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House bill No. 248, an act authorizing Lottie Vincent, of the parish of Lafayette, to build a bridge across the Vermilion bayou, at or near the place called Sebas-topol, in the parish of Lafayette, to be a drawbridge, leaving an opening of forty feet for the purpose of navigation, was read.

The constitutional rule being suspended, the bill was placed upon its second reading, and it was considered as engrossed.

Under a further suspension of the constitutional rule, the bill was placed upon its third reading and final passage, its title adopted, and it was ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House bill No. 257, an act to incorporate the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church Association of Shreveport, Louisiana, was read.

The constitutional rule being suspended, the bill was placed upon its second reading, and it was considered as engrossed.

Under a further suspension of the constitutional rule, the bill was placed upon its third reading.

House bill No. 254, an act to protect laborers from being forced to work on the public roads and levees of this State, and providing a punishment for violation of same, was placed upon its first reading.

The constitutional rule being suspended, the bill was placed upon its second reading, and it was considered as engrossed.

Under a further suspension of the constitutional rule, the bill was placed upon its third reading.

Upon its final passage the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Bryan, of Calcasieu, and Fontenelle, of Vermilion, with the following result:

Yeas: Adolphe, Antoine, Baker, Bentley, Blatt, Bowen, Brewster, Bryan, Buchanan, Burch, Crawford, Darlington, Davis, Dennis, Faulkner, Gadsden, Gardner, Garstkaup, P. Harper, W. Harper, Hempstead, Kenner, Kinsella, Laurent, H. Lott, J. B. Lott, Mahoney, Marvin, Matthews, McCarthy, McFarland, Morris, Morphy, Mott, Munroe, Murray, Quinn, Riley, Ringgold, Souter, Stanton, Toumor, Turand, Verrett, Wands, Washington, of Assumption, Washington, of Concordia, Williams, Wilson, Worrall, York, Young—8.

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The bill was finally passed, its title adopted, and it was ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House bill No. 259, an act making the Justices of the Peace in the several parishes of this State (the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson excepted) ex-officio members of the police jury in their respective parishes, and to repeal sections two thousand, seven hundred and twenty-seven, two thousand, seven hundred and twenty-eight, two thousand, seven hundred and twenty-nine, two thousand, seven hundred and thirty, and two thousand, seven hundred and thirty-three of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, was read.

Mr. Barker, of Lafourche, moved its indefinite postponement.

Mr. H. Lott, of Rapides, moved to lay the bill upon the table, which was lost by a rising vote of 17 yeas to 59 nays.

And the motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed.

Mr. Turand, of St. James, moved a reconsideration of the vote on the indefinite postponement of the bill, and also moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Carried.

House bill No. 260, an act to increase the revenue of the State, and to incorporate the New Orleans Consolidated Lottery Company.

Mr. Carr, of Orleans, moved its indefinite postponement.

Mr. Hempstead, of Bertrille, moved to lay that motion upon the table, which was carried by a rising vote of 31 yeas to 21 nays.

Mr. Carr, of Orleans, moved to lay the bill upon the table subject to call, and being seconded by Mr. Young, of Concordia, demanded the yeas and nays thereon, which resulted as follows:

Yeas: Abel, Bentley, Blatt, Bowen, Brewster, Buchanan, Burch, Butler, Carr, Cochran, Crawford, Darby, Darlington, Davidson, Dennis, Dewees, Dario, Ellis, Faulkner, Fontenelle, Gadsden, Gardner, Gaudin, P. Harper, W. Harper, Hempstead, Hunton, Johnson, Kearson, Kenner, Kinsella, Laurent, H. Lott, J. B. Lott, Lynch, Mahoney, Marvin, Matthews, McCarthy, McFarland, Morris, Morphy, Mott, Munroe, Murray, Quinn, Riley, Ringgold, Souter, Stanton, Stevens, Toumor, Turand, Ullman, Wands, Washington, of Assumption, Washington, of Concordia, Williams, Wilson, Worrall, York, Young—27.

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Mr. Dewees, of De Soto, moved that the special committee appointed to investigate the accounts of the contingent expenses committee and Warrant Clerk be ordered to submit a report of this time.

[Mr. Matthews, of Tensas, in the chair.] The special committee, through its chairman, submitted the following report, which was read, received and accepted:

Account of Contingent Expenses, Warrant Clerk, etc., beg leave to ask the indulgence of the honorable House for what as first sight might appear an incomplete and cursory report. But when the labor necessary to a complete report is taken into consideration, with the very limited time allowed your committee for the investigation, together with the impediments to the collection of the accounts, your committee can not do more than submit to your honorable body the accompanying exhibits of the different accounts involved in their investigation. But further, in justice to them-

selves, your committee consider it but right that you should be made acquainted with the nature and details of some of the disavantages under which they labored. In the first place, several days elapsed before your committee got possession of the books, accounts, papers, etc., that were to be examined. At the expiration of the first ten days allowed your committee, the committee not being able to submit a report, was discharged; and during the time intervening, the books, accounts, papers, etc., and its reinstatement, the room of the committee was burglariously entered, and all the books, vouchers, papers and memoranda of the committee, together with the statements, etc., were stolen. It was therefore necessary for the committee to aid them in their investigation, were stolen. The sealed drawers containing these records were opened, the seals being broken and the drawers opened with keys.

Relative to the accounts of the Warrant Clerk, your committee would state that his receipt book shows moneys paid for which your committee has no receipts, and vouchers for which no receipts appear, but in consequence of the robbery of the vouchers and receipts, once in possession of your committee, your committee can not certify to the correctness of the accounts of the Warrant Clerk that he holds a receipt of the chief clerk of the committee, and that they were not in the possession of the committee, which vouchers would substantiate the correctness of the Warrant Clerk's accounts.

It is to be regretted that while the books of the Committee on Contingent Expenses charge the Warrant Clerk with \$150.00 in warrants, the Warrant Clerk deports himself with \$108.00 in warrants—more than the contingent committee charged him with.

The committee find among the bills of articles purchased for the use of this House an unwarrantable and unnecessary bill for the purchase of the part of the purchaser, which will be seen on reference to bills accompanying this report, particularly in the bills of one John W. Madden, who, when the contingent committee was in office, was every imaginable sort of foreign and domestic wares and merchandise.

The statements annexed will show the manner in which the fund of the contingent committee was disbursed, and will show that neither strict honesty or economy have been observed; your committee have no evidence to warrant a direct charge against any particular person or member of the House.

A thorough examination of the books and vouchers of 1870 would require from thirty to sixty days. Your committee have not the time to examine them, and therefore the best interests of the State would be subserved by the appointment of a committee to sit after the expiration of the session.

Your committee would respectfully ask to be discharged.

JAMES B. WANDS, Chairman; O. H. BREWSTER, Secretary; J. P. JONES, J. W. QUINN, J. W. QUINN.

Mr. Barrett, of Orleans, moved that the report and accompanying documents be printed in pamphlet form and laid on the desks of members.

Carried.

The special committee appointed to examine into the affairs of the Ship Island Canal Company, submitted the following report, through its chairman, which was read, received and accepted:

The undersigned, a special committee of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, appointed to investigate the affairs of the New Orleans and Ship Island Canal Company, beg leave to report as follows:

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. C. FLOYD, Chairman; W. D. FLOYD, J. M. THOMPSON, HIRSHMAN STEVENS, R. M. J. KENNER, JAMES B. WANDS, JAMES W. QUINN.

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