

Twenty-eighth Day's Session.  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1872.  
The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
Present—Hon. B. S. Pinchback, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Thompson, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—31.  
Prayer by the Chaplain.  
Reading of the minutes of the previous day's session was dispensed with.  
No corrections, and adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
New Orleans, February 1, 1872.  
To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:  
I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate in the following House bills, viz: House bill No. 284, to authorize parish of Red River to issue bonds.  
House bill No. 286, an act to amend section seven of an act entitled "An act to provide a revenue for the support of the free public schools of the city of New Orleans."  
House bill No. 304, to annex the northern part of Catahoula parish to the parish of Caldwell.  
And to inform the Senate that the House has concurred in Senate concurrent resolution relative to the civil rights bill introduced by Hon. Charles Sumner.  
Respectfully,  
WILLIAM VIGERS,  
Chief Clerk.

MESSAGES TO THE HOUSE.  
The Secretary informed the House that the Senate had indefinitely postponed the consideration of House bill No. 300, authorizing Darius Hebert and Pauline Hebert, his wife, of the parish of Caldwell, to adopt Narcissus Gertrude Hebert, and constitute her their heir, etc.  
And that the Senate had concurred in House bill No. 291, a joint resolution appointing a special committee of the House and Senate to prepare an address to the Congress of the United States upon the subject of the existing revolutionary crisis, etc.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.  
By Mr. Thompson:  
Memorial of the Baton Rouge Board of Trade relative to New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad.  
Referred to Committee on Railroads.  
By Mr. Anderson:  
Petition of the Superior of St. Joseph's. Referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.  
By Mr. Campbell:  
Petition of Mrs. K. A. G. Patterson relative to lands.  
Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.  
Mr. Gallup, from the Committee on Railroads, reported favorably, with amendments, on Senate bill No. 290, to be entitled an act to authorize Peter H. Kemp & Sons to build a railroad from Springfield to Blood river, in Livingston parish.  
Mr. Hunsaker, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported favorably on Senate bill No. 292, to be entitled an act to abolish capital punishment in the State of Louisiana.  
Without action—  
On House bill No. 35, to be entitled an act for the relief of Branstetter & Bruder.  
With request that it be printed—  
On Senate bill No. 265, to be entitled an act providing how subscriptions may be made by parishes, cities and municipal corporations to railroad, canal, plankroad, bridge or other incorporated company, for work of internal improvement, and providing such subscriptions may be paid for in bonds of the corporation subscribing, and authorizing a tax to pay such bonds and interest, and how such tax shall be levied and collected and disbursed, and providing for the ratification of such subscriptions, bonds and tax by a vote, and prescribing certain penalties for a failure to pay such bonds, and how the railroad or other company shall ratify the subscriptions, and providing what shall be used as evidence in certain cases.  
Ordered printed.  
Also an original bill, Senate bill No. 310, to be entitled an act establishing the Seventeenth and Nineteenth Judicial Districts, and providing the time of holding the courts in said districts and parishes, and the time for which the judges and district attorneys in said districts shall hold their offices.

Mr. McMillen, from the Committee on Election and Registration, reported a substitute for Senate bill No. 273, to be entitled an act to amend eleven, thirteen, fifteen, sixteen, nineteen, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-six, twenty-nine, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-eight and forty-two of an act entitled "An act to provide for the revision and correction of the list of registered voters of the State, the appointment of the various officers necessary therefor, and to prescribe the duties, powers and compensation of the same; to prescribe certain duties for the sextons of the cemeteries for the violation of the law, and to provide for a new registration in certain parishes and wards," approved March 16, 1870, and to repeal sections seventeen and forty-one of said above entitled act.  
Ordered printed, and made the special order for Monday, February 5, at one o'clock P. M.  
On motion of Mr. Blackman, the minority report of the committee was also ordered printed, when presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.  
The following bills were introduced, without previous notice, by unanimous consent:  
By Mr. Wilcox:  
Senate bill No. 301, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Baton Rouge and State Line Railroad Company.  
Passed its first reading.  
The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Railroads.  
By Mr. Anderson:  
Senate bill No. 302, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Baton Rouge and State Line Railroad Company.  
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Senate bill No. 303, to be entitled an act authorizing the parishes of East Baton Rouge and East Feliciana to aid the construction of the Baton Rouge and State Line Railroad.  
Passed its first reading.  
The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Railroads.  
By Mr. Ray:  
Senate bill No. 304, to be entitled an act appropriating to Mrs. Ellen B. Dunn, widow of the late Lieutenant Governor Oscar J. Dunn, the balance of salary that would have been due him had he lived to the end of his term of service.  
Passed its first reading.  
The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and was considered engrossed.  
The constitutional rule was further suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill read its third and last time, and finally adopted with its title.  
By Mr. Thompson:  
Senate bill No. 305, to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the National Transportation Company, authorizing the sale of certain lands of this State, and of incorporated cities or towns therein, to said company, and the use by said company of certain public property; authorizing the mayors and common councils of incorporated cities and towns to consent to such use of public lands, and to encourage immigration to this State.  
Passed its first reading.  
The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Corporations and Parochial Affairs.  
By Mr. O'Hara:  
Senate joint resolution No. 21, to be entitled joint resolution amending the constitution of the State of Louisiana.  
Passed its first reading.  
The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.  
The following bills were introduced according to previous notice:  
By Mr. Blackman:  
Senate bill No. 306, to be entitled an act to repeal the election, registration and printing laws.  
Passed its first reading.  
The Senate refused to suspend the constitutional rule and put the bill on its second reading by the following vote:  
Yeas—Antoine, Blackman, Bowman, Coupland, Daigle, Herwig, Ingraham, Kelso, Lewis, O'Hara, Ray, Smith, Sypher, Thompson, Wilcox—15.  
Nays—Anderson, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Gallup, Harris, Hunsaker, Jenks, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Ragan, Swords, Twitchell—14.  
By Mr. Hunsaker:  
Senate bill No. 307, to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Crescent City Ramic Planting and Manufacturing Company; to authorize the purchase by said company of certain lands belonging to the State for the purpose of promoting the cultivation of the ramic plant and manufacture of the fibre thereof, and for other purposes.  
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By Mr. O'Hara:  
WHEREAS, It is a notorious and historical fact that the Barataria and Lafourche Canal Company and the Lafourche and Terrebonne Navigation Company have, by misuse, abuse and neglect, forfeited their charters to the State, and notwithstanding two previous Legislatures have authorized the Attorney General to sue for the forfeiture of said charters to the State without avail, the Attorney General not having taken any action in the matter; therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That there shall be appointed a joint committee of three members from the House, by the Speaker, and two from the Senate, to investigate the affairs of said companies, and report to this honorable body without delay as to the alleged abuse by said companies of their charters, and misapplication of the public moneys granted for their use; that the Attorney General be authorized and instructed to take immediate action in the matter, on the report of this committee, and that this committee be empowered to appoint a competent lawyer to assist the Attorney General.  
Laid over.  
By Mr. Noland:  
Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads and Internal Improvements be instructed to investigate into and report the condition of sale by which the State of Louisiana transferred its interest in the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern railroad to H. S. McComb and others, and that if the conditions of sale have been fully complied with, said committee to have full powers to send for persons and papers, and to administer oaths.  
Adopted.  
The President submitted the following for the action of the Senate:  
DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS, New Orleans, January 31, 1872.  
This is to certify that the water rent against the Mechanics' Institute for the fiscal year ending October 1, 1872, amounts to \$1,000.  
E. C. COURVILLE,  
Assessor and Collector City Waterworks.  
Referred to committee on auditing and supervising accounts of General Assembly.  
Mr. Todd called up House bill No. 292, a joint resolution relative to the suspension from office of N. A. Robinson, of the Ninth Judicial District Court, by executive order, and moved its reference to a special committee.  
Adopted.  
The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Todd, Lynch and Kelso.  
REGULAR ORDER OF THE DAY—BILLS ON SECOND READING.  
Senate bill No. 279, to be entitled an act to provide for the government of the city of Baton Rouge and the administration of the affairs thereof.  
On motion of Mr. Ragan, the bill was amended as follows:  
In section twenty-four, lines twenty-one and twenty-two, strike out the words "or her;" in line twenty-three strike out "selectmen," and insert "aldermen."  
In section twenty-six, line three, strike out "recall and annual," and insert "suspend;" in line "five," after the word "act,"

insert "and the board may annul such license."  
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Mr. Ragan moved to lay the amendment on the table, which the Senate refused, on a call of the yeas and nays, by the following vote:  
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Mr. Hunsaker moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Ray by striking out "April" and inserting "November."  
Mr. Blackman offered an amendment to the latter amendment, which the President ruled out of order.  
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The substitute was accepted.  
Mr. Ragan moved to table the substitute, which the Senate adopted, on a call of the yeas and nays, by the following vote:  
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Adopted.  
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The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Corporations and Parochial Affairs.  
Mr. Blackman called up the following resolution:  
Resolved, That a special committee of three members of the Senate be appointed by the President of the Senate to investigate the situation of the Citizens Bank toward the State in regard to the State bonds issued to said bank; to ascertain what amount of State bonds are outstanding, what security exists to secure their final payment, with accruing interest, and whether the bank has complied with its obligations to the State in relation to said bonds; and, further, to investigate the action of said bank in relation to the sale of \$250,000 of State bonds held by the bank as a pledge; whether said bank pursued the forms of law in relation thereto; and further, to ascertain whether said bank has faithfully discharged its duty as financial agent of the State. Also, that said committee be directed to inquire into the condition of the bonds issued to the Consolidated Association, to ascertain how many of such bonds are outstanding, what amount of interest is due and unpaid, what sureties exist for their payment, and whether the liquidators of said association have faithfully complied with their duty and the law in relation thereto; that said committee be authorized to send for persons, books and papers to enable them to perform the duties required of them by this resolution, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.  
And asked that it be considered.  
The President deciding that it could be taken up for action only on a two-thirds affirmative vote, the Senate refused, on a call of the yeas and nays, to consider the resolution by the following vote:  
Yeas—Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Gallup, Harris, Hunsaker, Jenks, Lynch, McMillen, Ragan, Swords, Twitchell—11.  
Mr. Blackman raised the point of order that the calendar for the day having been disposed of, the resolution could be taken up without any suspension of the rules.  
The President held the point not well taken.  
Mr. Blackman appealed from the decision of the Chair.  
Mr. Harris raised the point of order that an appeal being taken, debate is out of order, which point the President held not well taken.  
Mr. McMillen moved to adjourn, which the Senate refused by the following vote:  
Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Gallup, Hunsaker, Jenks, Kelso, Lynch, McMillen, Ragan, Swords, Twitchell—13.  
Nays—Antoine, Blackman, Bowman, Coupland, Daigle, Gallup, Herwig, Ingraham, Noland, O'Hara, Pinchback, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Thompson, Wilcox—18.