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REGULAR SESSION OF 1866.

SENATE.

MONDAY, March 19, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Hon. Albert Voorhies, Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate, Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Barrow, Bell, Brownlee, Bruslé, Burthe, Campbell, Coco, Cooley, Duvignaud, Fellowes, Foute, Gibson, Hough, Kavanagh, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Mohan, Munday, Newton of Jackson, Newton of Morehouse, Nelson, Palfrey, Poché, Purcell, Scruggs, Taylor, Welch and Wilcoxon—31 Senators.

The proceedings were opened with prayers offered by the Rev. Mr. Palmer, of the Presbyterian church.

The journal of last Saturday was read and approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication, to-wit:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEP'T, New Orleans, March 19, 1866.

To the Senate:

I am instructed by his Excellency, the Governor, to inform the Senate that he has signed:

An act to amend the second section of 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, 1856, and making an appropriation for the same, approved March 7th, 1860.

N. C. SNETHEN,
Private Secretary.

INVITATIONS.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Morehouse, the Hon. Aaron Ward, late member of Congress from the State of New York, now in this city, was invited to a seat on the floor of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Bruslé, the Hon. Thomas Green Davidson, late a member of Congress from the third congressional district of this State, was invited to a seat on the floor of the Senate.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Burthe, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled an act to authorize John Q. Prescott to sue the State, submitted a favorable report.

Mr. Palfrey, from the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, to whom was referred House bill entitled an act to authorize the Governor to issue certificates of indebtedness of the State to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, and to provide for the payment of the same to defray the expenses of building levees and other purposes as provided in an act entitled an act to confirm and ratify the appointment of levee commissioners provisionally made by the Governor of the State, and to continue their functions, approved February 17, 1866, submitted a favorable report.

Mr. Bruslé, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled Senate bill entitled an act to legalize a contract between Mrs. Rachel C. Boone and Mrs. Elizabeth Callehan in regard to the ferry at Simmsport, Louisiana, and the Secretary was directed to request the signature of the Speaker of the House thereto.

BILLS INTRODUCED WITHOUT NOTICE AND PASSED.

Mr. Kenner, without previous notice given, and with a suspension of the rule first granted, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled an act to provide for and regulate labor contracts for agricultural pursuits, which bill underwent its several readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

Mr. Brownlee, without previous notice, and with a suspension of the rules first granted, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled an act to amend the second paragraph of the first section of an act entitled an act fixing the terms of the district courts, approved March 2, 1866, which underwent its several readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. E. W. Halsey, Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, informed the Senate that the House had concurred in Senate bills of the following titles, to-wit: An act to legalize a contract between Mrs. R. C. Boone and Elizabeth Callehan in regard to the ferry at Simmsport, and an act supplemental to an act entitled, an act to incorporate the city of Carrollton, approved March 17, 1859.

That the House had concurred in Senate's amendments to House bill entitled an act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1866.

He requested the concurrence of the Senate in House bills of the following titles, to-wit:

An act for the relief of C. P. Bringier;

And an act to authorize planters and farmers to furnish their freedmen and other employes with articles of merchandise without incurring the penalties of retail merchants;

And he also requested the signature of the President of the Senate to House enrolled bills entitled

An act supplementary to an act to incorporate the town of Vernon in the parish of Jackson;

An act to provide for an election of municipal officers in the town of Vernon, parish of Jackson;

An act to legitimate Georgina Dease, natural child of George Marshall Gordon and Sarah Jane Dease, and to confer on her the rights of a forced heir;

An act for the relief of Josiah Reams, a veteran of 1814 and '15;

An act to organize a bureau of immigration, to prescribe the duties thereof and to provide for the expenses of the same;

And an act for the relief of S. L. Slack;

Which bills thereupon received the signature of the President of the Senate, and were, by the Secretary, reported to the House of Representatives.

SENATE BILL REJECTED.

On motion of Mr. Munday, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill entitled

An act for the encouragement of medical education;

Which was taken up at its second reading and considered 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 the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid to the President of the board of administrators of the New Orleans School of Medicine, on the warrant of the Auditor of Public Accounts, for the following purposes, to-wit:

1st. To relieve said school of medicine of part of its legal debts;

2d. To repair damages and losses recently sustained; and

3d. To provide additional apparatus and other articles necessary for medical instructions;

On the adoption of the first section Mr. Taylor called for the yeas and nays. They were ordered, and being taken resulted as follows, to-wit:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Barrow, Bruslé, Campbell, Cooley, Fellowes, Foute, Gibson, Kenner, Munday, Scruggs and Welch—13 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Bell, Brownlee, Burthe, Duvignaud, Hough, Kavanagh, Lapeyre, Lott, Newton of Morehouse, Nelson, Palfrey, Poché, Purcell, Taylor and Wilcoxon—18 Senators.

So the first section was rejected, and the bill was lost.

HOUSE BILLS CONCURRED IN.

Mr. Palfrey moved to suspend the rules with the view of taking up the House bill entitled.

An act to authorize the Governor to issue certificates of indebtedness of the State to the amount of ten hundred thousand dollars, and to provide for the payment of the same, to defray the expenses of building levees, and other purposes, as provided in an act entitled an act to confirm and ratify the appointment of levee commissioners previously made by the Governor of the State, and to continue their functions, approved February 17, 1866, and upon that motion Mr. Bell called for the yeas and nays, they were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows, to-wit:

Yeas—Messrs. Barrow, Bell, Brownlee, Bruslé, Burthe, Duvignaud, Fellowes, Foute, Gibson, Hough, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Munday, Nelson, Palfrey, Poché, Taylor and Wilcoxon—19 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Campbell, Coco, Kavanagh, Newton of Morehouse, Purcell and Scruggs—8 Senators.

So Mr. Palfrey's motion prevailed, and the bill was taken up.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened*, That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made for building the levees in this State, and other purposes contemplated and set forth in the provisions of the act entitled an act to confirm and ratify the appointment of levee commissioners provisionally made by the Governor of the State, and to continue their functions, approved February 17, 1866, it shall be the duty of the Governor, and he is hereby empowered to issue, on behalf of the State, from time to time, as the same may be declared necessary by a majority of the said board of levee commissioners mentioned in said act, approved February 17, 1866, a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars in certificates of indebtedness, in addition to the amount already provided for in an act entitled an act to authorize the issue of certificates of indebtedness and of bonds for funding the same, approved February 9, 1866, and that the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purposes herein above specified; Provided that the amount thus drawn by the provisions of this act from the general fund of the State shall be reimbursed to said fund out of the swamp land fund.

Mr. Hough moved to amend the first section by adding at the close thereof the following additional proviso, to-wit:

And provided further, That if a sufficient fund should not be realized out of the sales of the swamp lands donated to this State by the United States for levee purposes, to pay for the building of the levees contemplated to be erected by the provisions of this act, that then the deficiency be raised by a tax to be levied on the lands which shall be benefitted by the levees.

Mr. Palfrey moved to lay Mr. Hough's proviso on the table, and upon that motion Mr. Hough called for the yeas and nays, they were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows, to wit:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Barrow, Brownlee, Bruslé, Burthe, Campbell, Coco, Cooley, Duvignaud, Gibson, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Nelson, Palfrey, Poché, Welch and Wilcoxon—18 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong, Bell, Hough, Kavanagh, Munday, Newton of Morehouse, Purcell and Taylor—8 Senators.

So Mr. Hough's proviso was ordered to lie on the table.

And the first section was adopted.

The second and third sections were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Palfrey, the rules were suspended, this bill underwent its second and third readings, it was concurred in, and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

On motion of Mr. Scruggs, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled "an act to legitimate Geraldine Clarke Osborne and Charlotte Dozaire Osborne, wife of Justin Bernard, natural children of Daniel Clarke Osborne, of the city of New Orleans, and to confer on them the rights of forced heirs," which underwent its second and third readings, it was concurred in, and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

On motion of Mr. Poché, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled "an act to authorize planters and farmers to furnish their freedmen and other employees with articles of merchandise without incurring the penalties of retail merchants," which underwent its several readings, it was concurred in, and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

SENATE BILL PASSED.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill entitled "an act to amend and re-enact the act entitled an act to provide for the government of the city of Baton Rouge and the administration of the affairs thereof," which underwent its second and third readings, and it passed.

On motion of the same Senator the rule requiring the engrossment of this bill was dispensed with, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. E. W. Halsey, Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, requested the concurrence of the Senate in House bills entitled

An act for the relief of certain veterans of 1814 and 1815;

An act for the relief of Micajah Harris;

An act to authorize all persons who have obtained the proper license to open and keep open, at all business hours of the day, private markets, stores or stands, in any part of the city of New Orleans, for the sale of meats, game, poultry, vegetables, fruits and fresh fish;

An act to improve the navigation of Bayou Corneille; and

An act in relation to a plank road from the east bank of the Red Chute in the parish of Bossier to the east bank of Red River, opposite the city of Shreveport.

He also informed the Senate that the House had concurred in Senate bills entitled

An act supplemental to an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Carrollton, approved March 17, 1859.

He also informed the Senate that the House had concurred in Senate's amendment to House bill entitled

An act for the relief of Antonio Marrero, of the parish of St. Bernard.

And he requested the signature of the President of the Senate to the last entitled enrolled bill, which was thereupon signed by the President and was by the Secretary reported to the House of Representatives.

And he informed the Senate that the Speaker *pro tem.* of the House had signed Senate enrolled bill entitled

An act to legalize a contract between Mrs. R. Boone and Mrs. Elizabeth Callihan, in regard to the ferry at Simmesport, Louisiana;

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.

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 re-opened, when, on motion of Mr. Anderson, 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, March 19, 1866.

The House met at 11 o'clock A. M.

Hon. J. B. Elam, Speaker *pro tem.*, and Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson Samuel, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Bruce, Collins, Convillon, Davenport, Daigle, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Ditto, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Eldridge, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Green, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Holt, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, Le Blanc, Martin, Meredith, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips Jas., Phillips Alf., Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Ryan, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman, Williamson and Waddell—62 Representatives.

The journal of Saturday was approved without being read.

Leave of absence was granted to the Hon F. F. Montgomery for the remainder of the session.

The special committee of five, through Mr. Snider, its chairman, reported on House bill No. 307,

An act granting to Wm. Harrison and others the exclusive privilege of making and establishing a plank road from the east bank of Red Chute, in the parish of Bossier, to east bank of Red River, opposite the city of Shreveport;

Favorably, by amended bill entitled

An act in relation to a plank road from the east bank of Red Chute, in the parish of Bossier, to the east bank of Red River, opposite the city of Shreveport.

Mr. Halsey presented the memorial of residents of Point Coupée parish, asking that the charter of a ferry across the Atchafalaya River be granted to A. S. Carruth;

Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

And on his motion, there were withdrawn from the files of the House the papers accompanying an act for the relief of E. F. Morehead.

Mr. Richards asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the calendar house bill No. 18, joint resolution to provide for the erection of a State House.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Regenberg, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Public Education, presented the following entitled bill:

An act for the relief of public teachers holding warrants on depositories of the current school fund:

Lies over.

Mr. Jonas introduced a bill entitled

An act relative to the Mortgage Office of the parish of Orleans, in this State,

Which, under a suspension of the rules, was referred to the Committee on Finance, with memorial and memorandum.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, it was

Resolved, That the Hon. Aaron Ward, member of Congress from New York, now in this hall, be invited to a seat within the bar of this House.

Mr. Tucker asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the calendar his bill, No. 75,

An act to incorporate the national land and labor agency.

Mr. Snider rose to a personal explanation, and leave was granted to have the same spread upon the journal, as follows:

As the report of Saturday's proceedings, in the daily CRESCENT of this morning, states the position of the advocates of the act defining the duties and fixing the compensation of State Printer, and stifles the reasons assigned by those who advocated concurrence in the Senate's amendments, I ask that my reasons for voting for the previous question may be placed upon the journals.

I voted for the previous question.

1st. Because I deemed the time of the legislature too valuable, at this late period in the session, to be consumed in protracted discussion over the amendments to this bill, when other measures of far greater importance were liable to be stifled thereby.

2d. Because this bill had been, as I thought, fully discussed on a previous occasion, when it was on its passage through the House.

3d. When three advocates of the bill had addressed the House, and only one advocate of the Senate's amendments had spoken, I did not think by voting to put the previous question, that I was "stalling" the friends more than the opponents of the bill.

4th. I could not know what effect the ordering of the previous question would have upon the fate of the bill, or whether the majority were with or against me on its merits. It was reasonable to suppose that I was with the minority, as the bill had previously passed the House.

5th. I did not think this bill was pregnant with such momentous consequences as to require lengthy discussion, when others of vital importance were not yet acted upon.

6. There was no persistent refusal by the majority to hear explanations. At the evening session, by unanimous consent, the operation of the previous question was suspended, and several members embraced the opportunity to make such explanations as they deemed proper, at which time the reasons for the course I had adopted were stated, which reasons the reporter of the Crescent has seen proper to "stifle" in his report.

These reasons are sufficient for me, and if they be weak and futile, their publication can do the opinions of those who differ with me no harm by being placed in contrast with them before the public.

J. A. SNIDER.

We fully approve the foregoing reasons.

ROBERT B. STILLE,
J. M. EDWARDS,
THEO. F. THIENEMAN,
JOS. SOLOMON,
J. B. L. DUGAS,
FRED. GATES,
A. W. WALKER,
AMOS KENT,
H. A. DREW,
W. F. BLACKMAN,
E. WAGGAMAN,
W. T. SCOTT,
PETER M. PETERSON.

Mr. Duralde, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, reported on House bill No. 255, "an act to improve the navigation of Bayou Corelle,"

Favorably.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, New Orleans, March 19, 1866.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

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

An act relative to the organization of the board of police in and for the town of Opelousas;

An act to authorize the recorder of mortgages of the parish of Orleans to erase mortgages resulting from the recording of bonds of notaries public in said parish;

An act for the relief of J. D. Lott;

An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Benjamin Ray, deceased;

An act founding a soldiers' home for Louisiana;

An act for the relief of B. Bloomfield;

An act to organize a bureau of immigration, to prescribe the duties thereof, and to provide for the expenses of the same;

An act for the relief of the succession of Juan Y. De Egana.

N. C. SNETHEN,
Private Secretary.

Mr. Freret, chairman, on behalf of the committee raised to inquire into the affairs of the Draining Company, reported on House bill 345, "an act to provide for leveeing, draining and reclaiming swamp lands in certain portions of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson," favorably, with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Walker, House bill No. 285 "an act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending 31st day of December, 1866," was taken up out of its order, and the rules being suspended requiring the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole on appropriations, the Senate's amendments were considered *seriatim* and concurred in, of which concurrence the Senate was notified.

Mr. Gates, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Claims, reported favorably on House bill No. 359, "an act for the relief of C. P. Bringier."

And on his motion, the bill was read a second and third time, under a suspension of the rules, passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Eldridge, the rules were suspended to take up House bill No. 343, "an act to authorize planters and farmers to furnish their freedmen and other employees with articles of merchandize, without incurring the penalties of retail merchants; and the bill being taken up, the substitute reported by the Committee on the Judiciary with the same title, was adopted in lieu of the original bill, was read a second and third time, and passed. The bill was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Gates, Senate bill No. 354, "an act to legalize a contract between Mrs. Rachel Boone and Mrs. E. Callehan, in regard to the ferry at Simmsport," was taken up under a suspension of the rules, was read the second and third time, and concurred in.

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

WHEREAS, a member of this House has made the assertion that J. W. Burke, employed by the Governor of the State to make the preliminary surveys of the levees along the Mississippi river, has stated that his account for services therefor had not only been paid, but doubly paid, and that he had been offered large sums as "hush money," to prevent him from making disclosures that he threatened to make, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, That a special committee of five members of this House be appointed to investigate the charges made, and that they be authorized to send for persons and papers and report to this House.

And the Speaker appointed on said committee Messrs. McEnery, Scanlan, McCloskey, Nutt and Collins.

At Mr. McEnery's request, the House excused him from serving on the committee, and Mr. Green was appointed in his place.

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS.

Monday of each week being set apart by resolution of the House for the consideration of private and local bills, the House took up the same in order, and acted upon them as follows:

No. 50—An act to create two sheriffs for the parish of Orleans and define their duties;

Laid on the table by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Peterson and Thieneman:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson J., Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Bonnabel, Brown, Bouie, Collins, Convillon, DeLabarre, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Eager, Eldridge, Edwards, Fenner, Gates, Gantt, Green, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Hays, Jonas, Kent, Labranche, Laurent, Leeds, LeBlanc, Martin, McEnery, Nelligan, Nutt, Powell, Prudhomme, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Snider, Scott, Tete, Theriot, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—48 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson Samuel, Bensel, Brown, Daigle, Deblanc, Eastin, Freret, Fishburn, Gottschalk, Harrison, Kelly, Lagroue, Meredith, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Pujo, Regenberg, Ryan, Scanlan, Solomon, Tete, Thieneman and Wiltz—27 nays.

No. 136—An act for the relief of the sureties of L. Morgan, deceased, late State tax collector of the parish of St. Tammany;

Recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

No. 202—An act for the relief of A. N. Ogden, of the parish of Orleans.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Claims was adopted, and the further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

No. 255—An act to improve the navigation of Bayou Courtel.

Mr. Blackman moved a suspension of the rules requiring the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole on an appropriation, and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Blackman moved to amend the bill as follows:

Strike out "swamp land fund," fourth line, first section, and insert "internal improvement fund."

Mr. Eldridge moved to lay the amendment of Mr. Blackman on the table, on which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Blackman and Duralde, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson J., Convillon, Davenport, Deblanc, Deporter, Ditto, Dugas, Eastin, Eldridge, Edwards, Fagot, Fulda, Gaisser, Holt, Kelly, Lagroue, Lemarie, Ormond, Peterson, Roman, Scott, Solomon, Thieneman, Waggaman and Weeks—26 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson S., Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Daigle, DeLabarre, Drew, Duralde, Eastin, Eager, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Gantt, Green, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Kent, Kile, Labranche, Laurent, Leeds, LeBlanc, Martin, Meredith, McEnery, McConnell, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Nelligan, Nutt, Phillips Jas., Powell, Pujo, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Ryan, Scanlan, Snider, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Williamson and Waddell—59 nays.

And the same having been adopted the amendment and also the amendment reported by the Committee on Internal Improvements were adopted, when the bill as amended was read a second time, ordered to be engrossed, was read a third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

No. 63, an act for the relief of Antonio Marrero, of the parish of St. Bernard.

The amendments of the Senate were concurred in.

No. 256, an act to authorize all persons who have obtained the proper license to open and keep open at all business hours of the day private markets, stores or stands in any part of the city of New Orleans for the sale of meats, game, poultry, vegetables, fruit and fresh fish.

Being the substitute for Mr. Scanlan's bill on the same subject matter,

Was read and adopted in place of the original, and was read a second and third time and passed. The bill was sent to the Senate.

No. 260, an act to authorize Mrs. Julia Gaudé, wife of Paul Urbain Bourgeois, to dispose of her interest in a certain tract of land, etc.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary was adopted and the further consideration of the bill was postponed indefinitely.

No. 279, an act for the relief of Micajah Harris.

The rule requiring a committee of the whole being suspended, the amendment reported by the Committee on Claims was adopted, the bill was read a second time, ordered to be engrossed, was read a third time, passed, and sent to the Senate.

No. 334, an act for the relief of certain veterans of 1814 and 1815;

Read a second and third time and passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

No. 337—An act to remove obstructions in Bayou Tèche.

The rule requiring the House to go into a committee of the whole being suspended, the following amendment was offered by Mr. Gates, to-wit:

Strike out the words "the internal improvement fund," and insert "any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

Which was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Tucker and Eastin:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson Samuel, Bensel, Brown, Davenport, Deblanc, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Ewing, Fishburn, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Green, Harrison, Hatch, Hays, Jonas, Kelly, Labranche, Leeds, Martin, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Rogers, Scanlan, Simonds, Smith, Stille, Scott, Tête, Theriot, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz and Waddell—43 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Alverson, Collins, Deporter, Ditto, Duralde, Eldridge, Green, Head, Holt, Kent, Lagrone, McGee, Moreland, Peterson, Powell, Pujo, Regenberg, Snider, Solomon and Thieneman—20 nays.

On motion of Mr. Kent, the first section was further amended by inserting at the end thereof the words "and to be returned by the internal improvement tax fund."

And the bill as amended was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Tucker moved a suspension of the rules, with the view of putting the bill on its third reading and final passage.

The House refused to suspend.

No. 307—An act in relation to a plank road from the east bank of Red Chute, in the parish of Bossier, to the east bank of Red River, opposite the city of Shreveport;

Being the substitute reported by special committee for House bill No. 307 on the same subject matter.

The substitute was adopted in lieu of the original bill, was read a second and third time, and passed.

No. 347—Senate bill, an act supplemental to an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Carrollton, approved March 17, 1859;

Read first, second and third time, and concurred in.

No. 331—An act to provide for excavating or otherwise rendering navigable during the whole year the Bayou Plaquemine and its outlets to Grand Lake;

The amendments of the Committee on Internal Improvements were adopted, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to be engrossed, read a third time, and passed.

No. 340—An act for the relief of R. R. McBride, assessor of the parish of Lafourche;

The rule requiring the House to go into a committee of the whole was suspended, and the bill was read a second and third time and passed. Sent to the Senate.

No. 341—Joint resolution providing for the purchase and gratuitous distribution of Spencer's English Grammar throughout the State;

The rules requiring the House to go into a committee of the whole on an appropriation being suspended, the bill was read a second and third time and passed.

No. 346—An act for the relief of Sarah L., widow of James E. Chisholm, deceased;

The rules being suspended requiring the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole, on motion of Mr. Walker, the further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Waggaman moved that House bills Nos. 10, 11 and 13 be taken up and fixed as the special order of the day for Tuesday evening next.

Pending which motion, Mr. Head moved an adjournment, but gave way for messages from the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

H. B. Kelly, Esq., Secretary of the Senate, asked the concurrence of the House in Senate bills entitled:

An act granting ferry privileges to Mr. J. V. Hodges, across the Bayou Tensas, in the parish of Caddo;

Joint resolution directing the State Engineer to examine the different passes of the Mississippi river;

An act for the relief of Theodore Durel and R. D. Hubbard, late State assessors in and for the city of New Orleans;

An act to provide for and regulate labor contracts for agricultural pursuits;

An act to amend the second paragraph of the first section of an act entitled "an act fixing the terms of district courts," approved March 2d, 1866;

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to provide for the government of the city of Baton Rouge and the administration of the affairs thereof," approved March 18, 1856.

Also asking the signature of the Speaker to Senate enrolled bill entitled:

An act to legalize the contract between Mrs. R. Boone and Mrs. E. Callehan in regard to the ferry at Simmsport, Louisiana.

Also announcing that the Senate had concurred, with amendments, in "an act for the relief of Antonio Marrero, of the parish of St. Bernard;

An act to authorize planters and farmers to furnish their freedmen and other employees with articles of merchandise without incurring the penalties of retail merchants;

And an act to legitimate Geraldine Clark Osborn and Charlotte Dozaire Osborn, wife of Justin Bernard, natural children of Daniel Clark Osborn, of the city of New Orleans, and to confer on them the rights of forced heirs.

Also announcing that the President of the Senate had signed House enrolled bills as follows:

No. 275—An act to provide for supplying the loss of the public records and other papers burned or otherwise destroyed in the parishes of Madison, Concordia, Carroll and Tensas;

No. 173—An act for the relief of S. L. Slack;

No. 112—An act for the relief of James M. Pinnegar and John McLean;

No. 37—An act for the relief of Josiah Reams, a veteran of 1814 and 1815;

No. 236—An act to legitimate Georgiana Dease, natural child of George Marshall Gordon and Sarah Jane Dease, and to confer on her the rights of a forced heir;

No. 313—An act supplementary to an act to incorporate the town of Vienna in the parish of Jackson;

No. 314—An act to provide for an election of municipal officers in the town of Vienna, in the parish of Jackson;

No. 63—An act for the relief of Antonio Marrero, of the parish of St. Bernard;

And the said bill was subsequently reported as correctly enrolled by Mr. DeLabarre, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment.

And the messages having been read the motion of Mr. Head to adjourn was put and carried.

EVENING SESSION.

The House met at 7 o'clock P. M.

Present, the Hon. J. B. Elam, Speaker *pro tem.*, and Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson S., Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Brown, Collins, Davenport, DeLabarre, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Eldridge, Ewing, Edwards, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Gates, Gantt, Green, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Holt, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Peterson, Phillips James, Powell, Pujo, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waddell and Weeks—70 Representatives.

Mr. Thieneman moved that the vote by which the House this morning postponed indefinitely the further consideration of House bill No. 346,

An act for the relief of Sarah L., widow of Jas. E. Chisholm, deceased;

Be reconsidered, which motion prevailing and the rules requiring the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole on appropriations, being suspended, the bill was read a second time, ordered to be engrossed, read a third time and passed.

No. 272, an act authorizing the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad Company to change the eastern terminus of their road;

Read a second and third time and passed.

No. 358—An act for the relief of parties who have not paid and those who have paid their taxes to the draining company in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson;

Read a second and third time and passed.

No. 363—An act granting certain privileges to the Ouachita Slackwater Navigation Company.

Mr. McCloskey moved that the bill be printed. The motion was lost.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Internal Improvements, to the fourth section, to-wit: After the word "freight" strike out "one dollar," and insert "seventy-five cents," was adopted.

Mr. Snider moved to amend by reducing the tonnage on all classes of freight from four dollars to one dollar per ton;

Adopted.

Mr. Bailey moved to amend the section further by adding at the end thereof the words, "*Provided*, Any improvement that may be made by said company shall not be of such a character as to prevent the passage of boats or other water crafts that now navigate said river."

On motion of Mr. McEnery, the further proviso was added, as follows: "*And provided further*, That no toll shall be collected from any boats or vessels belonging to the United States, or the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Regenberg offered the following amendment:

Add to the first section as follows: *Provided*, That no tolls shall be charged on any watercraft, during the stage of water when such craft could otherwise navigate said river.

On motion of Mr. McEnery the amendment was laid on the table by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Regenberg and Bailey:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson S., Alverson, Brown, Collins, Davenport, Drew, Ditto, Eastin, Eager, Eldridge, Edwards, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Gates, Gantt, Green, Halsey, Harrison, Hatch, Hays, Holt, Jonas, Kent, LeBlanc, McEnery, McGee, Nelligan, Nutt, Pujo, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Scott, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Walker and Waggaman—40 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Dugas, Ewing, Fishburn, Head, Henderson, Leeds, Meredith, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Peterson, Phillips J., Powell, Regenberg, Richards, Scanlan, Stille, Solomon and Whittington—29 nays.

Mr. Walker moved to amend as follows:

Insert at the close of section eight the words: Provided that the legislature shall at at any time have the power to liquidate the said company by a vote of two-thirds of the legislature elect.

Mr. Head moved to amend the said amendment by inserting the words "a majority," instead of "two-thirds."

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

No. 307—An act in relation to a plank road from the east bank of Red Chute, in the parish of Bossier, to the east bank of Red River, opposite the city of Shreveport;

No. 343—An act to authorize planters and farmers to furnish their freedmen with articles of merchandise, without incurring the penalties of retail merchants.

Pending which a call of the House was ordered, and no quorum was present.

On motion of Mr. J. Anderson, the House adjourned.

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

OFFICIAL.

PROCLAMATION

BY J. MADISON WELLS,

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Whereas, an act of the General Assembly, approved March 6th, 1866, provides that an election shall be held throughout the State, on the first Monday of May, 1866, for the offices hereinafter named, to-wit:

One District Attorney in and for the parish of Orleans.

One District Attorney in and for each Judicial District throughout the State.

One Sheriff in and for each parish.

One Clerk of Court in and for each parish, except for the parish of Orleans.

One Clerk of Court each, for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth District Courts in and for the parish of Orleans.

One Recorder in and for each parish, except the parish of Orleans.

One Assessor in and for each parish, except the parish of Orleans.

Four Assessors in and for the city of New Orleans.

One Assessor in and for the parish of Orleans, right bank.

One Coroner in and for each parish.

An equal number of Justices of the Peace and Constables, according to the districts and wards in each parish, as established by law.

Four State Tax Collectors, one for each district in and for the city of New Orleans.

One State Tax Collector in and for the Right Bank, parish of Orleans.

One State Tax Collector in and for the parish of Jefferson.

Now, therefore, I do issue this my proclamation commanding all Sheriffs, Commissioners of Election, and other officers therein concerned, to hold said election on the day aforesaid named, to-wit: the FIRST MONDAY OF MAY, 1866, for the various offices as before going enumerated, and for so doing this will be their sufficient warrant and authority without further notice.

Said election to be conducted and returns thereof to be made in all respects according to the provisions of the Constitution and laws in such cases made and provided.

For the guidance and information of voters I annex hereto the qualifications of voters as established by law:

"Every white male who has attained the age of twenty-one years, and who has been a resident of the State twelve months next preceding the election, and the last three months thereof in the parish in which he offers to vote, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, shall have the right of voting."

In addition to the foregoing qualification, every elector is required to produce the amnesty oath prescribed in the President's proclamation, either of the 8th of December, 1863, or that of the 20th of May, 1865, sworn to and subscribed by him before competent authority.

"I do solemnly swear or affirm, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will hereafter faithfully defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States thereunder, and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves. So help me God."

This oath is imperative on and after the 20th day of May, 1866, and will be rigidly enforced. It will be understood, at the same time, that those who are by any of the list of exceptions contained in the excluded from the benefits of this amnesty oath, proclamation, will not be allowed to vote unless specially pardoned by the President.

Given under my hand and seal of the State at the city of New Orleans, the sixteenth day of March, A. D., 1866, and of the independence of the United States the ninetieth.

J. MADISON WELLS.

By the Governor:
J. H. HARDY, Secretary of State.

DENTISTRY.

DR. J. R. WALKER—
DENTAL SURGEON,
Has returned to New Orleans and resumed his practice, at 130 CANAL STREET, where he will perform all Dental operations in the most perfect manner.

DR. S. S. B