On motion of Mr. Ray, the amendment s adopted.

Mr. Blackman moved to strike out all m the seventh to the nineteenth line, and ert "that the Governor, by and with the vice and consent of the Senate, shall ap- int one Registrar for each parish, with wer to appoint clerks and assistants."

Mr. Ray moved to lay the amendment on e table.

Mr. Blackman called for the yeas and ys.

The yeas and nays were ordered, re- lting:

Yeas: Campbell, Coupland, Darrall, Fran- s, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, Monette, O'Hara, ckard, Poindexter, Pollard, Ray, Smith, lcox, Williams, and Wittgenstein—17.

Nays: Anderson, Bacon, Blackman, ute, Futch, E. L. Jewell, Offutt, Todd, d White—9.

Mr. Blackman moved to strike out after e word "chairman" in the ninth line, the rds "two othermembers."

Mr. Ray moved to lay the amendment of . Blackman on the table.

Mr. Blackman called for the yeas and ys, which were ordered, resulting:

Yeas: Campbell, Coupland, Darrall, Fran- is, Jenks, Lewis, Lynch, Monette, O'Hara, ckard, Poindexter, Pollard, Ray, Smith, dd, Wilcox, Williams, and Wittgen- in—18.

Nays: Anderson, Bacon, Blackman, ughn, Egan, Foute, Futch, Jewell E. L., utt, Ogden, Thompson, and White—12.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Ray renewed his motion to adopt the st section of the bill.

The first section was adopted.

The second section was read.

Mr. Smith moved to amend by striking m the fourth and fifth lines the words from the qualified electors of each parish the State."

Mr. Ogden moved to lay the amendment the table.

Mr. Smith called for the yeas and nays, ich were ordered, resulting:

Yeas: Anderson, Bacon, Blackman, ughn, Coupland, Darrall, Egan, Foute, tch, Jewell E. L., Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, utt, Ogden, Packard, Ray, Thompson, dd, White, Wilcox, Williams, Wittgen- in—23.

Nays: Campbell, François, Monette, Hara, Poindexter, Pollard, Smith, Witt- nstein—8.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Ray moved to adopt the section.

Mr. Blackman moved to strike out in line ht the word "three" and insert "two."

Mr. O'Hara moved to lay the amendment Mr. Blackman on the table.

Adopted on a division, yeas 18, nays 9.

Mr. Thompson moved to amend by insert- "that the Board of Registration shall sist of the Parish Recorder, Clerk of the rt, and Parish Judge, and no extra com- sation be given them."

Mr. Smith moved to lay the amendment Mr. Thompson on the table.

The yeas and nays were ordered, result- :

Yeas: Campbell, Coupland, Darrall, Fran- is, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, Monette, Hara, Packard, Poindexter, Pollard, Ray, ith, Wilcox, Williams, and Wittgen- in—18.

Nays: Anderson, Bacon, Blackman, ughn, Egan, Foute, Futch, E. L. Jewell, utt, Ogden, Thompson, and White—12.

The amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Blackman moved to amend by insert- "and shall provide two clerks for each ard of the parishes of Orleans and Jeffer- , and none for other parishes."

Mr. Wittgenstein moved to lay the amend nt on the table.

Lost on a division, yeas 13, nays 16.

Mr. Lynch moved to amend the amend- nt by inserting "and one clerk for each ard in the other parishes" in place of one for the other parishes."

The amendment was accepted.

The amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Blackman moved to amend by strik- g out in line sixteen the words "station- y and everytaing needed," and insert "the cessary books, ink, and pens needed."

The amendment was laid on the table.

Section two was then adopted.

Mr. Ray moved to go into executive ses- on.

The President announced the following mmittees:

Committee on Health—Darrall, Whitney, ewis, Egan, Day.

Committee to ascertain the amount of xes paid by vendors of lottery tickets in e city of New Orleans to the State of ouisiana—O'Hara, Monette, Ogden.

Senators Poindexter and Jewell were anted leave of absence for five days.

The Senate then went into executive ses- on.

The executive session being over, a com- unication from the Governor was re- ived announcing his approval of a joint solution providing for the appointment of joint committee of five members of the eneral Assembly to investigate the conduct the late elections, and the present condi- n of peace and order in the State.

The Senate then adjourned.

CHAS. H. MERRITT,
Secretary of Senate.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Twenty-seventh Day's Session.

WEDNESDAY, July 29, 1868.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Speaker Lowell in the chair.

The roll being called, fifty-nine members swered to their names.

Speaker Lowell, Abbott, Alexander, An- ine, Buckingham, Belot, Brewster, Barbee, rrel, Collins, Calhoun, Carr, Cuney, De- ange, Demarest, Dupart, Evans, Eager, nard, Faulkner, Fouts, Guigonet, Garst- mp, Guidry, Hill, Hutchinson, Holland, nt, Le Roy, Lott, Landers, Morris, Mol- re, Mahier, McMillen, McVean, Murrel, ansion, Morey, Noble, Pearce, Pratt, Page, erce, Prescott, Raymond, Rey, Slaton, Tay- r, Walsh, Washington, Wren, Wilson, mphreys, Wm. C. Williams, H. Williams, orke, D. Young, Zoelly—59.

Prayer by Chaplain Kingston.

On motion of Mr. Adolphe, of Orleans, e reading of the journal was dispensed ith.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

None.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Carr, of Orleans, offered the following solution under a suspension of the rules, d on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Com- ittee on Contingent Expenses be allowed sign the vouchers of Alexander Williams r his pay as Porter to the Committees on arochial Affairs, Internal Improvements, nd Charitable Institutions.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. aulkner, of Caldwell, offered the following solution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman on Commit- ee of Contingent Expenses be authorized o approve for payment the voucher of the ssistant Clerk of the Committee on Public rinting, and the voucher of the Porter of aid committee, for past services rendered y said Porter.

Mr. Kent, of St. Helena, under a suspen- ion of the rules, offered the following reso- ution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be equired to so arrange the United States ag which is in the rear of the Speaker's hair that the word "Freedom" may not be idden.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Militia submitted the ollowing report, which was accepted:

ROOM OF COMMITTEE ON MILITIA, House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, La., July 28, 1868.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Militia herewith report to the House of Representatives for their consideration and action "An act for the organization of the militia of the State of Louisiana," and request that the House may act upon it in Committee of the Whole.

W. POPE NOBLE,
Chairman pro tem;
FRANK ALEXANDER,
S. WILSON,
EDW. SDATON,
JOHN PEARCE,
S. C. MOLLERE.

Mr. Wren, of Bossier, moved to postpone the consideration of the report and bill until Monday next.

Mr. Gair moved to lay the motion on the table.

Carried by a rising vote of 42 yeas to 18 nays.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, moved that the House go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the militia bill at two o'clock P. M.

Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM, July 29, 1868.

To the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Judiciary having considered House bill No. 43—An act entitled an act to abolish capital punishment—beg leave to report unfavorably.

P. HARPER, Chairman.

Report accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

ROOMS OF THE COMMITTEE ON Internal Improvements, House of Representatives, New Orleans, La., July 28, 1868.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee to whom was referred the act entitled an act granting the exclusive navigation of Bayous Winson and Pierre to Thomas E Paxton for ten years, upon certain conditions, beg leave most respectfully to report against the passage of the same, for the reason that evidence was produced before the committee showing that the bayous were navigable now for large sized steamboats and for a distance of nearly one hundred miles.

A. J. DEMAREST,
Chairman;
M. RAYMOND,
DAVID YOUNG.

Report accepted.

Secretary of the Senate was announced, asking concurrence in the following Senate bills:

Numbers nine and ten.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Under a suspension of the rules the following bills passed their first reading:

By Mr. Collins, of Orleans:

House bill No. 81—A joint resolution appointing a Joint Committee to investigate the action of first and second drainage commissioners.

By Mr. Walsh, of De Soto:

House bill No. 88—Joint resolution authorizing the Parish Judges to enforce article 130 of the State Constitution.

By Mr. Moran, of Plaquemines:

House bill No. 87—Preamble and resolution to have the United States flag wave over all public offices and institutions.

Under a suspension of the rules the following bill passed its first and second reading, and was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

By Mr. Morris, of Ascension:

House bill No. 90—An act to exempt from seizure certain property and homesteads.

Under a suspension of the rules the following bill passed its first, second, and third readings, and was adopted on its final passage. Ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence:

House bill No. 82—Joint resolution providing for a joint committee of the General Assembly to whom shall be referred the financial report of the Board of Registration, with authority to examine their books and accounts.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That a joint committee, consisting of two members of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives, be appointed, to whom shall be referred the financial report and vouchers accompanying of the Board of Registration, with power to examine their books and accounts, and to verify the same; and to examine into and report upon convention tax and the best means of enforcing the collection of the residue, and all matters pertaining to the financial operations of said Board.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Morey, of Ouachita:

House bill No. 83—An act relative to the divisions of lands under legal sales.

By Mr. Yorke, of Carroll:

House bill No. 84—An act to take the sense of the qualified voters of the parish of Carroll as to the expediency of removing the seat of justice from the town of Floyd to the village of Elton in said parish.

House bill No. 85—An act for the emancipation of George Crockett Phillips.

By Mr. Harper, of St. Charles:

An act authorizing the State Auditor to employ two additional Clerks and two Messengers.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE.

The following Senate joint resolution, under a suspension of the rules, was placed on its first, second, and third readings, and final passage:

A joint resolution requesting the President of the United States to furnish the civil authorities of this State such forces as may be necessary to secure peace and good order in the State.

SENATE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

By Mr. E. L. Jewell, of Orleans:

Joint resolution relative to a committee of five, two from the Senate and three from the House, to investigate the proceedings and action of the Board of Registration, and their disbursements of money.

Which on motion of Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 7—An act to provide for the removal of causes now pending in the Supreme Court under the constitution of 1864 to the Supreme Court established under the new constitution.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard, moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the substitute for Bill No. 15.

Carried.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and Mr. Harper was called to the chair.

The following bill being under discussion—

An Act to provide for the Collection of Taxes in the city of New Orleans, and to suspend the further issue of City Notes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the city of New Orleans be and is hereby authorized and directed to proceed immediately to collect all taxes due the city for the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868; and that for such taxes due only United States Treasury or National Bank notes shall be received, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said city of New Orleans is hereby required to suspend the issue of city notes; and within thirty days from the passage of this act to destroy both the plates from which these notes have been heretofore printed, and all sheets of notes, and all notes signed or unsigned, then in the custody of the city. Such destruction shall be witnessed by the Mayor, Treasurer, Controller, and Chairmen of the Finance Committees of the Common Council, and shall by them be set forth by *proces verbal*.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That in order to meet the current expenses of said corporation, the city of New Orleans is hereby authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness in such sums and to such amounts as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the corporation until such time as sufficient sums may be received from the collection of taxes to meet such current expenses; and the certificates thus issued shall be receivable for all taxes and other debts due to the city.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard, offered the following amendments:

In the eighth line, after the word taxes, add the words "licenses or dues."

In the twelfth line, after the word taxes, add the words "licenses and dues."

In section four, fourth line, strike out the word "is," and insert the word "are."

Mr. Carr, of Orleans, offered the following amendment:

In the eleventh line, after the word "1867" insert words, "be payable in city money."

Mr. Gray, of St. James, offered the following amendment:

In the thirteenth line, after the word "Treasurer" insert the words, "Secretary of State, and a committee of three from the House and two from the Senate."

Mr. Isabelle, of Orleans, offered the following amendments:

In section third, fourth line, after the word "Orleans" insert "and redemption of all city notes due."

In sixth line, after the word "indebtedness" insert "bearing seven and a half interest per annum."

Mr. Carr, of Orleans, withdrew his amendment.

Mr. De Grânge, of Orleans, moved to lay the amendment of Mr. Isabelle on the table.

On motion of Mr. De Grange, of Orleans, the amendments offered by Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard, were adopted.

Mr. Wren, of Bossier, moved that committee rise and ask the recommittal of the bill.

Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard, moved to amend that the committee rise and recommend the adoption of the bill as amended.

Carried by a rising vote of yeas 41, nays 13.

The committee rose, and through its chairman reported progress, and recommended the adoption of the bill as amended.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Wren, of Bossier, moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next, and on that motion called for the yeas and nays, which resulted as follows:

Yeas: Bennett, Buckingham, Belot, Brewster, Barbee, Burrel, Collins, Carr, Cuney, Demarest, Dupart, Esnard, Fouts, Guigonet, Garstkamp, Gray, Hill, Haskell, Harper, Hutchinson, Holland, Isabelle, Kent, Leroy, Lott, Landers, Mahier, Mansion, Pierce, Pratt, Page, Raymond, Sterrett, Walsh, Wren, Umphreys, Waters—37.

Nays: Abbott, Alexander, Antoine, Adolphe, Calhoun, Dewees, Dufresne, De Grange, Eager, Hill, Hanlon, Honore, Lee, Morris, Mollere, McMillen, Murrell, Moran, May, Noble, Pierce, Prescott, Reese, Rey, Slaton, Taylor, Tureaud, Washington, Wilson, H. Williams, Yorke, D. Young, Zoelly—32.

Motion to postpone, carried.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

House bill No. 59 entitled an act for the organization of the militia of Louisiana being under discussion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Reese, of Lafourche, was called to the chair.

Mr. Noble, of Orleans, moved that the bill be taken up section by section.

Carried.

Section one was read.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "of" in the sixth line, and insert "all able-bodied male citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, not disfranchised by the laws of the United States and this State."

The amendment was adopted.

Section first as amended was adopted.

Section two was read.

Mr. Yorke, of Carroll, offered the following amendments:

In fourth line strike out "ten" and insert "forty eight."

Fifth line strike out "thirty" and insert "forty-eight."

Eighth line strike out "five" and insert "eight."

Ninth line strike out "two" and insert "four."

Add the following:

"One regiment of infantry, one squadron of cavalry to each parish, and one battery of artillery to each district."

The amendments were adopted.

Section second, as amended, was adopted.

Section third was read.

Mr. Walsh, of De Soto, offered the following amendment:

Seventh line strike out "eighty-two" and insert "ninety-five."

Amendment adopted.

Section third, as amended, was adopted.

Section fourth was read.

Mr. DeGrange, of Orleans, offered the following amendment:

Tenth line, after the word steward, insert "ten cooks."

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, offered the following bill for the bill under consideration, and moved that further consideration of the militia bill be postponed, and that the Committee of the Whole rise and recommend the immediate passage of the following bill:

An Act to authorize the organization of a uniformed militia, and to provide for its instruction and duties.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That in any parish of this State, one or more companies, battalions, or regiments of uniformed militia may be organized, armed, and instructed in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, etc., That whenever in any parish not less than twenty or more than sixty citizens, between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five years, shall form themselves into a company, and shall uniform themselves in such style as shall have been approved by the Governor, and shall apply for permission to organize such company, and to be exempt from duty in any other militia corps, the Governor shall have the authority in his discretion to approve such organization and to commission from its members a Captain, First Lieutenant, and Second Lieutenant, and the said Captain shall have authority to appoint by warrant the non-commissioned officers of such company, and such company shall become a portion of the militia of the State.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, etc., That whenever in any parish, not less than two or more than five such companies shall be organized and approved by the Governor, he shall have authority to organize the same as a battalion, and commission a Major, Adjutant, and Quartermaster thereof, and such battalion shall become a portion of the militia of this State.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, etc., Whenever not less than six or more than ten such companies shall have been organized and approved by the Governor, it shall be lawful for the Governor to organize the same into a regiment, and commission a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, and Surgeon thereof, and such regiment shall become a portion of the militia of this State.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, etc., The said uniformed companies, battalions, and regiments shall be instructed in the tactics of the United States army; and it shall be their duty at least four times in each year to parade for inspection and review. They shall be supplied with proper arms and equipments by the State, for which receipts shall be given, and of which returns shall be made in accordance with such regulations as the Governor shall prescribe.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, etc., The members of such uniformed militia companies, battalions, or regiments shall be exempt from duty in any other militia organization. They shall be subject to be called out either as companies, battalions, or regiments by the Governor into active service to suppress insurrection, rebellion, or riot, or repel invasion; and shall during such necessary active service, and at no other time, be entitled to the same pay, allowances, and rations as prescribed by the laws of the United States for officers and soldiers of its army. No member of such organization or organizations shall be liable to civil or criminal prosecution for any act done in the discharge of his duty under such call.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, etc., That if at any time any company, battalion, or regiment organized under this act shall neglect its duty in respect to drill, discipline, or parade, it shall be lawful for the Governor to dissolve such company, battalion, or regiment (and in case a battalion or regiment be dissolved to assign its companies to some other organization or to maintain them independently), and to demand and receive from the same all arms, equipments, and other public property which may have been delivered to the same under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

The motion prevailed.

The committee rose, and through its chairman reported the bill, and moved that it be placed on its several readings and final passage.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, moved that the constitutional rules be suspended, and that the bill be placed on its several readings and final passage.

The yeas and nays were called on the suspension of the constitutional rules, which resulted as follows:

Yeas: Abbott, Alexander, Antoine, Adolphe, Belot, Brewster, Burrel, Collins, Calhoun, Carr, Cuney, Dewees, Dufresne, Demarest, Dupart, Evans, Esnard, Faulkner, Guigonet, Garstkamp, Gray, Guidry, Hill, Honore, Harper, Hutchinson, Holland, Isabelle, Lee, Leroy, Lott, Landers, Morris, Mollere, Mahier, McMillen, McVean, Murrell, Mansion, Morey, Moran, Pearce, Page, Raymond, Reese, Rey, Sterrett, Taylor, Tureaud, Walsh, Washington, Wren, Wilson, Umphreys, Wm. C. Williams, H. Williams, Yorke, D. Young—58.

Nays: Bennett, Buckingham, Barbee, De Grange, Eager, Kent, May, Noble, Pratt, Pierce, Prescott, Slaton, Waters, Zoelly—14.

The constitutional rules were suspended.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, moved that the bill be placed on its first and second readings, and that the reading of the bill in detail be dispensed with.

Carried.

Bill was read twice by its title.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, moved that the bill be considered engrossed and placed on its third reading and final passage, and on that motion demanded the previous question.

Main question ordered.

The bill was read a third time by its title and placed on its final passage.

Adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, moved to reconsider the vote last taken on the final passage of the bill.

Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard, the House adjourned until to-morrow at twelve o'clock M.

WILLIAM VIGERS,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Twenty-Eighth Day's Proceedings.

THURSDAY, July 30, 1868.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Lowell in the chair.

The roll being called, fifty-six members answered to their names, as follows:

Speaker Lowell, Abbott, Alexander, Antoine, Adolphe, Bennett, Buckingham, Brewster, Barbee, Burrel, Collins, Calhoun, Carr, Cuney, Deslonde, Dewees, De Grange, Demarest, Dupart, Evans, Esnard, Guigonet, Garstkamp, Hill, Haskell, Holland, Kent, Leroy, Lott, Landers, Morris, Mahier, McVean, Murrell, Mansion, Moran, Noble, Pearce, Pratt, Page, Pierce, Prescott, Raymond, Reese, Rey, Slaton, Sterrett, Taylor, Tureaud, Walsh, Washington, Umphreys, Wm. C. Williams, H. Williams, Waters, Yorke, D. Young—56.

Prayer by Chaplain Kingston.

On motion of Mr. Lott, of Rapides, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Rey, of Orleans, offered the following motion, which was adopted:

I move to adjourn until to-morrow, at twelve o'clock M., as a token of respect to the dead of July 30, 1866.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow at twelve o'clock M.

WILLIAM VIGERS,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Twenty-Ninth Day's Session.

FRIDAY, July 31, 1868.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Speaker Lowell in the chair.

The roll being called sixty-nine members answered to their names:

Speaker Lowell, Abbott, Alexander, Antoine, Adolphe, Bennett, Buckingham, Belot, Brewster, Barbee, Burrel, Collins, Calhoun, Carr, Cuney, Deslonde, Dewees, Dufresne, Demarest, Dupart, Evans, Eager, Esnard, Faulkner, Fouts, Guigonet, Garstkamp, Gray, Guidry, Hill, Haskell, Hanlon, Honore, Hutchinson, Holland, Isabelle, Kent, Leroy, Lott, Landers, Morris, Mollere, Mahier, Murrell, Melvin, Mansion, Morey, Moran, May, Mathews, Noble, Pearce, Pratt, Page, Pierce, Prescott, Raymond, Reese, Rey, Slaton, Taylor, Tureaud, Walsh, Washington, Wren, Wilson, H. Williams, Yorke, D. Young—69.

Prayer by Chaplain Kingston.

The journal was read, and on motion approved.

The following joint committee was announced:

Joint committee to investigate the conduct of the late election and the present condition of peace and order in the State. Murrell, of Lafourche; Wilson, of Catahoula: Harper, of St. Charles.

Special committee to investigate the issuance of city money:

Messrs. Burrel, of St. John Baptist, McMillen, of Carroll, Lee, of St. Bernard, and May, of Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Yorke, of Carroll, leave of absence for two weeks was granted to Mr. Pratt, of Claiborne.

On motion of Mr. Moran, of Plaquemines, leave of absence for ten days was granted to Mr. William Smith, of Pointe Coupee.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Noble, of Orleans, presented a petition of Mr. Thomas M. Gatlin, contesting the election of Mr. Walsh, of De Soto, and praying that the case be referred to a proper committee.

Referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

RESOLUTIONS.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Murrell, of Lafourche, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be authorized to approve for payment the voucher of the Porter of Public Health and Quarantine for past services rendered by said Porter.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Brewster, of Ouachita, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is highly necessary that a suitable person should be employed as a night watchman to guard the records of the House of Representatives and of the committees thereof, as well as the other property of this Assembly;

Be it resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to employ a suitable person as night watchman of the House of Representatives; his salary to be the same as that of porters.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Wren, of Bossier, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That leave of absence for fifteen days be and is hereby granted J. Pinckney Smith, Warrant Clerk, and that he be authorized to appoint an assistant to aid and represent him in the discharge of his official duties.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Noble, of Orleans, and lies over under the rules:

Resolved, That the Committee on Contingent Expenses be instructed to report to this House within three days:

1. The amount of money expended under their auspices for furniture.

2. The amount expended for printing the daily proceedings, bills, blanks, and job work.

3. The amount expended for stationery for the use of the members and for committees.

4. The average expense per diem incurred by the House of Representatives since the beginning of the session for any purpose previously authorized by the House.

Be it further resolved, That the committee report from whom the various articles audited by themselves have been purchased, for whom, when, where, and by whose authority.

Mr. Brewster, of Ouachita, under a suspension of the rules, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby authorized to sign the vouchers of John J. Pereira and Daniel James, Porters, and of C. F. Lownsbury and John J. Pereira as doorkeepers to the Committee on Enrollment, and that said committee on Enrollment be authorized to employ one Doorkeeper and one Porter to serve during the session.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, called up the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of this House be instructed to inquire upon what terms and for what length of time the St. Louis Hotel, or some other suitable building, could be leased for the purpose of holding therein the meetings of this Assembly and its various committees, and to report them to this House as soon as practicable.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Secretary of the Senate was announced asking concurrence in the following bills:

Senate bill No. 10.
Senate bill No. 12.
Senate bill No. 48.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Yorke, of Carroll, chairman of the Committee on Election and Qualifications, submitted the following majority report, which was received and accepted:

To the Speaker and Members of the Honorable House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana:

The Committee on Elections and Qualifications, appointed by your honorable body, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

As chairman and member of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, appointed by your honorable body, that in the case of the Fourth Representative district of the parish of Orleans, from the evidence produced before your committee we are of opinion that gross frauds were allowed and perpetrated by the commissioners of elections and others in said district, as proven by the evidence now before your honorable body, and the neglect or inability of Messrs. Heidenhain and Hall to prove that they would have received a majority of votes if a fair election had been allowed; and we are of opinion that the election in said district should be declared null and without effect, and that the Governor be instructed to order a new election in the above mentioned district.

Respectfully submitted,
P. JONES YORKE,
Chairman;
DENNIS BURREL.

Mr. Pratt, of Claiborne, submitted the following minority report, which was received:

MINORITY REPORT.

To the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana:

The undersigned, member of the Committee on Contested Elections, begs leave to submit the following minority report:

I dissent from the report of the majority in the case of Heidenhain and Hall against Zacharie and Stringer, for the following reasons:

1. The contestants having abandoned the ground of ineligibility on the part of the incumbents, base their claims on fraud practiced to such an extent that a majority of legal votes in their favor have been counterbalanced by fraudulent votes. This the contestants have utterly failed to sustain by proof. Messrs. Zacharie and Stringer received, according to the returns, a majority of fifty-seven for Stringer and thirty-three for Zacharie over the highest contestant, Heidenhain, and a majority of nearly double these figures over Hall, the other contestant. To prove fraudulent voting the contestants produce affidavits of only twenty-seven persons claiming that they were illegally deprived of the right of voting. Now, granting that these facts were that both contestants have failed to prove true, this number would have been sufficient to elect them, as this number of votes, if added to their vote, would still give Messrs. Zacharie and Stringer a majority of six for Zacharie, and of thirty over the highest contestants for Stringer. But the incumbents have proved by the face of the affidavits that eight of these affiants were not entitled to vote in the Fourth Representative District, while nine others fail to show what ticket they would have voted had they voted, thus showing that seventeen of the affiants fail to show that these votes would have been polled for Heidenhain and Hall, leaving only ten affidavits which would show that they would or could have voted for the contestants. One affidavit of H. J. Campbell shows that he believes from forty to sixty persons were illegally deprived of the right of franchise; but aside from the fact that affiant fails to show that he knew each of these voters, and that they were refused the right of voting, this testimony must be taken with proper grains of allowance, inasmuch as affiant was himself a candidate, and as such biased and prejudiced in his own favor, and the same affidavit was used in his own behalf.

2. The incumbents have shown that more fraud was perpetrated by the contestants than they themselves charge was used in favor of the incumbents. It was distinctly proved by the affidavits of two persons, Davis and Spalding, that Heidenhain endeavored to obtain a hundred blank certificates of registration, to which he said he would forge the signatures of the registrars, and use them at the election; that he furthermore showed some fifteen registration certificates belonging to dead men and absentees, which he would use for himself in the election. It is furthermore proven that Heidenhain hired a party to go to one of the polls in the Fourth Representative District, and as he got the Democratic ballots from the box that he should erase the names of Zacharie and Stringer; that the party afterward went to another poll in the same district, and found Heidenhain himself engaged in striking out the names of Zacharie and Stringer as they were taken from the box; that he saw Heidenhain strike these names from the ballots in the same way; that Heidenhain took him aside and asked him what he had done at Seven's House, when Davis replied that he had struck off the names of his opponents from some thirty ballots, and that Heidenhain was all right, when Heidenhain said that he would reward him, Davis, with a place in the customhouse, as he had promised that "he would remember him;" thus showing frauds to a larger amount than what the contestants even claim against the incumbents.

The undersigned, therefore, claims that instead of showing that fraud prevailed to such an extent that Heidenhain and Hall procured a majority of legal votes, it has been established by the proof that Messrs. Zacharie and Stringer were elected by a larger majority than their majority as reported in the return of the elections, and that the parties contesting were immediately and directly parties to the fraud perpetrated in their own favor; wherefore, the undersigned asks that Messrs. Stringer and Zacharie be given their seats to which they are duly elected, and that this House shall not consult partisan feelings to warp their judgment in giving fair and impartial justice in this case.

All of which is respectfully submitted
C. B. PRATT.

On motion of Mr. McVean, of Caddo, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications was postponed until-morrow at two o'clock P. M.

Mr. Harper, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following reports, which were received and accepted:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY ROOM, July 30, 1868.

To the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Judiciary having considered House bill No. 25, herewith returned, "An act providing a remedy against usurpation, intruding into, or the unlawful holding and exercising a public office in this State," report favorably.

And having also considered House bill No. 46, herewith returned, "Joint resolution directing the appointment of a committee to inquire into the best plan for supporting paupers," report unfavorably, on the ground that the constitution delegates the power to the parishes.

P. HARPER,
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM, July 30, 1868.

To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Judiciary recommend the passage of an act entitled an act for the relief of Margaret C. Murphy.

P. HARPER,
Chairman;
B. C. WREN,
W. L. McMILLEN,
C. B. PRATT.

The bill, under a suspension of the rules, passed its first and second readings and was ordered to be engrossed.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM, July 29, 1868.

To the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Judiciary having considered Senate bill No. 43, herewith returned, "An act to amend and re-enact the first section of an act relative to bonds of State and parish officers," approved March 12, 1855, beg leave to report favorably.

P. HARPER,
Chairman Judiciary Committee;
W. L. McMILLEN,
A. L. LEE.

The report was received, and the bill placed on its third reading and final passage.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, moved to strike out in the fifty-seventh line of the first section the words "Finance Committee of the Common Council of New Orleans," and insert "Recorder of Mortgages of the parish of Orleans."

Mr. Reese, of Lafourche, moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Lost.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill as amended was adopted on its final passage, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM, July 31, 1868.

To the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Judiciary having considered Senate bill No. 18, "An act to regulate proceedings in reference to persons claiming the benefit of article ninety-nine of the constitution of the State," beg leave to concur as amended.

P. HARPER,
Chairman:

Report received and accepted.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM, July 31, 1861.

To the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Judiciary having considered House bill No. 42, an act to re-establish the burnt records of the parish of Winn, beg leave to report favorably.

P. HARPER,
Chairman;
B. C. WREN,
C. B. PRATT.

Report received and accepted.

Mr. Fouts, of Winn, moved to strike out the eleventh section as conflicting with article eighty-four of the constitution.

Motion to strike out was carried, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The Committee on Corporation submitted the following report:

On House bill No. 67, that it be indefinitely postponed.

Report received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON STATE LIBRARY.

The Committee on State Library submitted the following report, which was received and accepted:

STATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE ROOM, New Orleans, July 30, 1868.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on State Library beg leave to report that, with the assistance of the Secretary of State, we are now engaged in taking an inventory of the books contained in the State library, and at as early a day as possible will furnish full and correct information concerning the same. We are reliably informed that the room now occupied by the Committee on Enrollment is the one where the library properly belongs, it having been temporarily removed to its present location for safety while the recent repairs were being made to Mechanics' Institute. We are of the opinion that the library as at present located is very inconvenient for members of the General Assembly and others, and recommend its immediate removal to the room formerly used for that purpose, and at the proper time will introduce a resolution to that effect.

(Signed) DENNIS BURREL,
Chairman;
JOSEPH MANSION,
A. J. DEMAREST,
C. J. ADOLPHE,
MOSES STERRET,
P. G. DESLONDE,
S. C. MOLLERE.

The Committee on Agriculture submitted the following report, which was received and accepted:

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana:

NEW ORLEANS, July 31, 1868.

Your Committee on Agriculture, after considering the importance of the subject, and desiring to present to this Legislature all the important facts upon and relating to this question, would beg leave to report progress.

Your committee proposes to show many important facts regarding the agricultural interest in this and other Southern States, brought about by the new order and change of things, not only in respect to labor, but in regard to various products that our soil is capable of making remunerative besides cotton, cane, rice, corn, and tobacco.

(Signed) R. J. MORAN,
Chairman;
WILLIS PRESCOTT,
A. TUREAUD.

The Committee on Railways submitted the following majority and minority reports:

NEW ORLEANS, July 31, 1868.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your committee have the honor to report that they have carefully considered House bill No. 56, entitled an act relative to the New Orleans, Mobile, and Chattanooga Railroad company, a corporation of the State of Alabama, and authorizing and empowering said company to exercise and enjoy its corporate powers and franchises in the State of Louisiana, and hereby report the same favorably, with amendments, for the action of the House.

J. B. ESNARD,
Chairman Committee on Railways;
J. H. McVEAN,
P. JONES YORKE,
FRANK MOREY,
T. B. W. EVANS,
HENRY L. REY.

I concur in the above report, except that I wish inserted as a proviso at the end of section two, as follows, viz:

"Provided, however, that before constructing said railroad through the streets of the city of New Orleans the consent of the Municipal Council of said city shall first be obtained authorizing the same."

AMOS KENT.

On motion of Mr. McVean, of Caddo, the bill was postponed until two o'clock in Committee of the Whole.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Buckingham, of Morehouse:

An act to amend an act entitled an act and the amendment thereto concerning the town of Bastrop, in the parish of Morehouse.

By Mr. Belot, of Orleans:

An act relative to the collection of municipal taxes and other debts due the city of New Orleans.

By Mr. Belot, of Orleans:

An act to adapt the laws enforcing the collection of municipal taxes in the city of New Orleans to the present organization of the courts in the parish of Orleans and to regulate the collection of said taxes.

By Mr. Carr, of Orleans, an act in relation to the electors of President and Vice-President of the United States for the State of Louisiana.

By Mr. Demarest, of St. Mary:

An act repealing an act supplementary to the several acts relating to the town of Franklin, in the parish of St. Mary, and fixing the salary and compensation of the Mayor and Councilmen of said town.

By Mr. Brewster, of Ouachita:

An act to provide for the indenture of minors guilty of any crime the penalty of which is other than capital punishment.

By Mr. Carr, of Orleans:

A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to appoint an Assistant Librarian and Clerk.

Under a suspension of the rules, the following bills passed their first and second readings:

By Mr. Campbell, of Orleans:

House bill No. 94, an act to amend article 198 of the Civil Code.

By Mr. Lott, of Rapides:

House bill No. 93, an act to repeal the ninety-fifth article of the Civil Code of the State of Louisiana.

Both bills referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Wren, of Bossier:

House bill No. 92, an act to remove the steam cars from the levee in front of the city.

Mr. Noble, of Orleans, offered the following amendment:

I move to insert after the word "city," "or within the corporate limits of the city of New Orleans except authorized by special act of the General Assembly."

The bill and amendment referred to the Committee on Railways.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

By R. H. Isabelle, of Orleans:

Joint resolution No. 23, relative to the recounting of the votes, placed on its third reading and final passage.

Mr. Pratt, of Claiborne, called for the yeas and nays on the final passage of the joint resolution, which resulted as follows:

Yeas: Alexander, Antoine, Adolphe, Belot, Burrel, Calhoun, Carr, Cuney, Deslonde, Dufresne, Dupart, Evans, Esnard, Garstkamp, Guidry, Hill, Honore, Hutchinson, Holland, Isabelle, Lee, Leroy, Lott, Morris, Mollere, McVean, Murrell, Melvin, Mansion, Moran, Mathews, Pearce, Page, Raymond, Rey, Sterrett, Taylor, Tureaud, Washington, Wren, Umphreys, H. Williams, Yorke, D. Young,—45.

Nays: Abbot, Bennett, Buckingham, Brewster, DeGrange, Demarest, Eager, Faulkner, Fouts, Haskell, May, Noole, Pratt, Pierce, Slaton, Wilson, Waters—17.

The joint resolution was adopted and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

House bill No. 54 being under consideration, Mr. Carr moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until Monday at two o'clock P. M.

Carried.

Mr. Faulkner called up House bill No. 66.

Mr. Carr, of Orleans, moved that the bill be considered, engrossed, and placed on its third reading.

Mr. Antoine, of Orleans, moved that the bill be made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

Motion laid on the table.

Mr. Demarest, of St. Mary, moved to recommit the bill.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Carr, of Orleans, the bill was considered engrossed by the following rising vote:

Yeas 33, nays 28.

At this point the hour having arrived for the consideration of House bill No. 56, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, in the chair.

The Clerk proceeded to read the amendments in their order.

Section first was read and recommended for adoption.

Section second was read, and the amendments recommended for adoption.

Item First—Mr. De Grange, of Orleans, offered the following amendment:

In the seventy-eighth line, after the word "thereon," insert "and under such regulations as the General Assembly may from time to time enact in regard to the manner and mode of running the cars, including the regulations at the depots, the means of locomotion, such as steam, or horse, or mule power, such as may be deemed necessary for the safety of the public or the convenience of commerce within the corporate limits of the city."

The amendment was rejected.

Item first was recommended for adoption.

Items second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth were read, and recommended for adoption.

Section third was read.

Speaker C. W. Lowell, of Caddo, offered the following amendments:

In the twenty-fifth line, after the word "her," insert "tutor or."

In the thirtieth line, after the word "administrator," insert the word "tutor."

In fortieth line, after the word "administrator," insert "tutor."

In forty-seventh line, after "administrator" insert the word "tutor."

The amendments were adopted.

Section third, as amended, was recommended for adoption.

Mr. McMillen moved that the committee rise and report progress.

Carried.

The Speaker resumed his seat.

The Chairman of the committee reported that he was instructed to report progress, and asked for further time.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, moved that the House go into Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of House bill No. 56, to-morrow at one o'clock P. M.

Carried.

House bill No. 66 was taken up.

Mr. Belot, of Orleans, moved to adjourn until to-morrow at twelve o'clock M.

Carried.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow at twelve o'clock M.

WILLIAM VIGERS,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM OF 1868.

1. The President elect shall declare reconstruction null and void.
2. He shall compel the army to disperse the Legislatures of the reconstructed States.
3. New Legislatures shall be elected by white men.
4. New Congressmen shall be elected.
5. Congress shall be compelled to accept the new members.

Notwithstanding the letter by General Hancock, heartily indorsing the Democratic nominations, it is affirmed that before he left Washington he freely expressed his disgust, and charged his own defeat upon the trickery of Seymour. One of his principal staff officers when asked after the convention how he liked the ticket, responded: "What uniform do you suppose I wear? Do you think I have begun to wear gray?"

"Agate," the well-posted correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette*, makes a careful review of the Congressional districts of Indiana, and sums up by saying that nine districts are certainly Republican, one certainly Democratic, and one probably Republican, but close enough to be doubtful.