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SENATE.

FRIDAY, February 23, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Hon. Victor Burthe in the Chair; Messrs. Abney, Anderson, Armstrong, Brownlee, Bruslé, Burthe, Campbell, Cudey, Duvigneaud, Egan, Ellis, Fellowes, Fourie, Gibson, Gordon, Hough, Kavanagh, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Mohan, Munday, Newton of Jackson, Nelson, Palfrey, Poché, Purcell, Scruggs and Taylor—22 Senators.

The proceedings were opened with prayers offered by Rev. Mr. Robert J. Hart of the Methodist Church.

The journal of last Wednesday was read and approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion of Mr. Brownlee, leave of absence was granted to Mr. R. B. Ball, Senator from New Orleans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

On his own motion, Mr. Burthe was excused from serving on the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, and the President appointed Mr. Wade H. Hough in his stead and place.

MEMORIALS.

Mr. Munday submitted to the Senate the memorial of S. D. M. Paine, late president of the parish of West Baton Rouge, praying for relief, the reading of which was dispensed with, and on motion of the same Senator it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Taylor submitted to the Senate the claim of Michael McGlame of the parish of East Baton Rouge, claiming the sum of three hundred dollars for services as gunner of the State House grounds at Baton Rouge.

On motion of the same Senator, the claim was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Burthe submitted to the Senate the memorial of Thomas Sugle, representing Mrs. Patrick Wood, widow of Patrick Wood, deceased, praying for relief, the reading of which was dispensed with, and on motion of the same Senator the claim was referred to the Committee on Claims.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. W. W. Bailey, Assistant Clerk of the House, informed the Senate that the House had concurred in Senate bill entitled

An act providing for the final liquidation of the Consolidated Association of the Planters of Louisiana, and

An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled "an act to consolidate the city of New Orleans, and to provide for the government of the city of New Orleans, and the administration of the affairs thereof.

He requested the concurrence of the Senate in House bills of the following titles:

"An act fixing the terms of district courts;"

"An act for the relief of purchasers of six teenth sections;"

"An act for the relief of William Hampton;"

"An act declaring the Bayou Rouge, in the parish of St. Landry, a navigable stream;"

"An act for the relief of F. Lambert;" and

"An act granting to M. McDavitt, of St. Landry, and L. M. Coreil, of Pointe Coupee, the right of keeping a ferry across the Atchafalaya river at Centre Port, near the mouth of Bayou Rouge, on the road leading from Morganza, in Pointe Coupee, to Opelousas, in St. Landry."

He also requested the signature of the President of the Senate to House enrolled bill entitled, "an act relative to suits for the specific recovery of tenants," which thereupon received the signature of the President of the Senate, and was, by the Secretary, reported to the House of Representatives.

Hon. Albert Voorhies, Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate in the Chair.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Fouts, from the Committee on the Federal Relations, to whom was referred Senate joint resolution entitled "a joint resolution relative to the duties of freedmen," submitted an adverse report for reasons contained in general report.

Mr. Bruslé, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled Senate bill entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the city of New Orleans, and to provide for the government of the city of New Orleans and the administration of the affairs thereof," and "an act providing for the final liquidation of the Consolidated Association of the Planters of Louisiana."

And the Secretary was directed to request the signatures of the Speaker of the House thereto.

BILLS INTRODUCED WITHOUT NOTICE.

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

Mr. Munday—

An act for the relief of Louis de Palms, late register of the United States land office for the southeastern district of Louisiana.

Mr. Gordon—

An act for the relief of Joseph Hernandez, late tax collector of the Second District of New Orleans.

Which bills underwent their first and second readings, by their respective titles, and they were ordered to be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Lott—

An act to authorize the Board of Levee Commissioners of the levee district composed of the parishes of Madison and Carroll to issue bonds in payment of the accrued interest on the bonds heretofore issued, and to agree with the holders thereof for a postponement of the payment of said bonds;

Which bill underwent its first and second readings by its title and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Munday—

Joint resolution relative to the public buildings and property of the State located at Baton Rouge;

Which underwent their several readings—they were adopted, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

Mr. Palfrey—

Joint resolution expressive of the sense of the legislature relative to the official course of President Andrew Johnson.

1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That the measures of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, to the United States Senate, declaring to prevent the act of Congress, lately passed, entitled "an act to establish a bureau for the relief of freedmen and refugees, and for other purposes," has convinced us of the loyalty and encourage the patriotic zeal of the people of the State of Louisiana.

2. *Be it further resolved, etc.,* That the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana does now emphatically know and reiterate its declaration of loyalty to the government of the United States as set forth in their resolutions passed at the session, and approved by the Ex-[illegible] of December, 1865.

3. *Be it further resolved, etc.,* That the concurrence in the message above alluded to, as well as the previous official conduct of the President, in the station he so ably fills, exhibit him in the light of a statesman and true patriot, of one firm and decided, under the most trying circumstances; magnanimous and generous towards those who had ceased to resist, and such as to endear him to the hearts of his countrymen, entitling his administration to their hearty and entire support.

Which joint resolutions underwent their several readings, they were unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS PASSED TO A THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Kenner the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House joint resolutions appointing commissioners to visit Washington for the purpose of waiting upon the President:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the House elect two of its members and the Senate —, who shall proceed to Washington city, and as commissioners of the legislature deliver to the President of the United States, in person, a copy of the joint resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the people of Louisiana, and who shall make such further representations to him as may be necessary for the interest and welfare of the people of Louisiana.

Resolved further, That the expenses of said commissioners be paid upon their own warrant out of the contingent fund appropriated for the use of this General Assembly.

Mr. Hough moved to lay the above resolutions on the table, and upon his motion he called for the yeas and nays, they were ordered, and being taken resulted as follows, to-wit:

Yeas—Messrs. Abney, Anderson, Brownlee, Campbell, Duvigneaud, Ellis, Hough, Kavanagh, Lott, Newton of Jackson, Purcell and Taylor—12 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong, Bruslé, Burthe, Egan, Fellowes, Fouts, Gibson, Kenner, Lapeyre, Mohan, Munday, Nelson, Palfrey, and Poché—14 Senators.

So the Senate refused to lay the resolutions on the table.

On motion of Mr. Kenner, the resolutions underwent their second reading, the blank therein was filled with the word "one,"

And the same Senator moved for a further suspension of the rules, with the view of placing these resolutions on their third reading, but four-fifths of the members not voting in the affirmative, the rules were not suspended.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

This being the day set apart for the consideration of Senate bill entitled

An act to provide for the collection of State taxes and licenses on professions, etc., in the city of New Orleans,

The same was taken up.

Mr. Gordon moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill, which reads as follows, to-wit:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened,* That it shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Assessments, in the city of New Orleans, to furnish each and every year to the Auditor of Public Accounts with a certified copy of the assessment roll, as is now provided by law, of all taxable property within the limits of said city.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the costs incurred by the Board of Supervisors, for this extra work, shall be paid by the State Treasurer, upon the warrant of the President of said Board of Supervisors, duly approved by said board.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That all taxes, commonly known as licenses, laid by the State on professions, callings, and other business, and on carriages, hacks, drays and other vehicles, used in the city of New Orleans, shall be payable at the office of the State Treasurer from the 1st to the 31st January, inclusive, of each year. And if any tax, commonly known as a license, laid as aforesaid, shall not have been paid by the person liable therefor, on or before the 31st January in each and every year, the State, upon affidavit made by any officer of the State or city, or by any citizen of said city, that said tax, commonly known as a license, has not been paid by the person liable therefor, shall have a lien, in the nature of a lesser's privilege, upon the personal property of the said person so in default, and, on application made, a writ of provisional seizure shall issue out of any competent jurisdiction, in favor of the State and against said property; and in case judgment is rendered in favor of the State, said property, so provisionally seized, shall be sold in satisfaction of said tax.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That if any tax, commonly known as a license, laid as aforesaid, shall not have been paid by the person liable therefor, on or before the 31st day of January in each and every year, any court of contempt jurisdiction shall upon application and affidavit made by any officer of the State, or by any citizen of said city, that said tax commonly known as a license, has not been paid by the person liable therefor, issue a writ of injunction in favor of the State, enjoining said person in default from all further pursuit or practice of the profession, calling or other business, pursued or practiced by him, and upon which said tax is laid, until such time as said tax shall have been fully paid and satisfied. And further, the remedy given the State in this section for the collection of said tax, shall be cumulative of the remedy given the State for the collection of the same by section three of this act; and the State shall have the right to make use of either or both of said remedies at its discretion.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That each and every license shall expire on the 31st day of December in the year in which it was obtained.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That all State taxes, except licenses, shall be payable only in the office of the State Treasurer from the 1st day of April to the 1st day of June, inclusive, of each year, and said Treasurer shall, by notice given in the official journal for fifteen days prior to said 15th day of April, notify the tax payers to appear at his office for the payment of their taxes. The Treasurer shall be furnished by the Auditor of the State with all the receipts and licenses duly audited by him, for which the Treasurer shall give him a receipt.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the Auditor of Public Accounts shall appoint an attorney at law every two years, whose duties will be confined to the collection of State taxes and licenses as hereinafter provided for. That the said attorney at law, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall give to the State Treasurer, on behalf of the State, a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with one or more good and solvent securities, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That on the second Monday in June in each year, the Treasurer shall deliver to the State Attorney, who shall put in suit in a court or courts of competent jurisdiction, all on said bills for property assessed in the several districts, and all bills for taxes levied upon property shall contain a description of said property as set forth in the assessment rolls. It shall be the duty of the justices of the peace and the clerks of the courts in which such suits may be brought, by say advertisement in the official journal of the State, to cite all said delinquent tax payers to appear within fifteen days from the date of the first insertion of said advertisement, before the respective courts in which said bills are put in suit, to answer to the demand contained in said tax bill. No petition shall be necessary, but the tax bill shall be considered as a petition, and the said advertisement shall be considered as a citation; and no other service of citation shall be necessary. Said advertisement shall contain the names of all defaulting tax payers, and the amount claimed from each; but where the property assessed, is assessed as belonging to a person whose name is unknown, said advertisement shall contain a description of said property as set forth in the assessment rolls, together with the amount claimed as a tax upon said property; and such advertisement containing such description, shall be considered as a citation to the person owning said property; and no other service of citation shall be necessary. Each defaulting tax payer shall pay twenty five cents for the costs of the citation by advertisement, together with such other subsequent cost as may accrue in the suit, provided that the same does not exceed the sum of one dollar and seventy-five cents for either clerk or sheriff, except in the case of seizure and sale of property made under this act, in which case the sheriff may charge the ordinary fees according to law for sale of property and advertisement, etc. As soon as the delay for answering, expressed in said advertisement, shall have expired, then the further proceedings in said suit shall be conducted according to law. And further, it shall be the duty of said Treasurer to hand over to the State attorney all affidavits and informations that he may receive against persons who have failed to take licenses according to sections third, fourth and fifth of this act; and the said attorney shall forthwith institute proceedings in courts of competent jurisdiction, in the several districts where said licenses or penalties shall have accrued, for the enforcement of said licenses or penalties, according to the provisions of this act; and the said attorney shall receive as compensation for such services, in all cases, ten per cent. on such dues, licenses and penalties, to be paid by the person or persons in default.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the State Attorney shall balance his account with the Treasurer of the State, and pay over to said Treasurer all moneys collected by him for and on account of said State, on each and every Saturday of each and every week; and said account, so balanced as aforesaid, shall be signed by the attorney making the same, and sworn to before said treasurer, who is hereby authorized to administer an oath for that purpose.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That taxes assessed under and by virtue of this act on the property, real or personal, of any person or corporation, are hereby declared to be a lien or privilege upon the said property, to date from the first day of April of the year for which they may be assessed, any alienation thereof, or incumbrance thereon notwithstanding; and said lien or privilege shall exist in favor of the State, for the respective amount of taxes assessed, until the same shall be fully paid.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That all property, real and personal, within the city of New Orleans, shall be subject to be seized and sold in satisfaction of any judgment which may be rendered in favor of the State for taxes assessed thereupon; *Provided,* That when taxes are due and payable on more than one tract, square or lot of ground, or on more than one part of a tract, square or lot of ground, owned by and assessed in the name of one person, or owned by and assessed in the name of several persons holding the same in common, only so many of said tracts, squares or lots, or parts of tracts, squares or lots, shall be seized and sold as shall be sufficient to satisfy, together with all costs, the taxes due and payable on all of said tracts, squares or lots, or parts of tracts, squares or lots; *Provided further,* That where property shall be seized and sold in satisfaction of any judgment which may be rendered in favor of the State for taxes, as aforesaid, all moneys, the proceeds of said sale, over and above the amount of said taxes and costs, shall be paid by the officer making the same into the State Treasury, said officer taking the auditor's receipt, countersigned by the treasurer therefor; and said auditor and said treasurer shall enter in the books kept by them said moneys so paid into the State treasury, to the credit of the person or persons in whose name or names the property so sold stood assessed upon the assessment rolls at the time of said seizure and sale; *And provided further,* that when property assessed as belonging to a person or persons unknown, is seized and sold, as aforesaid, said Auditor and said Treasurer shall enter in the books kept by them said moneys so paid into the State Treasury as aforesaid, to the credit of said property so seized and sold, giving, in all cases, a description of said property as entered upon the assessment rolls. The Treasurer shall deposit in bank, and account for, all moneys so paid into the State Treasury, as the proceeds of any sale or sales of property made as aforesaid, over and above the taxes due thereon, with costs, in the same manner as he is required by law to deposit and account for the ordinary revenues of the State, and said moneys shall be held by the State subject to the order of the person or persons claiming the same, on producing proof satisfactory to the Treasurer that said claimant was, at the time of said seizure and sale, the owner of said property.

SEC. 12. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That where property is assessed as belonging to non-residents, or to persons whose names are unknown, a publication for four times, once in each week, for four consecutive weeks, in the official journal of the State, of any judgment rendered in favor of the State, for taxes assessed upon said property, together with a description of the property seized, as entered in the assessment rolls, shall be notice of seizure to the person owning said property, assessed as aforesaid, and no other notice shall be required.

SEC. 13. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Treasurer of State, are hereby empowered to employ —— additional clerks, each for the purpose of of this act, at a salary of —— dollars each.

SEC. 14. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That all laws and parts of laws, contrary to the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 15. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That this act shall be in full force and effect, immediately after the passage thereof.

And upon Mr. Gordon's motion, Mr. Duvigneaud called for the yeas and nays; they were ordered, and being taken resulted as follows, to-wit:

Yeas—Messrs. Brownlee, Fellowes, Foute, Gordon, Mohan, Purcell, Scruggs and Taylor—8 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Abney, Anderson, Bruslé, Campbell, Duvigneaud, Ellis, Hough, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Munday, Newton of Jackson, Nelson, Palfrey and Poché—16 Senators.

So Mr. Gordon's motion to strike out the enacting clause of the bill did not prevail.

The first section was read and adopted.

The second section was amended.

Mr. Duvigneaud moved to amend the second section by adding at the close thereof, the following proviso: "*Provided,* That the costs to be paid by the State for said copy does not exceed one thousand dollars."

On motion, Mr. Duvigneaud's proviso was adopted, and the second section was adopted as amended.

Mr. Mohan moved to postpone the further consideration of this bill until next Thursday;

And upon that motion Mr. Duvigneaud called for the yeas and nays; they were ordered and being taken resulted as follows, viz:

Yeas—Messrs. Abney, Anderson, Brownlee, Campbell, Egan, Ellis, Hough, Kavanagh, Lott, Newton of Jackson, Purcell and Taylor—12 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong, Bruslé, Burthe, Duvigneaud, Fellowes, Foute, Gibson, Kenner, Lapeyre, Mohan, Munday, Nelson, Palfrey and Poché—14 Senators.

So the Senate refused to postpone the bill under consideration.

The third section was considered.

On motion of Mr. Lapeyre, the third section was amended by striking out in the eighth and twelfth lines thereof, the "words "31st of January," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "last day of February;"

And the third section was adopted as amended.

The fourth section was considered.

On motion of Mr. Duvigneaud, the fourth section was amended by striking out in the fifth line thereof, the words "31st of January," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words, to-wit: "Last day of February;"

And the fourth section was adopted as amended.

The fifth and sixth sections were read and adopted.

Mr. Taylor, moved to adjourn, and upon that motion Mr. Duvigneaud called for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered and being taken resulted as follows, to-wit:

Yeas—Messrs. Abney, Foute, Kenner, Mohan, Nelson and Taylor—6 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Brownlee, Bruslé, Burthe, Campbell, Duvigneaud, Ellis, Gibson, Hough, Kavanagh, Lapeyre, Lott, Munday, Poché, Purcell and Scruggs—18 Senators.

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

The seventh section was considered.

On motion of Mr. Lapeyre the seventh section was amended by striking out in the second line thereof the words Auditor of Public Account, and inserting in lieu thereof the following words to-wit: Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

And the seventh section was adopted as amended.

The eighth section was then considered.

On motion of Mr. Lapeyre, the eighth section was amended by striking out in the seventieth line thereof the word ten and by inserting in lieu thereof the words two and a half.

Pending the consideration of which section,

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Kenner, the Senate proceeded, with closed doors, to the consideration of executive business, and after some time therein spent, the doors were reopened.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. T. L. Maxwell, Clerk of the House of Representatives, informed the Senate that the Speaker of the House had signed Senate enrolled bill entitled

An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the city of New Orleans, and to provide for the government of the city of New Orleans and the administration of the affairs thereof;

Which bill thereupon received the signature of the President of the Senate, and was, by Mr. Bruslé, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted to his Excellency, the Governor, for his approval and signature.

Mr. Duvigneaud moved to adjourn until Monday next, which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, 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,
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1866.

The House met at 12 o'clock M.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson Samuel, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Bensel, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Buie, Couvillon, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Green, Gottschalk, Hanton, Haisey, Harrison, Head, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagrone, Leeds, Lemaric, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Powell, Pujo, Regenberg, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Ryan, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stillé, Solomon, Tete, Texada, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Wiltz, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—101 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Bakewell.

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Mr. Buie moved that the journal of Monday be so amended as to show that House bill No. 220, "an act to change the name of Lelia Cable, of the parish of Franklin, to Lelia Cox," passed its several readings, and was passed.

The motion prevailed, and the amendment was ordered.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Duffel, Hays and Whittington.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Murray, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Charitable Institutions, reported as follows:

On an act for the incorporation of the Catholic Association of the diocese of New Orleans;

Unfavorably, there being a special law on the subject, and refer to Rev. Stat. 112, and article 121 of the Constitution;

On a memorial of the citizens of Catahoula, praying for relief for the orphans of said parish, the committee deem an appropriation unexpedient at this time;

On a memorial of the home of the aged and infirm, the committee recommend an appropriation of $2500;

On a petition of the Ladies Benevolent Society, the committee recommend an appropriation of $1500;

On the memorial of the managers of the Orphans' Home, the committee recommend an appropriation of $5000.

On the memorial of the Sisters of St. Dominic, the committee recommend an appropriation of $250.

The same Representative, as chairman of the special Committee on Railroads, reported a bill entitled

An act to amend the charter of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad.

The bill lies over.

Mr. DeLabarre, chairman, reported on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, as correctly enrolled,

An act relative to the registry of voters in the city of New Orleans.

Mr. Wiltz, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, reported as follows:

The Committee on Contingent Expenses, to whom was referred the petition of L. C. Westerfield, Esq., claiming payment of services rendered as Secretary of the House for the opening of the special session, beg leave to report that upon an examination of the Auditor's books it appears said Westerfield has been paid for all the services rendered by him up to the 28th November last; your committee therefore report adversely to the claim of said Westerfield, and beg to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

The committee had also under consideration an act entitled "an act for the relief of F. Lambert." Your committee is of opinion that the claim is just; we, therefore, recommend the adoption of said act.

P. S. WILTZ,
Chairman Committee on Contingent Expenses.

And on motion of Mr. Wiltz, House bill No. 222;

An act for the relief of F. Lambert, was taken up out of order, and the rule requiring the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole on appropriations being suspended, the bill was read a second time, engrossed, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Voorhies asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the calendar House bill No. 223 an act for the incorporation of the Catholic Association of the diocese of New Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Deporter to suspend the rules in order to take up House bill No. 151 entitled

An act declaring the Bayou Rouge, in the parish of St. Landry, a navigable stream.

A vote was taken, but no quorum voting, a call of the House was ordered, when the following Representatives answered to their names:

Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. Anderson J., Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Blackman, Brown, Buie, Couvillon, Davenport, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Ditto, Duralde, Eastin, Elam, Eldridge, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Green, Harrison, Hays, Head, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagrone, Leeds, LeBlanc, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Powell, Pujo, Regenberg, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Ryan, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Texada, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—73 in number.

A quorum, and the question being again put, the motion to suspend prevailed. The bill was read a second time, engrossed, read a third time and passed.

On the further motion of Mr. Deporter, House bill No. 185,

An act granting to L. M. Coreil, of the parish of Point Coupee, and M. McDaville, of St. Landry, the right of keeping a ferry across the Atchafalaya at Centreport,

Was taken up under a suspension of the rules, and the substitute reported by the Committee on Parochial Affairs was adopted in lieu of the original bill, was read a second time, engrossed, read a third time, and passed.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following entitled bills were introduced and under a suspension of the rules were read a second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

By Mr. Harrison—

An act to legitimate Georgiana Dean, natural child of George Marshall Gordon and Sarah Jane Dean, and to confer on her the rights of a forced heir.

By Mr. Head—

An act to authorize John Q. Prescott to sue the State.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEP'T.,
New Orleans, Feb. 20, 1866.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to inform the House that he has approved and signed

Joint resolution making an appropriation for the expenses of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

N. C. SNETHEN,
Private Secretary.

REPORT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Bailey, chairman, on behalf of the special committee consisting of the city delegation, reported on

An act to fix the compensation of jurors in the parish of Orleans;

Favorably, and recommend its passage.

On an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the city of New Orleans, and to provide for the government of the city of New Orleans, and the administration of the affairs thereof;

The committee report favorably, and recommend that the bill be committed to the Committee on the Judiciary and the bill, under a suspension of the rules, was read a second time and referred as recommended.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The unfinished business of yesterday, "an act relative to district courts," was taken up pending the consideration of the amendment offered by Elam, to strike out the phrase "court terms" from the bill wherever it occurs.

It was laid on the table.

The first section, title twelfth, was again amended so as to read as follows: Twelfth District—Parish of Morehouse—Jury terms, first Mondays of June and December. Parish of Ouachita—Jury terms first Mondays of April and October. Parish of Caldwell—Jury terms fourth Mondays of April and October. Parish of Catahoula—Jury terms second Mondays of May and November. Parish of Franklin—Jury terms first Mondays of March and September.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, the second section was amended by adding the words, "and all laws or parts of laws inconsistent herewith be and they are hereby repealed."

And the bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Gates, the title of the bill was so amended as to read,

"An act fixing the terms of district courts."

On motion of Mr. Walker, Senate bill entitled

An act providing for the final liquidation of the Consolidated Association of the Planters of Louisiana,

Was taken up out of order under a suspension of the rules, was read a second and third time and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, House bill No. 66,

"An act for the relief of purchasers of sixteenth sections,"

Was taken up out of order under a suspension of the rules, was read a second time, ordered to be engrossed, read a third time and passed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

House bill No. 175, entitled:

An act to provide for excavating the mouths of the Mississippi river, being the special order of the day, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Walker, referred to a special committee of nine.

The Speaker appointed the committee as follows: Messrs. Walker, Eustis, McConnell, Williamson, Decker, Voorhies, Scanlan, Fenner and McDonald.

On motion of Mr. Cage, (Mr. Waggaman in the Chair,) Senate bill entitled "an act for the relief of L. R. Marshall," was taken up out of order, under a suspension of the rules, was read a second and third time and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Elam, House bill No. 109, entitled "an act to organize the Supreme Court and to fix the terms thereof," was taken up and made the special order of the day for Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Buie, House bill No. 98, "an act for the relief of William Hampton," was taken up under a suspension of the rules, and the amendment reported by the committee on claims was adopted. The bill was read a second time, engrossed, read a third time and passed.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Senate, through Mr. Arroyo, its Assistant Secretary, invited the concurrence of the House in Senate bills, entitled:

An act authorizing the lease of property of the State Laboratory at Mount Lebanon in the parish of Bienville;

An act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act relative to force surrenders and the mode of making the same, approved March 14, 1865;

An act relative to pilots for the Atchafalaya bay and river;

An act to amend the second section of an act entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act for the organization and government of the State Seminary of Learning, established near Alexandria, approved March 18, 1858, and making an appropriation for the same, approved March 7, 1860;

And announced its concurrence in

An act establishing and defining the status of the former slaves of Louisiana, now known as freedmen.

Also announcing that the President of the Senate had signed House bills entitled

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

An act authorizing the election of an additional justice of the peace and constable for the seventh ward of the parish of St. Helena;

And an act supplementary to an act providing for the registry of the names and residences of all the qualified electors of the city of New Orleans, according to article eleven of the State Constitution, approved March 20, 1856.

Also requesting the signature of the Speaker to

An act to legitimatize A. J. Dunn, son of John Dunn and M. A. Hickey.

Mr. Simonds moved a suspension of the rules in order to take up House bill No. 174, entitled

An act to purchase 500 copies of the statutes of the State.

Pending which motion the House adjourned, on motion of Mr. DeLabarre, until Friday.

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