Senate bill No. six, an act abolishing the office of Parish Recorder, was read.

On motion of Mr. Ray the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

House bill No. 26, making a new division of the State into five Congressional districts, was read.

Mr. Blackman moved to adjourn.

The motion of Mr. Blackman was lost.

On motion of Mr. Ray the bill was made the special order of the day on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Beares the Senate adjourned by a rising vote of 10 yeas to 7 nays.

C. H. MERRITT,
Sec'y of the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thirty-Sixth Day's Session.

SATURDAY, August 8, 1868.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Lowell in the chair.

The roll being called, fifty-two members answered to their names:

Speaker Lowell, Abbot, Antoine, Adolphe, Bennett, Buckingham, Belot, Barbee, Burrel, Collins, Calhoun, Cuney, Deslonde, Dufresne, Dupart, Faulkner, Guigonet, Gair, Garstkamp, Guidry, Hill, Haskell, Hutchinson, Holland, Hall, Heidenhain, Isabelle, Kent, Le Blanc, Lee, Leroy, Landers, Mollere, Mahier, Murrell, Mansion, Morey, Morand, Pearce, Page, Pierce, Raymond, Rey, Slaton, Sterrett, Tureaud, Umphreys, Walsh, Wren, William C. Williams, H. Williams—52.

Prayer by Chaplain Kingston.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of East Feliciana, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Deslonde, of Iberville, offered the following resolution agreeably to a resolution reported by the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the late House of Representatives, and adopted March 22, 1867:

Resolved by the House, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same to be paid to Mrs. McQuaid for a full length portrait of General George Washington upon the delivery of the same to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

The resolution lies over under the rules.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Militia submitted the following report, which was received and accepted.

ROOM OF COMMITTEE ON MILITIA,
House of Representatives, State of Louisiana,
New Orleans, August 7, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned members of the Committee on Militia, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined House bill No. 109, introduced by the Hon. J. B. Esnard, of St. Mary's parish, and report favorably on the same, and recommend its immediate passage.

JAMES. S. MATTHEWS,
Chairman;
FRANK ALEXANDER,
EDWARD S. WILSON,
JOHN PEARCE.

Mr. Mollere, of Assumption, offered the following amendment to bill No. 109, to be inserted after section first:

Except on the holy days known as Corpus Christi, it is customary for certain religious denominations to have a company of men to perform their ceremonies with arms, and said companies to be composed only of thirty men, to perform the said ceremony.

On motion, the above amendment was adopted.

Mr. Noble, of Orleans, submitted the following minority report or recommendation:

On behalf of the committee I recommend the bill be considered in committee of the whole at the same time with the proposed militia law.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, moved for the previous question. Main question ordered.

Consideration of bill No. 109 in Committee of the Whole as recommended in the minority report was lost.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, moved that bill No. 109 be passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Noble called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Abbot, Alexander, Adolphe, Belot, Brewster, Burrel, Collins, Calhoun, Carr, Cuney, Deslonde, Dewees, Dufresne, Demarest, Dupart, Evans, Esnard, Faulkner, Guigonet, Gair, Garstkamp, Guidry, Hill, Honore, Harper, Hall, Heidenhain, Isabelle, Kent, Le Blanc, LeRoy, Lott, Mollere, Mahier, McMillen, McVean, Melvin, Murrell, Mansion, Mercy, Morano, Mathews, Pierce, Page, Raymond, Reese, Rey, Smith, Tureaud, Umphreys, Walsh, Washington, Wren, Wilson, Wm. C. Williams, H. Williams, Yorke, D. Young—59.

Nays: Bennett, Buckingham, Barbee, DeGrange, Eager, Haskell, Hanlon, Landers, McCullen, Magee, Noble, Pearce, Zoelly—13.

The bill having passed to be engrossed, Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, moved to place the bill on its third reading and final passage.

Yeas and nays called and ordered, resulting as follows:

Yeas: Abbot, Alexander, Adolphe, Brewster, Burrel, Carr, Dewees, Dufresne, Dupart, Evans, Esnard, Guigonet, Gair, Garstkamp, Guidry, Hill, Honore, Harper, Hall, Heidenhain, Isabelle, Le Blanc, Leroy, Landers, Mollere, Mahier, McVean, Murrell, Morey, Morand, Mathews, Pearce, Page, Raymond, Reese, Rey, Smith, Sterrett, Tureaud, Umphreys, Walsh, Washington, Wilson, William C. Williams, H. Williams, Yorke, D. Young—47 yeas.

Nays: Bennett, Buckingham, De Grange, Eager, Kent, McCullen, Magee, Noble, Pierce, Waters, Zoelly—11 nays.

The bill was then adopted by its title, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT,
House of Representatives,
New Orleans, August 8, 1868.

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

Your Committee on Enrollment respectfully report the following joint resolution was duly enrolled, and delivered to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to wit:

Joint resolution authorizing a joint committee of both houses on elections to appoint one or more clerks or messengers.

And also duly engrossed:

1. An act relative to the Supreme Court, and to regulate the term thereof, the proceedings therein, appeals thereto, and process against sureties on appeal bond.

2. Joint resolution appropriating exclusively the balance of $150,000 for the payment of members and officers of the General Assembly.

3. An act authorizing the State Auditor to appoint two clerks and messengers.

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. BREWSTER,
Chairman Committee on Enrollment.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Pierce, of Livingston:

An act to amend article No. 304 of the Code of Practice.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Heidenhain, of Orleans:

House bill No. 130.

By Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard:

House bill No. 127.

By Mr. Hill, of Ascension:

House bill No. 128.

By Mr. Morris, of Ascension:

House bill No. 129.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

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

Senate bill No. 12;
Senate bill No. 31;
Senate bill No. 42;
Senate bill No. 55.

Also informing the House that the Senate had concurred in House bill No. 109.

ORDER OF THE DAY—UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

House bill No. 8, an act relative to notaries public, being under consideration at the time of the adjournment was taken up.

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

An act relative to Notaries Public.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, Any male citizen of the State may exercise the profession of notary public in and for the parish of his residence, upon filing in the Auditor's office a certificate of examination and competency from the Supreme Court, and bond according to existing laws.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Governor shall appoint one of the notaries for the parish of Orleans to be Parish Notary and custodian of notarial records. In addition to the other duties and powers conferred upon notaries public, such notary shall be the notary of the State of Louisiana and of the city of New Orleans, before whom shall be passed and executed all contracts, agreements, acts of sale and purchase, and all other authentic acts in which the State of Louisiana, the parish of Orleans, and the city of New Orleans may be a party, or have any interest, and also shall have the charge and possession of the records of all notaries in the parish of Orleans who shall have ceased to be such, either by death, removal, or otherwise.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said Parish Notary and custodian of notarial records shall collect together and safely keep in his possession the records of all notaries in the parish of Orleans who shall have ceased or may hereafter cease to be such, either by death, removal, or otherwise.

Mr. Walsh, of De Soto, moved that the further consideration of the bill and substitute be postponed until Wednesday next, and made the special order of the day for one o'clock P. M.

Carried, and 150 copies of the substitute ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dewees, of Bienville, called up House bill No. 56.

Mr. Isabelle, of Orleans, moved to dispense with the reading of the bill in detail.

Carried.

Mr. Kent, of St. Helena, offered the following amendment:

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.

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

Yeas and nays were demanded and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Alexander, Adolphe, Belot, Burrel, Carr, Cuney, Deslonde, Dufresne, Dupart, Evans, Guidry, Harper, Isabelle, LeBlanc, Leroy, Mahier, McVean, Murrell, Morey, Page, Reese, Rey, Smith, Tureaud, Umphreys, William C. Williams—26.

Nays: Abbot, Bennett, Buckingham, Brewster, Dewees, DeGrange, Garstkamp, Haskell, Kent, Landers, Mollere, McCullen, McMillen, Magee, Noble, Pearce, Pierce, Sterrett, Washington, Waters, Yorke, D. Young, Heidenhain, Zoelly—24.

There being no quorum voting, Mr. Young, of Concordia, moved to adjourn until Monday, at twelve o'clock M.

Lost.

A call of the House was demanded, fifty-four members answering to their names.

There being a quorum present, the amendment of Mr. Kent, of St. Helena, was laid on the table by the following vote:

Yeas: Alexander, Adolphe, Belot, Burrel, Carr, Cuney, Deslonde, Dufresne, Dupart, Evans, Guigonet, Gair, Gray, Guidry, Harper, Hall, Isabelle, LeBlanc, Mahier, McVean, Murrell, Mansion, Morey, Page, Raymond, Reese, Rey, Smith, Tureaud, Umphreys, Wm. C. Williams, H. Williams—32.

Nays: Abbot, Bennett, Buckingham, Brewster, Dewees, De Grange, Garstkamp, Haskell, Heidenhain, Kent, Landers, Mollere, McCullen, McMillen, Morand, Magee, Noble, Pearce, Sterrett, Washington, Waters, Yorke, D. Young, Zoelly—24.

There being a quorum present, the House on motion of Mr. Burrel, of St. John Baptist, adjourned until Monday at twelve o'clock M.

WM. VIGERS,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Thirty-Seventh Day's Session.

MONDAY, August 10, 1868.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Lowell in the chair.

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

Speaker Lowell, Abbot, Alexander, Antoine, Adolphe, Bennett, Buckingham, Brewster, Barbee, Burrel, Collins, Cuney, Deslonde, Dewees, Dufresne, Demarest, Dupart, Evans, Eager, Esnard, Faulkner, Guigonet, Gair, Garstkamp, Guidry, Hill, Haskell, Honore, Hutchinson, Holland, Hall, Heidenhain, LeBlanc, Leroy, Lott, Landers, Mollere, Mahier, Murrel, Melvin, Mansion, Morey, Morand, May, Matthews, Magee, Noble, Pearce, Page, Raymond, Reese, Rey, Slaton, Sterrett, Tureaud, Umphreys, Walsh, Washington, Wren, H. Williams, N. Young, Yorke, Zoelly—64.

Prayer by Chaplain Kingston.

On motion of Mr. Lott, of Rapides, his vote was recorded in favor of the passage of House bill No. 109.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Faulkner of Caldwell:

An act relative to draining certain portions of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. DeGrange, of Orleans, under a suspension of the rules:

House bill No. 132, an act to incorporate Savings and Pawners Bank of New Orleans.

First and second readings, and referred to the Committe on Corporations.

By Mr. Pierce, of Livingston, under a suspension of the rules:

House bill No. 136, an act to amend article No. 304 of the code of practice, first reading.

By Mr. Carr, of Orleans, under a suspension of the rules:

House bill No. 135, an act fixing the compensation of the Recorder of Mortgages for the parish of Orleans, first reading.

By Mr. Garstkamp, of Jefferson:

House bill No. 133, an act to authorize all persons to open and keep open at all business hours of the day private markets, stores, and stands for the sale of fresh meats, fish, game, and poultry on public license throughout the State of Louisiana, excepting the parish of Orleans, first reading.

The Committee on Ways and Means, through its chairman, Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard, asked permission at this stage of the proceedings to report a bill entitled an act to regulate and define the duties and stipulate the jurisdiction and emoluments of Coroners.

Granted.

Bill read, and on motion of Mr. Faulkner, of Caldwell, 150 copies of the bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, moved to suspend the rules in order to authorize the Committee on Ways and Means to retire to their committee room and to report back immediately the substitute to House bill No. 15.

Carried.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

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

Senate bill No. 35.

Senate bill No. 74.

Also informing the House that the Senate had concurred in House bill No. 66.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
State of Louisiana,
New Orleans, August 10, 1868.

To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I am instructed by his Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has approved and signed "An act fixing the compensation, and providing for the paying of the officers and employes of the General Assembly.

F. C. REMICK,
Private Secretary.

ORDER OF THE DAY—UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The amendment of Mr. De Grange, of Orleans, to House bill No. 56, being under consideration at the time of the adjournment, was taken up.

Mr. Carr, of Orleans, moved to lay on the table the amendment of Mr. De Grange.

Carried.

Mr. May, of Orleans, moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Corporation.

The Chair decided the motion out of order.

Mr. May, of Orleans, moved that the bill be referred back to the Committee of the Whole.

Declared out of order.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, moved that the bill be placed on its third reading and final passage, and called for the previous question.

Main question ordered.

The bill was placed on its third reading, final passage, adopted by its title, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, reported in accordance with instructions of the House, substitute for House bill No. 15 without amendments.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, moved that the substitute for House bill No. 15 be considered engrossed and placed upon its third reading and final passage.

Lost.

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

In the thirteenth line, after the word "the" insert the following, which was adopted: "Governor, Mayor, Treasurer, Controller, Chairmen of Finance Committees of three members from the House and two from the Senate."

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

Section third, sixth line, after the word "indebtedness" insert "bearing seven per cent interest per annum."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, moved that the rules be suspended to take up the following Senate bills:

Senate bill No. 31;
Senate bill No. 42;
Senate bill No. 55.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, moved that Senate bill No. 31 be placed on its first and second readings, and that it be made the special order of the day for Wednesday at two o'clock P. M., and that 150 copies of the bill be printed.

The rules were suspended, the bill passed its first and second readings and made the special order of the day.

Mr. DeGrange, of Orleans, moved that the House bill on registration be taken up at the same time.

Carried.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, moved to suspend the rules to take up Senate bill No. 42, that it be placed on its first and second readings and made the special order of the day for Wednesday at one o'clock P. M., and 150 copies be printed.

Rules suspended, the bill passed its first and second readings, and made the special order of the day.

Under a suspension of the rules on motion of Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, Senate bill No. 55 was placed on its first and second readings, made the special order of the day for Thursday at one o'clock P. M., and 150 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Carr, of Orleans, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Harper, of St. Charles, in the chair.

House bills Nos. 18 and 23 being under consideration,

Mr. Lowell, of Caddo, moved that the bills be read section by section.

Carried.

Section first was read.

Mr. Dewees, of Bienville, offered the following substitute:

After the word "that" in the fourth line insert "the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson;" striking out the "fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth lines;" in the seventeenth line, after the word "Orleans," insert "and Jefferson."

The substitute was recommended for adoption.

Section second was read with the following amendment:

In eighth line after the word "by" insert "five."

The second section as amended was recommended for adoption.

Section third was read and recommended for adoption.

Section fourth was read.

Mr. Dewees offered the following substitute for section fourth:

After the word "enacted" insert, "that within the three days next succeeding the day which this act shall become a law, the two Houses of the General Assembly shall meet in joint session and proceed to elect the Commissioners provided for in this act, one of said Commissioners to hold office until the third Monday in January, 1874; one until the third Monday in January, 1873; one until the third Monday in January, 1872; one until the third Monday in January, 1871, and one until the third Monday in January, 1870."

Substitute was recommended for adoption.

Section five was read and recommended for adoption.

Section six was read and recommended for adoption, with the following amendment:

In sixth line strike out the word "eight" and insert "five."

Section seven was read.

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

In second line after the word "that" insert "the," strike out the word "to" and insert "shall."

Third line after the word "as" insert "that provided for."

Fourth line strike out "to" and insert "and that it."

Sixth line strike out the word "appointment" and insert "election."

Seventh line strike out "being in" and insert "the."

Ninth line strike out "appointed" and insert "elected."

The amendments were accepted, and the section as amended recommended for adoption.

Mr. Washington, of Assumption, moved that the committee rise and report progress.

Carried.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

The committee, through its chairman, reported progress and permission to sit again.

There being no quorum present the House on motion of Mr. Carr, of Orleans, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock A. M.

WILLIAM VIGERS,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Thirty-Eighth Day's Session.

TUESDAY, August 11, 1868.

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

The roll being called, forty-six members answered to their names.

Speaker Lowell, Abbot, Alexander, Antoine, Adolphe, Bennett, Buckingham, Belot, Brewster, Barbee, Burrel, Bergeron, Collins, Calhoun, Deslonde, Dewees, Dufresne, Dupart, Evans, Garstkamp, Hill, Haskell, Honore, Hutchinson, Isabelle, Kent, Le Blanc, Lott, Landers, Mahier, Mansion, Morey, May, Magee, Pearce, Raymond, Rey, Slaton, Sterrett, Tureaud, Walsh, Washington, Waters, Yorke, D. Young, Zoelly—46.

No quorum.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Mr. Rey of Orleans, the House took a recess of half an hour, at the expiration of which the roll was called and fifty-five members answered to their names:

Speaker Lowell, Abbot, Alexander, Antoine, Adolphe, Bennett, Buckingham, Belot, Brewster, Barbee, Burrel, Bergeron, Calhoun, Deslonde, Dewees, Demarest, Dupart, Evans, Faulkner, Guigonet, Garstkamp, Gray, Guidry, Hill, Haskell, Honore, Harper, Hutchinson, Kent, Le Blanc, Lott, Landers, Mollere, McCullen, McMillen, McVean, Melvin, Mansion, Morey, May, Matthews, McGee, Noble, Page, Raymond, Rey, Slaton, Sterrett, Tureaud, Washington, Wren, H. Williams, Yorke, D. Young, Zoelly—55.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Gould.

On motion of Mr. Gray, of St. James, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

The Speaker expressed his desire before signing bill No. 66 to have entered upon the journal the following protest, which on motion of Mr. Kent, of St. Helena, was so ordered.

I desire to place upon the journal of the House my objections to House bill No. 66, entitled an act to increase the revenues of the State, and to authorize the incorporation and establishment of the Louisiana State Lottery company, and to repeal certain acts now in force.

The bill legalizes and sanctions what I consider a great wrong, fosters immorality and vice, and encourages crime; lotteries never being productive of any good, but always conducive to evil, robbing the poor by their seductive charms and infatuations.

This bill creates a monstrous monopoly without any safeguard or assurance that it will not be abused immeasurably. If a lottery is to be established by law there should be a board of control to examine and supervise the conduct of the same. By the provisions of this bill a wholesale robbery can be committed without restriction.

The House passed the bill when there was no quorum present in the bar of the House, undertaking themselves to adjudge what a quorum consisted of, when the constitution expressly states that a majority of the members of the House shall be necessary for a quorum; and the same constitution says that the House of Representatives shall be composed of 101 members.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Page, of Jefferson, presented a petition of Sister Angelica, Directress of the St. Elizabeth's Asylum, praying for relief.

The petition was read, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Harper, of St. Charles, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted on a rising vote of 49 yeas to 5 nays:

Resolved 1. That all clerks and pages of standing committees of this House are hereby discharged from further service as such, except the clerks of the Committee on Enrollment, the number of which may be increased to fifteen by selection from among the discharged clerks of other committees. The chairman of any committee needing a clerk at any time shall apply to the clerk of the House, who shall detail one from among the enrolling clerks.

2. The clerk of the House shall appoint three additional pages for the House, who, as well as the nine now employed shall be detailed, or as many of them as may be necessary by the clerk, one for each committee room both inside and outside of the building, and each page so detailed shall be intructed to act as page for the several committees occupying said committee rooms during the usual hour of attendance, except during the session of the House when they shall be in attendance on the floor of the House.

3. No resolution or motion by which the number of clerks or pages shall be again increased shall be of any effect, except it is agreed to by four-fifths of this House.

4. This resolution shall take effect from and after the fifteenth day of August, 1863.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, moved to reconsider the vote last taken.

Mr. Brewster, of Ouachita, moved to lay the motion on the table.

Carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Enrollment made the following reports, which were received and accepted:

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT,
House of Representatives,
New Orleans, August 11, 1868.

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

Your Committee on Enrollment respectfully report as duly enrolled, viz:

An act to increase the revenues of the State, and for the incorporation of the "Louisiana State Lottery Company," and to repeal certain acts now in force.

And also as duly engrossed the following bills, viz:

An act to provide for the collection of taxes in the city of New Orleans, and to suspend the further issue of city notes.

An act to define and regulate the duties and stipulate the jurisdiction and emoluments of Coroners.

Respectfully submitted.

O. H. BREWSTER,
Chairman Committee on Enrollment.

ENROLLMENT ROOMS,
House of Representatives,
New Orleans, August 11, 1868.

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

Your Committee on Enrollment respectfully report that the following bill has been duly enrolled, to wit:

A joint resolution appropriating exclusively the balance of $150,000 for the payment of the members, officers, and employes of the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. BREWSTER,
Chairman Committee Enrollment.

ORDER OF THE DAY—UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Carr, of Orleans, moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of House bills Nos. 18 and 23.

Carried.

Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard, was called to the chair.

After some discussion Mr. Lowell, of Caddo, moved that the committee rise and report progress, and recommend the appointment of a joint committee of six from the House and three from the Senate to take into consideration all the police bills before the General Assembly.

Carried.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

The committee, through their chairman, submitted their report, which was received.

Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard, under a suspension of the rules, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of six be appointed by the Speaker to act in concert with a committee from the Senate, to report so soon as may be a bill to establish a metropolitan police district, etc.

And further resolved, And the Senate be forthwith requested to appoint a committee for such purpose.

The Speaker appointed the following committee to act with the Senate committee for the consideration of the police bills: Messrs. Lee, of St. Bernard; Isabelle, of Orleans; De Grange, of Orleans; Carr, of Orleans; Evans, of Jefferson; Kent, of St. Helena; Dewees, of Bienville.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Secretary of the Senate was announced, asking concurrence in Senate bill No. 19.

Also that the Senate had concurred in House bill No. 126.

Also that the Senate had concurred in House bill No. 89, with amendments.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, moved that the House concur in the first, second, and third amendments of the Senate.

Carried, and concurred in.

The sixth section as amended by the Senate was read.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, moved that the House refuse to concur in the amendment, and adhere to its own section as adopted by the House.

The House refused to concur in the amendment.

Sections eighth and ninth as amended by the Senate were concurred in.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, moved that a message be sent to the Senate announcing that the House had concurred in all the amendments, with the exception of the sixth section, which the House refused to concur in, and that the House adhered to the said sixth section as originally sent to the Senate.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

House bill No. 20 as amended was placed on its third reading and final passage, adopted by its title, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The bill is as follows:

An act to regulate the practice and the dispatch of business in the District Courts of Louisiana.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That except the First and Second District Courts, the District Courts of New Orleans shall be opened at ten o'clock A. M., and shall remain open until three o'clock P. M. on all legal days except from Christmas to the second of January, from the first Monday of November to the fourth of July: Provided, That when all the business of the day is concluded said Courts may adjourn before three o'clock.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That six cases and no more, except promissory note cases, shall be fixed for each day, and no case not taken up in its turn shall be continued nor witnesses discharged by the Judge before three o'clock.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That no case shall be continued over to a particular day in preference to cases fixed for that day; but if not concluded on the day of trial it shall be continued in its order for that day two weeks. Cases may be continued to any day, to be taken up after the cases fixed for that day. Jury cases shall not be governed by this section.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That all cases when continued shall be placed at the foot of the docket, except such as may not be reached or concluded on the day fixed for trial for want of time.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That when a case is at issue either party shall have the right, upon suggesting to the Court that he fears that he may be deprived of the testimony of his witnesses by delay, death, or other accident, to obtain upon motion an order of Court to have the testimony of said witnesses reduced to writing by the Clerk, after notice to the opposite party, reserving to each party the right to except to any questions, and such exceptions shall be written out with the testimony and inclosed in brackets, and the testimony and exceptions thus taken shall be argued and used on the trial.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That judges shall not allow counsel to consume time unnecessarily, when the question is plain and they are satisfied that there is no need of further argument or authority.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That cases shall be tried in their order. There shall be no preference cases, except State and city cases, promissory note cases, and injunction cases against executory process and writs of fieri facias, which shall be placed as soon as they are at issue on one trial or call docket, to be called the summary docket, and shall be called in their order. All other cases shall be placed as soon as at issue on another trial or call docket, to be called the ordinary docket, and shall be called in their order. Clerks shall not fix nor refix cases without calling them in a loud and audible voice. Any clerk, or deputy clerk, who shall violate the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction, by a rule taken by any one interested before the judge of the court, be fined fifty dollars for the first offense, to be paid to the plaintiff in rule, and for the second offense he shall be suspended from office by the judge.

Substitute for House bill No. 15 was placed on its third reading.

Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, offered the following amendment:

In the sixth line, section three, strike out the word "seven" and insert "seven and three-tenths."

Adopted.

The substitute as amended was placed on its third reading and final passage.

Yeas and nays called and ordered, resulting as follows:

Yeas: Antoine, Buckingham, Belot, Calhoun, Cuney, Dewees, Dufresne, De Grange, Dupart, Evans, Faulkner, Gair, Hill, Honore, Harper, Hutchinson, Holland, Hall, Isabelle, Kent, LeBlanc, Lee, Lott, Mahier, McMillen, McVean, Morey, Morand, Magee, Pearce, Page, Raymond, Reese, Rey, Slaton, Smith, Sterrett, Tureaud, Umphreys, H. Williams—40.

Nays: Bennett, Brewster, Bergeron, Collins, Deslonde, Demarest, Eager, Garstkamp, Guidry, Haskell, Hanlon, Landers, Mollere, McCullen, Murrell, Melvin, Noble, Pierce, Walsh, Washington, Wilson, Waters, D. Young, Zoelly—24.

The following substitute was adopted by its title and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence:

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 and licenses due the city for the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, and that for such taxes, licenses, and dues, 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 custody of the city. Such destruction shall be witnessed by the Governor, Mayor, Treasurer, Controller, chairmen of the Finance Committees, three from the House of Representatives and two from the Senate, and shall by them be set forth by process 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 bearing seven three-tenths per cent interest per annum in such sums and to such amounts as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the corporation until such times 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.

Communication from the Senate was received:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOUISIANA,
Senate Chamber,
New Orleans, August 11, 1868.

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

The Senate has by resolution adhered to its amendment to House bill No. 89, in which the House has refused to concur, and requests that a committee of conference of three members on the part of your body be appointed to meet a similar committee from the Senate to consult upon the matter.

The Senate committee is as follows:

Messrs. Ray, Bacon, and Monette.

CHAS. H. MERRITT,
Secretary of Senate.

The Speaker appointed on the part of the House Messrs. McMillen, Noble, Holland, committee on conference.

And notice to that effect ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Under a suspension of the rules Senate bill No. 35 was placed on its first reading.

Referred to the Committee on Railways, and 150 copies ordered to be printed.

Senate bill No. 68 was placed on its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

Senate bill No. 12.
Senate bill No. 68.
Senate bill No. 92.
Senate bill No. 19.

Was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Levees.

One hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed.

Senate bill No. 74.

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BILLS ON THEIR SECOND READING.

By Mr. Reese, of Lafourche:

House bill No. 76.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Carr, of Orleans, moved to lay the motion on the table.

Yeas and nays demanded, resulting as follows:

Yeas: Alexander, Antoine, Adolphe, Buckingham, Brewster, Burrel, Collins, Calhoun, Carr, Deslonde, Dewees, Dufresne, De Grange, Demarest, Dupart, Faulkner, Gair, Garstkamp, Guidry, Hill, Haskell, Hanlon, Hutchinson, Holland, Hall, Isabelle, LeBlanc, Lott, Landers, Mollere, Mahier, McVean, Murrel, Mansion, Morey, Magee, Noble, Pearce, Reese, Rey, Slaton, Sterrett, Tureaud, Umphreys, Walsh, Washington, D. Young, Zoelly—48.

Nays: Bennett, Belot, Honore, Harper, Kent, McMillen, Morand, Raymond, Smith, Wilson, H. Williams—11.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Raymond, of Jefferson:

House bill No. 77.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard:

House bill No. 79.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McMillen, of Carroll:

House bill No. 80.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Collins, of Orleans:

House bill No. 81.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Yorke, of Carroll:

House bill No. 84.

Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Morey, of Ouachita:

House bill No. 85.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Morand, of Plaquemines:

House bill No. 87.

Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

By Mr. Morey, of Ouachita:

House bill No. 83.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary—150 copies ordered to be printed.

By Mr. Walsh, of De Soto:

House bill No. 88.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Brewster, of Ouachita:

House bill No. 96.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Mollere, of Assumption:

House bill No. 98.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Buckingham, of Morehouse:

House bill No. 99.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Leroy, of Natchitoches:

House bill No. 100.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Substitute for House bill No. 63.

Placed on the calendar for third reading.

By Mr. Carr, of Orleans:

House bill No. 115.

Referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

By Mr. Garstkamp, of Jefferson:

House bill No. 118.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Reese, of Lafourche:

House bill No. 119.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Wren, of Bossier:

House bill No. 122.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Calhoun, of Rapides:

House bill No. 125.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

By Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard:

House bill No. 127.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Hill, of Ascension:

House bill No. 128.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

By Mr. Morris, of Ascension:

House bill No. 129.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Heidenhain, of Orleans:

House bill No. 130.

Laid on the table on motion of Mr. Morey, of Ouachita.

There being no quorum present the House, on motion of Mr. Morey, of Ouachita, adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

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