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SENATE. The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the Hon. Albert Voorhes, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate; and Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Barrow, Bell, Brewster, Brad, Breaux, Campbell, Coo, Collier, Davidson, Egan, Feltz, Folsom, Foster, Gibson, Kenner, Lapeyre, Munday, Newton, Purcell, Taylor, Welch and Wilcox—29 Senators.

The proceedings were opened with prayer of the Rev. Dr. C. S. Hodges, of the Episcopal church. The journal of yesterday was read and approved. The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the Senate bill for the relief of the parish of Orleans, which was referred to the committee on the subject, and reported favorably.

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balance, according to agreement entered into between the United States military authorities and the bank, was subsequently sent within the Confederate lines to be invested in cotton for the benefit of the State. This cotton, so purchased, with this fund, is now in the city of New Orleans awaiting judicial investigation and decision. Your committee entertain no doubt that this balance will become available in a short time, and would suggest the propriety of authorizing or requesting the Attorney General to investigate the matter and use his endeavors to secure this money to the State.

In conclusion, your committee would state that, considering the want of the necessary legislative appropriations, we believe that the books of the Auditor and Treasurer have been correctly kept. (Signed) J. H. HALSEY, Chairman. D. P. SCANTLAN, D. P. SCANTLAN, L. DEPORTER, P. S. WILTZ, W. B. McDONALD, Committee.

The report was received, and ordered to be printed. Mr. Walker asked and obtained leave to introduce into order a bill entitled "an act to fix the compensation of tax collectors throughout the State," which was referred to the committee on the subject, and reported favorably.

On motion of Mr. Aylerson, the rules being suspended, Senate bill No. 330, "an act to authorize the lease of the Baton Rouge, Grosse Tete and Opelousas Railroad," was taken up on its reading.

Mr. Durand offered the following amendments: "Provided, that at the election to be held to take the sense of the stockholders on the propriety of leasing the said road, the individual stockholders of said road shall only be allowed to vote in the proportion of their stock actually paid in."

The amendment was lost, and the bill was read a second and third time and concurred in. On motion of Mr. Brown, the rules being suspended, House bill No. 531 was taken up as follows:

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