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## 2022 Louisiana Legislative Session Update

This week included some of the session's most controversial social bills, which had everyone walking on eggshells from Monday morning through adjournment on Thursday. The testimony and lack of decorum throughout the committee hearings on these bills fueled the tempers of already agitated legislators. Just one example - Rep. Tammy Phelps repeatedly lashed out at Chairman Harris during an Education Committee hearing on Tuesday, prompting Rep. Harris to cut her microphone off multiple times. In the same hearing, individuals providing public testimony called Rep. Dodie Horton "hateful" and expressed contempt for several interest groups in attendance.

The personal attacks, angry constituents, and animosity between typically cordial colleagues quickly exhausted the legislators. The Senate even voted to go home a day early.

Fortunately, the controversial fights didn't impact ABC. We focused on our goals and came away with some big victories. We helped to pass three of Rep. Frieman's bills revamping aspects of Workers' Compensation off the House floor, and we were able to pass Rep. DeVillier's bill removing restrictions on certain plumbers off the House floor. These bills are now headed to the Senate. We also killed HB 320 in committee on Thursday. This bill would have allowed the City of New Orleans to fine contractors up to \$2,000 per day for violating any construction related ordinance, permit, or certificate.

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**June 13-15, 2022** Washington, D.C.

Join us for ABC Legislative Week in June in Washington D.C. ABC Pelican and Bayou members will engage with top political leaders and experts and meet with their U.S. Representatives and Senators to advocate for the critical policy priorities of ABC and the merit shop construction industry. The week will feature a legislative day with a Louisiana Delegation Luncheon for ABC of Louisiana members at the Capitol Hill Club on Wednesday, June 15th.

For more information or to reserve your spot at the Louisiana Delegation Luncheon please email Macie at [mmorgan@abcpelican.com](mailto:mmorgan@abcpelican.com).

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Thank you all for supporting the merit shop. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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