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Fifteenth Day—Evening Session. FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1870. The time of recess having expired, the Senate was called to order at seven P. M., by Lieutenant Governor Dunn, President of the Senate. Present, the following Senators, viz:

Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Bacon, Beares, Blackburn, Brangan, Campbell, Coupland, Darrall, Day, Egan, Foute, Futch, Jenks, Jewell, Kelo, Lewis, Lynch, Monette, Ogden, O'Hara, Packard, Pinchback, Poindeux, Ray, Smith, Thompson, Todd, Wittegenstein, Wilcox, Williams, Wittgenstein—23.

Mr. Whitney rose to a personal explanation, and stated that his reason for voting "no" on the order of judgment of the Court of Impeachment was because said judgment contained a clause disqualifying Mr. Wickliffe from holding office.

The Senate then resumed business under Mr. Packard's resolution giving each Senator, on an alphabetical call of the roll, the privilege of calling up a bill.

Mr. Smith's was then called, who called up House bill No. 154, "To amend and reenact an act entitled an act to repeal all laws and parts of laws creating draining districts in certain portions of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, and providing the mode and means for draining the same, and to provide for the disposition of the property belonging to the said draining districts, and for collecting the taxes," etc.

Mr. Ray moved to refer this bill and all bills on the subject of drainage to a special committee of five, to be composed of Senators from the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, to report a suitable bill at the next sitting of the General Assembly, which motion was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas: Antoine, Beares, Campbell, Coupland, Darrall, Jenks, Kelo, Lewis, O'Hara, Packard, Poindeux, Todd, Whitney, Wilcox, Williams, Wittgenstein—15. Nays: Blackburn, Bacon, Brangan, Day, Egan, Jewell, Lynch, Ray, Todd—10.

Mr. Blackman moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until twelve o'clock to-night, which motion was laid on the table by the following vote: Yeas: Antoine, Beares, Coupland, Jenks, Lewis, Monette, Packard, Pinchback, Poindeux, Smith, Thompson, Todd, Wittegenstein—14.

Mr. Packard moved to indefinitely postpone the consideration of this bill, which was lost by the following vote: Yeas: Bacon, Brangan, Campbell, Day, Egan, Jewell, Kelo, Lynch, Packard, Poindeux, Smith, Thompson, Todd, Wittegenstein—15.

Mr. Wittgenstein's name was then called, and he called up House bill No. 47, "To regulate public education in the State of Louisiana," etc., and ordered read section by section, with the amendments of the committee.

Section one was read. The following substitute of the committee for section one was read, as follows: That the common schools of the State, and such High and Normal Schools as may be established and maintained by the State, shall be under the management of a State Board of Education, which shall consist of the Superintendent of Public Education and of six members, to be appointed as is hereinafter provided.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted. The next amendment of the committee was read as follows: That section one of the House bill be section two.

Section two of the House bill was read. The amendment of the committee was read, as follows: To amend section two of House bill, by striking out, in lines four, five and six, all after the word "shall" to the word "appear," and in line twenty-one to strike out the word "and" and insert the word "each," and in lines twenty-seven and twenty-eight to strike out all after the word "upon," and insert the words "his own warrant"; and that section two of the House bill, so amended, be section three.

Mr. Campbell, on behalf of the committee, presented the following majority and minority reports, which were read: MAJORITY REPORT. The undersigned, a majority of the committee on Education, concur in all the amendments proposed by the committee, as presented by the chairman of said committee.

The undersigned, minority of the committee on Public Education, do not concur in the recommendation of the majority of the committee, to strike out the words in the fourth and fifth lines of section two.

Mr. O'Hara moved to adopt the minority report. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Blackman moved to postpone further consideration of the bill, and lay it on the table subject to call.

Which was lost by the following vote: Yeas: Blackburn, Brangan, Bacon, Egan, Futch, Jewell, Jenks, Ray, Thompson—9. Nays: Anderson, Antoine, Campbell, Coupland, Darrall, Foute, Kelo, Lewis, O'Hara, Packard, Poindeux, Smith, Todd, Wittegenstein, Wilcox, Williams—20.

Mr. Blackman moved to postpone the bill until twelve o'clock. Which motion the President decided out of order. The motion recurring on the adoption of the minority report, it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Anderson, Antoine, Campbell, Darrall, Foute, Kelo, Lewis, Monette, O'Hara, Packard, Pinchback, Smith, Todd, Wittegenstein, Wilcox, Williams—17. Nays: Blackburn, Brangan, Bacon, Coupland, Darrall, Foute, Jenks, Kelo, Lynch, Packard, Poindeux, Ray, Thompson—12.

all persons who have drafted bills for the present session of the General Assembly. Mr. Anderson moved to lay all the subject matter on the table. Adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, March 3, 1870. To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate: GENTLEMEN—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House has passed over the Governor's veto, "An act to incorporate Arkansas and Red River Railroad Company," by a vote of yeas, 65; nays, 10—two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative.

It is proposed to run this railroad from the mouth of Red river, northward to the Arkansas State line, between the Onatchita and Mississippi rivers. In reference to the map of the route, it is the opinion of the transportation for the inhabitants of that section of the State, are, perhaps, the best of any in the State. The distance from a point near the mouth of the Onatchita and Mississippi rivers is nowhere greater than twenty miles, while the Bayou, Bayou Macon, Bayou Boeuf and Tennesser are all navigable for small steamers half the year. It would be, in my opinion, worse than folly for the State, in its present pecuniary condition, to attempt to depreciate credit to this enterprise. There are manifest mistakes in the enrollment of the act. The language of the last part of section seventeen, on the first page does not make sense in connection with the following page. I find it impossible to reconcile the language and substance of the two pages.

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Resolved, That the committee appointed

to investigate the manner in which the "gambling clause" was inserted in the revenue bill of 1869, be authorized to continue its sittings during the interval between the adjourning of the Senate, and the meeting of the extra session, in order to complete its investigation and make up its report.

Mr. Packard offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations be authorized to compile a statement of the total population of the State as taken by the census taken of the United States, and the Warrant Clerk is hereby authorized to draw warrants and pay the said committee their usual pay out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

The Secretary then proceeded to call the roll under the resolution of Mr. Packard. Mr. Anderson's name was called, and he called up House bill No. 211, "An act supplementary to an act entitled an act to reclaim and drain the swamp and overflowed lands lying and situated between the Bayous Teche, Tortue and Vermillion, in the parishes of St. Martin and Lafayette, approved March 18, 1868," from first reading file.

Which was read first time. The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, and the bill read for the second time. Mr. Lynch offered the following proviso at the end of section one: Provided, That this appropriation be taken from the three million dollars appropriation for levee purposes.

Which was laid on the table by the following vote: Yeas: Anderson, Antoine, Bacon, Brangan, Brangan, Foute, Jenks, Lynch, Monette, Whitney, Williams—20. Nays: Blackburn, Campbell, Packard, Ray, Smith, Thompson, Todd, Wilcox, Williams, Wittgenstein—12.

The name of Mr. Antoine was then called, and he called up House bill No. 26, "To incorporate the Louisiana Dredging Company to improve the channels of the Mississippi between the passes and the Gulf of Mexico, and granting the aid of the State to the same," and Mr. Wittgenstein moved its adoption, on its second reading.

Mr. Bacon called for the reading of the bill. Mr. Antoine moved the reading be dispensed with. Mr. Lynch and others demanded the bill be read as a constitutional right. The President decided that the reading of the bill in full could, by order of the Senate, be dispensed with.

Mr. Campbell appealed therefrom. On a call of the roll, the question being "Shall the decision of the President be sustained?" the Chair was sustained by the following vote: Yeas: Anderson, Antoine, Beares, Blackburn, Brangan, Campbell, Coupland, Darrall, Fute, Jewell, Jenks, O'Hara, Packard, Poindeux, Ray, Smith, Thompson, Todd, Wittegenstein, Wilcox, Williams—20.

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had signed the following enrolled House bills, viz: "An act for the relief of P. J. Kennedy, etc." "An act to amend and re-enact article 138 of the Code of Practice." "An act to compensate E. H. Angomar and Charles Izard," etc., and that the Senate had sustained the veto of the Governor of an act incorporating the Arkansas and Red River Railroad Company, etc., by a vote of yeas 12, nays 17, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative.

By order of the Senate, the Secretary then proceeded to the House of Representatives, and informed that body that the Senate was ready to adjourn sine die. A motion of Mr. Packard to adjourn being adopted, the President announced that the Senate stood adjourned, sine die, for the regular session of 1870.

CHARLES H. MERRITT, Secretary of the Senate. HOUSE JOURNAL—OFFICIAL. Forty-Ninth Day—Evening Session. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Thursday, March 3, 1870. The House met pursuant to adjournment. Speaker Carr in the chair. The roll being called, the following members answered to their names: Speaker Carr; Messrs. Abbott, Alexander, Antoine, Adolph, Buckingham, Barral, Bergeron, Brion, Collins, Calhoun, Currell, Cuny, Deslonde, Dufresne, Debrange, Demarec, Dupart, Douglas, Egger, Faulkner, Guignon, Garskamp, Gray, Gaidry, Hill, Haskell, Hetchison, Hodge, Jones, Leche, Leroy, Morris, Mollere, Mahler, McMillen, McVean, Melvin, Mansour, Morey, May, Mathews, Magee, Pearce, Prescott, Prjeana, Reese, Rey, Henestorf, Slaton, Sieroff, Taylor, Treadwell, Uphreys, Wrench, Washington, Wren, William Williams, H. Williams, Waters, Wiltz, N. Young, Yorks, D. Young, Zoelly—67.

Quorum present. Mr. Keut, of St. Helena, under a suspension of the rules, introduced the following resolution: Resolved, That one thousand copies of the report of the topographical and geological survey conducted with the annual report of the Louisiana State Seminary, be printed in pamphlet form, separate from said annual report.

Which, on motion, was adopted. Mr. Wiltz, of Orleans, by permission, called up Senate joint resolution No. 20, an act granting gratuity to the reporters of the daily newspapers of New Orleans, and providing for the payment thereof. Bill read a third time by its title and finally passed.

Title adopted and notice of concurrence ordered to be sent to the Senate. Mr. McVean moved to take up reports from standing committees. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES. Mr. Mahier of West Baton Rouge, as chairman of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications submitted the following report: GENTLEMEN—The case of the parish of East Baton Rouge, in which William Brown contests the seat of Hon. James McCullen in our honorable body, having undergone a careful consideration by your committee, its final settlement is recommended, upon the following conclusions. The journal of the first session of the Legislature will show that the Honorable Robert and V. M. Lange, of the same parish, were successful in their contest against Mr. Cheney and Dr. Huger; although they had no higher vote than Mr. Brown received as a candidate against Mr. McCullen; proof of which is on file in the office of the Secretary of State.

The reason that Mr. Brown is not now seated will be seen in the fact that sickness prevented his attendance at the first session, so his case was not urged upon the attention of the committee amidst its pressure of business. From all the circumstances known to the committee, had his contest been instituted simultaneously with that of the Messrs. Lange, his opinion is that the fact that sickness had been equally successful, but unfortunately the evidence prepared and printed in the case of the parish of East Baton Rouge, by the way, very elaborate and convincing, has been in whole or in part destroyed during the interval between your last and the present session, so that your committee can not possibly embrace it in this report, and the House is upon its vote of adjournment the testimony can not be resaken in time to submit it.

Your committee are, therefore, of the opinion that the case can not be settled upon its merits, but as Mr. Brown has been constantly in attendance, manifesting a desire and energy to bring it to a termination, the following resolution is submitted for your action and its passage recommended: Resolved, That William Brown, contestant for the seat of James McCullen, Representative from the parish of East Baton Rouge, be allowed to sit and vote from the commencement of this session to the date of the adoption of this resolution and that the contest is hereby dismissed. T. M. MAHIER, Chairman. EPHIE HONORE, STEPHEN UPHREYS, P. L. DUFFRANE. Report received and accepted.

Mr. Dewees, of Bienville, moved to refer the report to the Committee on Contingent expenses. Carried. The Committee on Banks and Banking, through their chairman, submitted the following reports, which were received and accepted: ROOMS OF COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND BANKING. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: New Orleans, La., February 21, 1870. Your Committee on Banks and Banking, having examined a bill entitled an act to incorporate the Carroll Savings and Exchange Bank, have the honor to report a favorable consideration, and recommend its passage. Respectfully, W. S. CALHOUN, Chairman; J. H. McVEAN, ROBERT J. FAYLOR, CHAS. H. ESTERLINE, JOHN G. VIBR. ROOMS OF COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND BANKING. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: New Orleans, La., March 2, 1870. Your Committee on Banks and Banking have the honor to report that on the thirty-first day of January, 1870, the following banks and banking institutions were notified respectively that they were required to furnish to the committee a full and detailed statement of the condition of their respective institutions, on Tuesday, February 1, 1870: Banks Notified to Report: Bank of America. Bank of Louisiana. Bank of New Orleans. Citizens' Bank. City National Bank. Crescent City Bank. Louisiana State Bank. Merchants' Bank. Mechanics and Traders' Bank. New Orleans Savings Institution. Louisiana National Bank of New Orleans. Union Bank. New Orleans Branch of National Savings Bank. Of that number the following banks have

sent in their respective statements, which accompany this report for reference. Banks Reporting: Louisiana State Bank. Bank of New Orleans. Bank of America. Merchants' and Traders' Bank. Southern Bank. New Orleans Savings Institution. Citizens' Bank of Louisiana. Union Bank. Crescent City Bank. New Orleans branch of National Savings Bank.

And your committee, after a careful examination of the condition of the above banks reporting, have the honor to report favorably thereon. Your committee, considering the subject of banking, and the interest of the people at large, are of opinion that there is not at the present time a sufficiency of capital in the Bank of Orleans to supply the demand, and recommend an increase of banks and capital who will extend their accommodations to the country as well as the city of New Orleans, and without discrimination as to color, when secured and sufficiently indemnified against loss. W. S. CALHOUN, Chairman; ROBERT J. FAYLOR, CHAS. H. ESTERLINE, JOHN G. VIBR. On motion, the bill, as reported by the committee, was considered engrossed, and calendared.

The Committee on Parochial Affairs, through its chairman, submitted the following report, which was received and accepted: ROOMS OF COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL AFFAIRS. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2, 1870. GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Parochial Affairs, No. 23, entitled a bill for the relief of Cameron, "An act to reconstitute the parish of Cameron, and providing for the organization thereof," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report favorably thereon, and recommend that it do pass. Respectfully, S. E. CUNY, Chairman. Bill placed on the calendar for its third reading.

The Committee on Public Lands and Levees, through its chairman, submitted the following report, which was received and accepted: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, February 3, 1870. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: Your Committee on Lands and Levees have the honor to return a Senate joint resolution, known as No. 33, entitled a joint resolution, directing the Board of Public Works to cause an excavation to be made of Big Bayou Sara Creek, in the parish of West Feliciana, and making an appropriation therefor, with a favorable report thereon, and recommending its passage. Your committee have also examined the following bills referred to them: House bill No. 256, entitled an act for digging a canal from the Lake de la Poudre to the Lake Pontchartrain, and to provide means for the same. Also, House bill No. 193, entitled a bill for digging a canal from the levees on the northern part of Red river, from Coushatta down to the lower line of H. Edwards', upon both of which the House refused to pass it.

The House refused to agree with the report of the committee on House bill No. 256, and bill referred to the Committee on Canals and Drainage. The Committee on Claims, through its chairman, submitted the following reports, which were received and accepted: COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: February 23, 1870. Your committee beg leave to report favorably on the following bills referred to them: House bill No. 112, being an act for the relief of J. B. Blanchard. Senate bill No. 196, being an act for the relief of the John Wesley No. 2 Benevolent Society. Senate bill No. 188, being an act for the relief of Mary Carson. Senate bill No. 197, being an act for the relief of E. Deadman. House bill No. 247, being a joint resolution for the relief of James Carier and Jefferson Stokes. Also favorably on petition of Mrs. Lizzie C. Galpin. And would recommend the passage of the same. B. C. WREN, Chairman. COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: February 23, 1870. Your Committee to whom was referred House bill No. 208, being an act for the relief of John A. Whitney, after a careful examination of the claim, beg leave to report favorably, amending the bill so as to read twelve thousand seven hundred and twenty-one dollars and sixty-two cents (\$12,721 62), instead of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000), and would recommend the passage of the bill as amended. B. C. WREN, Chairman.

On motion the bills and reports were referred to the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Dewees, of Bienville, moved to withdraw Senate bill No. 236 from the Committee of the Whole. Carried. Bill calendared for its third reading. The Committee on Public Printing, through their chairman, submitted the following report, which was received and accepted: To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: Your Committee, having had under consideration Senate bill No. 26, respectfully recommend its passage without amendment. JERRY A. HALL, Chairman. Bill calendared for its third reading.

The Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions, through its chairman, submitted the following report which was received and accepted: ROOMS OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITABLE AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: New Orleans, Louisiana, February 26, 1870. Your Committee, having had under consideration Senate bill No. 25, respectfully recommend its passage without amendment. JERRY A. HALL, Chairman. Bill calendared for its third reading.

GENTLEMEN—An act (House bill 231) having been referred to this committee, (an act for the relief of the Medical and Surgical Infirmary of Shreveport), we would respectfully state that in the city of Shreveport there is an infirmary which necessarily has to receive many transient sick and wounded people coming from steamboats and from the State of Texas, and in many instances these patients are unable to pay. The parish of Cadeo refuses to pay for these patients. Considering that these sick people come from all parts of the State of Louisiana, we, your committee, consider it but just to recommend an appropriation for this institution. We recommend the following substitute for passage. CHARLES H. GRAY, Chairman. Substitute to House bill No. 23 was read, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and placed on the calendar for its third reading.

The Committee on Ways and Means, through its chairman, submitted the following

report, which was received and accepted: To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2, 1870. Your Committee on Ways and Means, through its chairman, submitted the following