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Forty-Fifth Day's Session. SENATE CHAMBER, Friday, February 24, 1871.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Hon. O. J. Dunn, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelo, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Thomas, Thompson, Twitcheil, Todd, Whitney, Wilcox—36.

Prayer by the Chaplain. The minutes of the previous day's session were corrected and their reading dispensed with.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Office of Chief Clerk, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 24, 1871.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate: GENTLEMEN—I am directed by the House to take the concurrence of the Senate in the following House bills:

- No. 236, an act to legitimize children born of parties cohabiting as man and wife, and to declare such cohabitation during a space of ten years to constitute marriage. No. 237, an act for the relief of the citizens of Bienville parish whose lands have been returned as the property of non-residents, and offered for sale by error of the tax collector of said parish. No. 238, an act to amend and re-enact section two thousand two hundred and two of the Revised Statutes. No. 239, an act to amend and re-enact section one thousand seven hundred and sixty-one of the Revised Statutes of 1870. No. 240, an act authorizing and creating concurrent jurisdiction and powers of the justices of the peace of the city of Baton Rouge. No. 241, an act to provide compensation for counsel for accused persons in certain cases in the parish of St. Bernard, Plaquemines and Jefferson. No. 242, an act relative to juries in the parish of Caddo. No. 243, an act for the relief of the trustees of the New Orleans Methodist Depository, and to exempt their property from taxation. No. 244, an act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the compilation of a new and official map of the State. No. 245, an act for the relief of widow Florentine Landry, of the parish of Iberville. No. 246, an act to change the time of holding the session of the District Court in the Tenth Judicial District, and to establish two additional terms of said court in the parish of Caddo, for the year 1871. No. 247, an act fixing the domicile of the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Company, giving to the courts of New Orleans jurisdiction in certain cases, authorizing stockholders' and directors' meetings to be held outside of the city of New Orleans; granting to parish courts jurisdiction over proceedings for the expropriation of property, etc.; providing the mode of proceeding in, and removal from such parish courts, and providing against suspension and operation of the company in cases of appeals or orders. No. 248, an act for the relief of the parish of Jefferson, right bank of the Mississippi river.

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To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate: GENTLEMEN—I am directed to inform the Senate that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

- An act to provide for the drainage of New Orleans. An act for the relief of Scarpini and Lattier. An act to secure homesteads, etc. An act for the relief of S. Belden. Respectfully, WILLIAM VIGERS, Chief Clerk.

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MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE. The Secretary presented, for the signature of the Speaker, enrolled bill to promote the interests of commerce by establishing the Louisiana Warehouse Company, etc.

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Also, Senate joint resolution No. 15, abolishing the office of Warrant Clerk of the two houses of the General Assembly, requiring the present Warrant Clerk to make immediate settlement with the Committees on Contingent Expenses, and providing for the manner of drawing and expending the appropriation for defraying the expenses of the General Assembly. Also, to return as concurred in the following House bills: House bill No. 238, an act authorizing Lastin Vercier to build a drawbridge on the Bayou Vermilion. Also, House bill No. 229, an act making an appropriation for each representative of newspapers in the Senate and House of Representatives. Also, House bill No. 38, an act to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Also, House bill No. 11, an act to reimburse certain taxes illegally imposed and collected under act No. 55, approved April 4, 1865. Also, House bill No. 23, an act to create the parish of Webster and providing for the complete organization thereof. And to request the Speaker's signature to enrolled Senate bill No. 201, an act to amend and re-enact an act creating the Mississippi River Packet Company, and to grant State aid to it.

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