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SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 24, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the Hon. Albert Voorhies Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate, and Messrs. Anderson, Bell, Brusle, Burthe, Campbell, Coco, Cooley, Ellis, Fellowes, Foute, Gibson, Gordon, Kavanagh, Kenner, Lapeyre, Mohan, Munday, Newton of Jackson, Newton of Morehouse, Nelson, Palfrey, Purcell, Scruggs, Taylor, Welch and Wilcoxon—26 Senators.

The proceedings were opened with prayers offered by the Rev. J. Moynihan of the Roman Catholic church.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Palfrey submitted the following resolution which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Louisiana, That the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, be instructed to inquire and report on the propriety of repealing the act entitled "an act to enable certain persons, hereinafter named, to construct a steamboat Canal from Vermillion Bay to the Sabine river, at a point near the mouth of the Neches river, in Texas," approved April 4, 1865.

Mr. Gordon submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at Arms be instructed to procure from the State Librarian, a complete set of the laws of the State, as well as copies of the Constitution of 1864, to be kept in the Senate Chamber for the use of the members.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication, from his Excellency the Governor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, New Orleans, Jan. 23, 1866.

To the President of the Senate:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the annual report of the State Treasurer, embracing a period from the 1st of October, 1864, to the 31st of December, 1865.

J. MADISON WELLS,
Governor of Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Kenner, the above communication and accompanying document, were ordered to be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President also laid before the Senate a communication from Mr. F. M. Stevens, Secretary of the Board of Currency, transmitting a copy of the annual report of the Board of Currency for the year 1865.

On motion of Mr. Lapeyre, the same was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

MEMORIAL.

Mr. Foute submitted a memorial of the hardware merchants of the city of New Orleans, relative to the action of the Inspectors of Weights and Measures in the city of New Orleans, the reading of which was dispensed with, and on motion of the same Senator, the same was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and Agriculture.

COMMITTEE SERVICE.

On his own motion, Mr. Foute was excused from serving on the Committee on Enrolled Bills, and the President appointed Mr. Wilcoxon in his stead.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the select Committee on Inundations, appointed on yesterday by the President, was abolished.

NOTICE OF A BILL.

Mr. Lapeyre gave notice of his intention to ask leave to introduce on to-morrow, a bill to be entitled "an act to provide for the liquidation of certain banks."

RECONSIDERATION.

Mr. Munday moved to reconsider the vote given, yesterday, on the order to print 500 copies of the report of the joint committee appointed for the purpose of collecting information and reasons for defeating the claims of Messrs. Michael Hahn and R. King Cutler to seats in the United States Senate from the State of Louisiana.

The reconsideration being granted, on motion of the same Senator, the same was ordered to lie on the table.

BILLS INTRODUCED ACCORDING TO NOTICE.

The hereinafter named Senators, in pursuance to previous notice, respectively asked and obtained leave to introduce the following entitled bills, which underwent their first and second readings by their respective titles and were severally referred as introduced below, to-wit:

Mr. Brusle—

An act to amend and re-enact section fifth of an act entitled "an act relative to surties," approved March 15, 1855.

Mr. Wilcoxon—

An act relative to clerks of district courts.

An act providing for the drawing of juries in the parishes of St. Martin and Vermillion.

Mr. Burthe, on behalf of Mr. Duvignaud—

An act to create parish courts throughout the State, the parish of Orleans excepted.

An act relative to the publication of legal and judicial advertisements in the parish of Orleans.

All of which bills were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Newton, of Morehouse—

An act for the relief of W. T. Hall, referred to the Committee on Claims.

An act to compel insurance companies to deposit in State securities to the amount of fifty thousand dollars. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

BILLS INTRODUCED WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE.

The hereinafter named Senators, without previous notice given, and with a suspension of the rules just granted, respectively asked and obtained leave to introduce the following entitled bills, which were severally disposed of as indicated below, viz:

Mr. Scruggs—

An act to legalize all official acts done by civil officers of the late government of the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Kenner—

An act for the organization of corporations to engage in a factorage and commission business, or in agricultural operations.

Mr. Wilcoxon—

An act relative to seizures and sales.

Mr. Taylor—

An act to provide for the election of district and parish officers.

Mr. Lapeyre—

An act suspending prescriptions in certain cases.

Mr. Anderson—

An act to emancipate minors.

Mr. Ellis—

An act to organize courts for the city and parish of Orleans.

An act organizing inferior courts, and fixing the terms thereof, the parish of Orleans excepted.

All of which bills underwent their first and second readings by their respective titles, and they were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gordon—

An act to authorize the sale or lease of the "New Canal," which underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mohan—

Joint resolution ordering an election for municipal officers for the city of New Orleans; which underwent its first and second readings by its title, when the same Senator moved that the same be made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Bell moved to amend Mr. Mohan's motion by making the same the special order of the day for day after to-morrow, which latter motion did not prevail.

The question recurred on Mr. Mohan's motion, which was carried.

On motion by the same Senator, this joint resolution was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Palfrey—

An act to authorize the police jury of the parish of St. Mary to reduce the number of police jury wards in said parish to five, and to fix the limits of the same; which underwent its several readings and it passed.

On motion of Mr. Gordon, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

HENRY B. KELLY,
Secretary of the Senate.

THURSDAY, Jan. 25, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Hon. Albert Voorhies, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and Messrs. Anderson, Bell, Brownlee, Brusle, Burthe, Campbell, Coco, Cooley, Egan, Ellis, Fellowes, Foute, Gibson, Gordon, Kavanaugh, Kelso, Kenner, Lapeyre, Mohan, Munday, Newton of Jackson, Newton of Morehouse, Purcell, Scruggs, Taylor, Welch and Wilcoxon—27 Senators.

The proceedings were opened with prayer, offered by the Rev. Mr. C. S. Hedges, of the Episcopal Church.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

The President laid before the Senate the petition of Mrs. C. Barjac, President of the Ladies of Providence, a charitable institution in the city of New Orleans, praying for relief, the reading of which was dispensed with, and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Gibson submitted a memorial of the Board of Levee Commissioners of the State of Louisiana, relative to the payment of engineers and contractors of the levees in course of completion, which was received and read.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Newton, of Morehouse, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That all the clerks and enrolling clerks employed by the Senate at the called session be retained during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Brusle, the above resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Mohan submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a doorkeeper be appointed to attend to the outer door of the Senate and keep order in the house.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the above resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gordon submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to take into consideration the advisability of the State of Louisiana issuing two millions of treasury notes as a currency, for the purpose of giving a temporary relief to the State Treasury.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion of Mr. Munday, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Louis Duvignaud, Senator from New Orleans, for the balance of the week, on account of sickness in his family.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. Halsey, Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, requested the concurrence of the Senate in House concurrent resolution appointing a joint committee to inquire into the justice, expediency and legality of relief against debt and obligations created for slaves and other property set free and destroyed by the effects of the late war.

And that the Speaker had appointed Messrs. Walker, Tucker, Eustis, Simonds, McDonald, Gates, Montgomery, Scott, Halsey and Fenner the committee on the part of the House.

NOTICE OF A BILL.

Mr. Gibson gave notice of his intention to ask leave to introduce on some future day a bill to be entitled

"An act to abolish an act to organize free public schools in the State of Louisiana," approved March 15th, 1865.

BILLS INTRODUCED ACCORDING TO NOTICE.

The hereinafter named Senators, in pursuance of previous notice given, respectively asked and obtained leave to introduce the following entitled bills, which were disposed of as indicated below, to-wit:

Mr. Bell—

An act to license gambling houses and the vendors of lottery tickets throughout the State.

Which underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was ordered to be referred to a select committee of five.

Whereupon the President appointed on the committee Messrs. Bell, Gordon, Burthe, Ellis and Palfrey.

Mr. Lapeyre—

An act to provide for the liquidation of certain banks.

Which underwent its first and second readings by its title, when, on motion by the same Senator, the further consideration of this bill was postponed, and it was made the special order of the day for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock P. M.

BILLS INTRODUCED WITHOUT NOTICE.

The hereinafter named Senators, without notice given, and with a suspension of the rules first granted, respectively asked and obtained leave to introduce the following entitled bill and joint resolution, which were disposed of as indicated below, to-wit:

Mr. Gibson—

An act for the relief of levee contractors, engineers and their employees.

Which underwent its first and second readings, and it was considered.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated from the Levee and drainage funds, for the payment of work done on levees, the services rendered by engineers and their employees; the same to be paid by the Treasurer of the State, on the warrant of the Auditor of Public Accounts, drawn by the Secretary of the Board of Levee Commissioners, and countersigned by the Chairman of the Board.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

When the same Senator moved for a further suspension of the rules, with the view of placing this bill on its third reading, Mr. Mohan objected and called for the yeas and nays. They were ordered and being taken resulted as follows, to-wit:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Bell, Brownlee, Brusle, Burthe, Campbell, Coco, Cooley, Foute, Gibson, Gordon, Kelso, Kenner, Lapeyre, Mohan, Munday, Taylor and Welch—18 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Egan, Ellis, Fellowes, Kavanaugh, Newton of Jackson, Newton of Morehouse, Nelson, Purcell and Scruggs—9 Senators.

So the motion to suspend the rules was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, this bill was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees.

Mr. Taylor—

An act for the relief of William Lockwood; which bill underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Gordon—

Joint resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to report amendments to the charter of the city of New Orleans;

Which underwent its several readings and it was adopted.

Whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Gordon, Mohan, Foute, Bell and Lapeyre the committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Gordon, the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House in said joint resolution.

REPORT FROM A STANDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Palfrey, from the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, to whom was referred Senate resolution instructing the said committee to inquire and report upon the propriety of repealing the act entitled "an act to enable certain persons, hereinafter named, to construct a steamboat canal from Vermillion Bay to the Sabine river, at a point near the mouth of the Neches river, in Texas," approved April 4th, 1865, reported a bill, entitled

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to enable certain persons, hereinafter named, to construct a steamboat canal from Vermillion Bay to the Sabine river, at a point near the mouth of Neches river, in Texas, approved April 4th, 1865.

Which underwent its several readings, and it passed.

On motion of Mr. Munday, the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

This being the day set apart for the consideration of Senate joint resolution ordering an election for municipal officers for the city of New Orleans, the same was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Mohan, the same underwent its second and third readings, and on the adoption of its title the same was amended by striking out the words "joint resolution," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "an act," and it passed.

On motion of the same Senator, the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

On motion of Mr. Purcell, the Senate adjourned until to morrow at 12 o'clock M.

HENRY B. KELLY,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Monday, Jan. 22, 1866.

This being the day fixed by law for the regular annual meeting of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, the House was called to order by the Hon. D. S. Cage, who declined resuming his seat as Speaker, in consequence of a diversity of opinion as to whether the organization as effected at the late special session should be considered as valid for the present session, and moved that Mr. Elam, of DeSoto, be called to the Chair.

The roll of the House was called (Mr. Elam in the Chair,) when the following Representatives answered to their names:

Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. J. E. Austin, E. W. Alverson, J. W. Addison, N. E. Bailey, W. F. Blackman, H. S. Brown, J. H. Collins, C. Davenport, H. W. Drake, C. Deblanc, J. Delamore, L. Deporter, S. P. DeLabarre, H. W. Drew, J. V. Duralde, J. B. Elam, G. W. Eldridge, J. B. Eustis, J. M. Edwards, C. R. Fagot, C. E. Fenner, G. A. Freret, P. Fishburn, J. Fulda, P. H. Gates, D. J. Gaisser, G. W. Green, E. G. Gottschalk, J. T. Hanlon, J. H. Halsey, J. R. Head, J. T. Hatch, J. Henderson, B. F. Jonas, J. Kelly, E. E. Kidd, J. A. Kile, B. S. Labranche, C. T. Lagroue, C. J. Leeds, L. E. Lemarie, A. A. Lipscomb, C. C. Meredith, J. McEnery, J. McConnell, W. B. McDonald, J. McGee, H. McCloskey, W. F. Moreland, F. P. Montgomery, T. Murry, J. Nelligan, J. Ormond, P. M. Peterson, James Phillips, J. A. Powell, A. Pujo, L. Prudhomme, H. Regenberg, N. Richards, N. T. N. Robinson, J. Ryan, D. P. Scanlan, W. Smith, R. B. Stille, J. Solomon, F. Amadée Tete, T. F. Thieneman, B. P. Voorhies, A. W. Walker, J. B. Whittington, E. Waggaman and J. C. Weeks—74 Representatives.

Mr. Leeds offered the following:

Resolved, That the organization of the House of Representatives which existed at the late extra session of the Legislature, be considered its permanent organization.

Mr. Jonas offered the following as a substitute for the resolution presented by Mr. Leeds:

Be it resolved, etc., That this House was regularly organized at the recent called session of the General Assembly, and that the officers then elected, are the officers of the House, during the constitutional period of this Legislature.

The substitute was accepted by Mr. Leeds.

Mr. Head offered the following, in lieu of the resolution of Mr. Jonas:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this House that the Speaker, Chief Clerk, Assistant Clerks, Doorkeeper, Warrant Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms are elected for the whole term.

Laid on the table.

The resolution offered by Mr. Jonas was then unanimously adopted.

Mr. Speaker Cage took the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Palmer.

A message was received from the Senate, through H. B. Kelly, Esq., its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate was duly organized and ready to proceed to business; also requesting the concurrence of the House in a Senate resolution for the appointment of a joint committee of both Houses to wait on his Excellency the Governor for such communication as he may see fit to make to the General Assembly.

The blank in said resolution was filled with the word "five;" the resolution was adopted and the Speaker appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Stille, Voorhies, Bailey, Tete and Freret as members of said joint committee.

The Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, informed the Senate that the House was duly organized and ready to proceed to business; also that the House had concurred in Senate resolutions for a joint committee, etc.

Mr. Stille asked and obtained leave for the House members of the committee to retire.

Mr. Scanlan offered the following:

Resolved, That the following be adopted as an additional standing rule of this House, to be known as rule 83, until a new edition of the present rules be printed, and then as rule 43:

"One day's notice, at least, shall be given of an intended motion for leave to bring in a bill or joint resolution."

Lays over under the rules.

An informal recess of half an hour was taken by the House to await the return and report of the committee appointed to wait on the Governor, which time having elapsed, the roll was called, when 74 Representatives answered to their names.

Mr. Stille, on behalf of the House committee appointed to wait on the Governor, reported that the committee had performed that duty, that His Excellency had requested the committee to inform the Senate and House that he had no communication to make at this time to the General Assembly in addition to those made by him at the late special session, but that he should communicate with the General Assembly, in case of emergency or necessity, from time to time.

On motion of Mr. Elam, the House adjourned until Tuesday, to-morrow, at 12 o'clock M.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1866.

The House met at 12 o'clock M.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. Austin, Alverson, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Bruton, Collins, Davenport, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Duralde, Dugas, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Fréret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Green, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Hays, Higgins, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips J., Powell, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Ryan, Smith, Stillé, Scott, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Weeks—77 Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Thieneman, it was resolved as follows:

WHEREAS, By the hasty adjournment of the Legislature at its last extra session, the purport of the following resolution was crowded out and failed to be acted upon; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, That the several ministers of the Gospel who officiated with daily prayer in opening the proceedings of this House, during said extra session, shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars each, as a complimentary remuneration for such services, payable out of the contingent fund of this House, upon the warrant of the Warrant Clerk.

Resolved further, That the Honorable Speaker transmit, over his own signature, a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of the reverened ministers who officiated as above stated.

Mr. Halsey presented the memorial of Mrs. Callihan, asking the privilege of keeping a ferry, etc., which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the following resolution was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That a joint committee of —— from the Senate and ten from this House, be appointed to inquire into the justice, expediency and legality of relief against debts and obligations created for slaves and other property set free or destroyed by the effects of the late war.

On motion of the same Representative, the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved, That the Special Committee on the Mexican Gulf Railroad be continued, with the same authority and power previously conferred on said committee.

Mr. Walker presented a memorial from the citizens of the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines respecting the condition and management of the Mexican Gulf Railroad, which was read and referred to the above named special committee.

Mr. McEnery presented a memorial from Robert J. Caldwell, District Attorney, pro tempore, of the 12th Judicial District, praying for compensation for services as such.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Scanlan providing for an additional rule of the House, was taken up on its second reading, and on motion to adopt was lost.

On motion of Mr. Fagot the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, This building is now permanently engaged for the use of the General Assembly, and as there is not sufficient accommodation for the public; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be requested to have the railing moved thirty-four and a half feet from the wall at the entrance of the hall, and fixed in a circular form, which shall give it a curve of ten and a half feet, and to place the postoffice within the railing, and make the necessary adjustment of the matting and procure two dozen chairs, and place them within the railing for the special accommodation of ladies.

On motion of Mr. McEnery, it was

Resolved, By the House of Representatives that General J. B. Hood of the late Confederate Army, and now in this city, be and is hereby invited to a seat upon the floor of this House.

On motion of Mr. Fagot, it was

Resolved, That from and after the passage of this resolution, no chairman of any committee shall be allowed to receive any extra compensation.

The Speaker presented the following communication:

BOARD OF CURRENCY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, New Orleans, Jan. 23, 1866.

Honorable Duncan S. Cage, Speaker House Representatives, Louisiana.

Dear Sir—I have the honor to present, herewith, a copy of the annual report of the Board of Currency for the year 1865.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. M. STEVENS,
Secretary.

The accompanying report of the Board of Currency was referred, without reading, to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Murray, Chairman, on behalf of the special joint committee on railroads, appointed at the late special session and authorized to sit during the recess, presented a report, the reading of which was dispensed with, and, on motion of Mr. Elam, two hundred copies thereof were ordered to be printed in English for the use of the House.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named Representatives, under a suspension of the rules first obtained, introduced the following entitled bills, which were read a first and second time by the title and referred to the hereinafter named committees:

By Mr. Jonas—

An act authorizing the banks to discount paper at eight per cent. per annum.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Kent—

An act to incorporate the town of Tangipahoa, in the parish of St. Helena.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee, with memorial.

By Mr. McDonald—

An act to legalize all marriages and other judicial and ministerial proceedings which may have taken place in the State of Louisiana during the war which closed in or during the year 1865, called the rebellion.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Head—

An act to incorporate the town of Arcadia, in the parish of Bienville.

Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Fenner—

An act licensing the vending of lottery tickets.

Referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

By Mr. Thieneman—

An act relative to the publicity of tacit mortgages.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Collins—

An act to fix the return day of appeals for the parish of West Feliciana.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Thieneman—

An act providing for submission of cases, by consent, in the Supreme Court.

To the same committee.

Mr. Mr. Elam—

An act to amend article 180 of the Code of Practice.

To the same committee.

And an act to amend an and re-enact an act entitled "an act to amend article 312 of the Code of Practice," approved April 30, 1853.

To the same committee.

And an act to repeal chapter seven, title "executory process," of the Code of Practice of this State.

To the same committee.

Mr Mr. Thieneman—

An act to define the jurisdiction of the Second District Court of New Orleans.

To the same committee.

By Mr. Halsey—

An act for the relief of E. J. Morehead, of the parish of Ascension.

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Voorhies—

An act for the relief of the Banks of the State under the Free Banking law.

To the Committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. McEnery—

An act for the relief of Robert J. Caldwell.

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Labranche—

Joint resolution for the payment of $595 to Ursin Jacob, State Tax Collector for the parish of St. John Baptist during the year 1862.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker announced that no changes would be made in the standing committees of the House, except to fill a vacancy in the Committee on Finance, caused by the resignation of the Hon. Henry Boyce, of Rapides, and that he had appointed Hon. R. B. Stille, of Sabine, in his place, Mr. Freret being chairman, vice Boyce.

On motion of Mr. Thieneman, the House adjourned until 12 o'clock M. to-morrow.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,
Cleak of the House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1866.

The House met at 12 o'clock M.

Present—Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. Austin, Alverson, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker Drew, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Green, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Higgins, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Lagroue, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips J., Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Ryan, Sambola, Scanlan, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington and Weeks—75 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Walker.

Mr. Deporter asked a suspension of the rules, in order to move a reconsideration of the vote by which the House adopted, on the 23d inst., the resolution of Mr. Fagot, relative to extra compensation to the chairman of committees.

Not granted.

Mr. Green offered a resolution to provide for furnishing the clerks of district courts throughout the State with copies of the official paper of the State during the session of the General Assembly. Lost.

On motion of Mr. Richards, chairman of the special committee appointed at the late special session to select a site for a State House, it was

Resolved, That the special joint committee on the part of this House appointed at the recent extra session of this Legislature to take into consideration the subject of the Governor's message relating to a site for a State House is hereby continued, with the same power and authority as heretofore conferred on it.

Mr. Stille, chairman, on behalf the special committee appointed at the late special session to investigate the claims of Messrs. Hahn and Cutler to seats in the United States Senate, presented the report of the said committee, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Be it Resolved by the House, (the Senate concurring,) That five hundred copies of the report of the joint committee to investigate the claims of Messrs. Hahn and Cutler to seats in the United States Senate be printed, and that the Governor be requested to forward one hundred copies of the printed report, and also the original report and documents, to Messrs. Hunt and Boyce, the Senators elected by the present General Assembly to the United States Senate, after the adoption of the same by the General Assembly.

Mr. Richards, on behalf of the special committee to select a site for a State House, presented a report with a bill entitled

Joint resolutions to provide for the erection of a State House. Laid over.

Also a bill entitled

Joint resolutions authorizing the Governor to provide buildings for the use of the State. Laid over.

Mr. Elam, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on the House bill No. 2, entitled

An act to incorporate the town of Tangipahoa.

Mr. Murray, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Charitable Institutions, reported favorably by substitute on House bill No. 5, entitled.

An act to license the vending of lottery tickets.

On motion of Mr. Solomon, it was

Resolved, That a joint committee of the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that a joint committee be appointed, composed of the city delegation of the House and Senate, to revise and amend the city charter, and to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Freret, it was

Resolved, That a joint committee of —— members of the Senate, and five members on the part of the House be appointed to examine into the affairs of the New Orleans Draining Company created by the law of March 19, 1855, and the act "to provide for leveeing, draining and reclaiming Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, LeBlanc, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery Murray, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Ryan, Scanlan, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, and Weeks—81 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Hedges.

The journal of Tuesday was read and approved.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Walker, Tucker, Eustis, Simonds, McDonald, Gates, Montgomery, Scott, Halsey and Fenner as members, on the part of the House of the joint committee provided for by the concurrent resolution of Mr. Walker, as adopted yesterday by the House, to inquire into the justice, expediency and legality of relief against debts and obligations created for slaves and other property set free and destroyed by the effects of the late war.

Mr. Eustis offered the following:

Resolved, That a joint committee composed of nine members of the House and — of the Senate, be appointed to report any necessary changes and amendments to the Constitution of 1864, and that all proposed amendments be referred to this committee.

Mr. Jonas moved to lay the resolution of Mr. Eustis on the table, on which motion Messrs. Stille and Lagroue called for the yeas and nays with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Blackman, Collins, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore, DeLabarre, Duralde, Eager, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Green, Halsey, Head, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, Kidd, Labranche, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Montgomery, Murray, Peterson, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Powell, Regenberg, Robinson, Sambola, Smith, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker and Voorhies—38 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Alverson, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Brown, Couvillon, Deporter, Decker, Drew, Dugas, Eastin, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Gates, Gaisser, Gault, Hatch, Hays, Higgins, Kent, Kile, Lagroue, LeBlanc, Meredith, McKelvey, McDonald, McGee, Moreland, Ormond, Pujo, Prudhomme, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Ryan, Scanlan, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman and Weeks—47 nays.

So the House refused to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Jonas offered as a substitute to the resolution of Mr. Eustis, the following:

Resolved, That all proposed amendments to the Constitution of 1864 be referred to the House Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

Mr. Elam moved to lay the substitute on the table, on which motion Messrs. Elam and Couvillon called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Alverson, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Couvillon, Deporter, Decker, Dugas, Eastin, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Fishburn, Gates, Gaisser, Hatch, Higgins, Kent, Kile, Lagroue, LeBlanc, Meredith, McKelvey, McDonald, Ormond, Powell, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Scanlan, Smith, Stille, Tete, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman and Weeks—43 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Delamore, DeLabarre, Duralde, Egan, Fenner, Freret, Fulda, Green, Halsey, Head, Hays, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, Kidd, Labranche, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Montgomery, Murray, Peterson, A. Phillips, J. Phillips, Robinson, Ryan, Sambola, Solomon, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker and Voorhies—33 nays.

So the substitute was laid on the table.

Mr. McConnell requested that the House would excuse him from serving as Chairman of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution. The request was granted.

Mr. Waggaman moved that the vote by which the substitute resolution of Mr. Jonas was laid on the table be reconsidered, which was agreed to by a rising vote of 36 yeas to 36 nays, the Speaker voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, at 12 o'clock M.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,
Clerk House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, Jan. 25, 1866.

The House met at 12 M.

Present—Hon. D. S. Cage Speaker, and Messrs. Alverson, Bailey, Barry, Blackman, Brown, Buie, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Duralde, Dugas, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Fenner, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Green, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Lagroue, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips J., Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Ryan, Sambola, Scanlan, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington and Weeks—75 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Walker.

Mr. Deporter asked a suspension of the rules, in order to move a reconsideration of the vote by which the House adopted, on the 23d inst., the resolution of Mr. Fagot, relative to extra compensation to the chairman of committees.

Not granted.

Mr. Green offered a resolution to provide for furnishing the clerks of district courts throughout the State with copies of the official paper of the State during the session of the General Assembly. Lost.

On motion of Mr. Richards, chairman of the special committee appointed at the late special session to select a site for a State House, it was

Resolved, That the special joint committee on the part of this House appointed at the recent extra session of this Legislature to take into consideration the subject of the Governor's message relating to a site for a State House is hereby continued, with the same power and authority as heretofore conferred on it.

Mr. Stille, chairman, on behalf the special committee appointed at the late special session to investigate the claims of Messrs. Hahn and Cutler to seats in the United States Senate, presented the report of the said committee, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Be it Resolved by the House, (the Senate concurring,) That five hundred copies of the report of the joint committee to investigate the claims of Messrs. Hahn and Cutler to seats in the United States Senate be printed, and that the Governor be requested to forward one hundred copies of the printed report, and also the original report and documents, to Messrs. Hunt and Boyce, the Senators elected by the present General Assembly to the United States Senate, after the adoption of the same by the General Assembly.

Mr. Richards, on behalf of the special committee to select a site for a State House, presented a report with a bill entitled

Joint resolutions to provide for the erection of a State House. Laid over.

Also a bill entitled

Joint resolutions authorizing the Governor to provide buildings for the use of the State. Laid over.

Mr. Elam, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on the House bill No. 2, entitled

An act to incorporate the town of Tangipahoa.

Mr. Murray, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Charitable Institutions, reported favorably by substitute on House bill No. 5, entitled.

An act to license the vending of lottery tickets.

On motion of Mr. Solomon, it was

Resolved, That a joint committee of the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that a joint committee be appointed, composed of the city delegation of the House and Senate, to revise and amend the city charter, and to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Freret, it was

Resolved, That a joint committee of —— members of the Senate, and five members on the part of the House be appointed to examine into the affairs of the New Orleans Draining Company created by the law of March 19, 1855, and the act "to provide for leveeing, draining and reclaiming swamp lands in certain portions of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, approved March 18, 1866," with authority to send for persons and papers.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named Representatives, under a suspension of the rules, introduced the following entitled bills, which were read twice and referred as follows:

By Mr. McEnery—

An act to amend Article 444 of the Code of Practice.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Head—

An act for the relief of J. Q. Prescott, of the parish of Bienville.

To the same committee.

By Mr. Halsey, for Mr. Duffel—

An act to extend the limits of the corporation of Donaldsonville.

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs, with an accompanying memorial.

By Mr. Montgomery—

An act to amend Article 864 of the Code of Practice.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Austin—

An act in relation to exemption from State, parish and city taxes for the years 1862, 1863 and 1864, in certain cases.

To the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Decker—

An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in criminal cases.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Stille—

An act amending the Constitution.

To the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

By Mr. Blackman—

An act to exempt in certain cases from taxation the property of maimed and disabled soldiers and their widows and orphans.

To the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Thieneman—

An act relative to attorneys at law.

To the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Tucker—

An act for the relief of Charles Kerr, late Clerk of the District Court for the parish of St. Mary.

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Murray—

An act to organize and regulate the police force of the city of New Orleans.

To the city delegation.

By Mr. McEnery—

An act relative to the witnesses summoned before Grand Juries.

To the Judiciary Committ