	12	\$ 1,452	6	\$ 725	\$ 22,800
Amedee, III, Lee Jody	22,946	85	10,285	12	1,452	4	484	10,725
Bajoie, Diana	39,247	85	10,285	12	1,452	9	1,088	26,422
Barham, Robert	35,741	85	10,285	12	1,452	10	1,204	22,800
Bean, Ronald	16,635	-	-	-	-	4	484	16,151
Boasso, Walter	22,583	85	10,285	12	1,452	1	121	10,725
Boissiere, Jr., Lambert	39,360	85	10,285	12	1,452	40	4,823	22,800
Cain, James David	36,348	85	10,285	12	1,452	15	1,812	22,799
Chaisson, II, Joel	34,779	85	10,285	12	1,452	2	242	22,800
Cravins, Donald	34,899	85	10,285	12	1,452	3	362	22,800
Dardenne, Jay	50,691	85	10,285	12	1,452	11	1,327	37,627
Dean, Lynn	12,797	-	-	-	-	6	724	12,073
Duplessis, Ann	22,704	85	10,285	12	1,452	2	242	10,725
Dupre, Reggie	36,469	85	10,285	12	1,452	16	1,932	22,800
Ellington, Noble	35,985	85	10,285	12	1,452	12	1,448	22,800
Fields, Cleo	35,382	85	10,285	12	1,452	7	845	22,800
Fontenot, Jr., Clovance	35,864	85	10,285	12	1,452	11	1,327	22,800
Gautreaux, D.A.	36,228	85	10,285	12	1,452	14	1,691	22,800
Gautreaux, Nicholas	22,583	85	10,285	12	1,452	1	121	10,725
Hainkel, John	46,082	85	10,285	12	1,452	29	3,496	30,849
Heitmeier, Francis	40,560	85	10,285	12	1,452	9	1,086	27,737
Hines, Donald	45,559	85	10,285	12	1,452	32	3,872	29,950
Holden, Melvin	35,383	85	10,285	12	1,452	7	846	22,800
Hollis, Ken	35,381	85	10,285	12	1,452	7	844	22,800
Hoyt, Fred	12,314	-	-	-	-	2	241	12,073
Irons, Paulette	37,677	85	10,285	12	1,452	26	3,140	22,800
Jackson, Lydia	23,309	85	10,285	12	1,452	7	847	10,725
Johnson, Jon	12,193	-	-	-	-	1	120	12,073
Jones, Charles	34,779	85	10,285	12	1,452	2	242	22,800
Jones, Jr., William	12,073	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,073
Kostelka, Robert	22,825	85	10,285	12	1,452	3	363	10,725
Lentini, Arthur	35,263	85	10,285	12	1,452	6	726	22,800
Malone, Max	35,988	85	10,285	12	1,452	12	1,451	22,800
Marionneaux, Jr., Robert	34,537	85	10,285	12	1,452	-	-	22,800
McPherson, Joe	34,779	85	10,285	12	1,452	2	242	22,800
Michot, Michael	34,777	85	10,285	12	1,452	2	240	22,800
Mount, Willie	35,987	85	10,285	12	1,452	12	1,450	22,800
Nevers, Ben	22,825	85	10,285	12	1,452	3	363	10,725
Romero, Craig	35,019	85	10,285	12	1,452	4	482	22,800
Schedler, Tom	37,676	85	10,285	12	1,452	26	3,139	22,800
Smith, Kenneth	35,384	85	10,285	12	1,452	7	847	22,800
Smith-Creek, Sherri	23,188	85	10,285	12	1,452	6	726	10,725
Tarver, Gregory	12,676	-	-	-	-	5	603	12,073
Theunissen, Gerald	36,107	85	10,285	12	1,452	13	1,570	22,800
Thomas, Jerry	12,073	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,073
Ullo, Chris	36,472	85	10,285	12	1,452	16	1,935	22,800
	<u>\$ 1,427,389</u>		<u>\$ 401,115</u>		<u>\$ 56,628</u>		<u>\$ 49,873</u>	<u>\$ 919,773</u>



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

October 29, 2004

Honorable Donald E. Hines
Senate, State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Senate, State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated October 29, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 Senate, State of Louisiana's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, 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 no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Senate, 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 Senate's management, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the Legislative Budgetary Control Council and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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SENATE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS:

1. The opinion issued on the financial statements of the Senate, State of Louisiana, for the year ended June 30, 2004 was unqualified.
2. Internal Control
Material weaknesses: none noted
Reportable conditions: none noted
3. Compliance
Noncompliance material to financial statements: none noted

FINDINGS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED
GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS:

None

SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS:

None