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REGULAR SESSION

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THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Forty-first Day's Session.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 27, 1873.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Hon. C. C. Antoine, Lieutenant Governor of the State and President of the Senate.

On call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson, Barber, Butler, Blunt, Bovee, Cage, Chadbourn, Crawford, Greene, Harris, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Ingraham, Masicot, Merrill, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Twitchell—21.

The President of the Senate announced a quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the minutes of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with, and the President announced that the journal stood approved after the same had been corrected.

Mr. Ingraham, from the Committee on Enrollment and Engrossment, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT, February 27, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrollment beg leave to report as having been duly engrossed the following bills:

Senate bill No. 125, entitled an act for the relief of the public schools of the city of New Orleans from debt; to more effectually provide for funding the same, and declaring the construction of section thirteen of act No. 73 of 1872, and to regulate the levy of school tax for 1873.

Senate bill No. 96, entitled an act to incorporate the New Orleans University.

Senate bill No 104, entitled an act to protect the civil rights of citizens; declaring certain forfeitures for acts in derogation of such rights, and directing proceedings to that end; making certain acts in violation of civil rights a misdemeanor, and declaring the punishment therefor.

Senate bill No. 99, substitute for House bill No. 63, entitled an act making an appropriation of $95,000 for the payment of the outstanding vouchers and warrants issued by the General Assembly for the payment of mileage and per diem of members, officers and employes, and for contingent expenses thereof, and providing for the auditing of such vouchers and warrants, and for other purposes.

And also, Senate bill No. 119, entitled an act for the relief of the homestead of the late Lieutenant Governor O. J. Dunn, and making an appropriation therefor, and for other purposes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. INGRAHAM, Acting Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT, February 27, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrollment and Engrossment beg leave to report as duly engrossed:

Senate bill No. 127, an act to change the name of Charles A. W. Milchsack to that of Charles A. W. Milthack.

Respectfully,

JAMES H. INGRAHAM, Acting Chairman.

Mr. Brewster moved a reconsideration of the vote by which was adopted on second reading yesterday Senate bill No. 108, an act providing for the establishment of parish official journals throughout the State, defining the character and description of work they shall be entitled to perform, and fixing the price thereof.

The Chair decided the motion to be out of order.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

By Mr. Anderson, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary:

On Senate bill No. 14, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of J. M. Burguereies, State tax collector for the parish of Terrebonne, and for other purposes.

Report unfavorably.

THOMAS C. ANDERSON, Chairman.

Lies over.

Also, on Senate bill No. 29, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Ursigne Lavigne, Jr., Benjamin Campbell, John Moylone and others.

Report unfavorably.

THOMAS C. ANDERSON, Chairman.

Lies over.

Mr. Herwig, chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, February 26, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that the resolution referred to them, which reads as follows: "*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be hereby instructed to investigate the alleged illegal issue of fraudulent warrants for registration and election purposes by the late Auditor, and that said committee report forthwith," was duly considered in committee, and the chairman was directed to address a communication to the Auditor of Public Accounts (Hon. Charles Clinton), and inclose him a copy of the resolution, asking him for the information required and therein called for.

A copy of said communication is herewith furnished, and in response thereto your committee received the accompanying statement, showing the amounts issued under acts Nos. 99 and 100 of 1870, relative to elections, which your committee respectively submit for your consideration, and ask that the same be published, with this report, communication and resolution, in the journal of the Senate.

Your committee took no steps, nor made any inquiry in regard to the illegality of the issue of the warrants enumerated in the aforesaid statement, and called for in the resolution, believing the same belong to the province of your Committee on Judiciary, and to which your Committee on Finance respectfully request that it be referred for that committee to act upon.

P. F. HERWIG, Chairman.
THOMAS C. ANDERSON,
M. H. TWITCHELL.
GEORGE Y. KELSO.

Lies over.

Senate bill No. 70, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Theodule Monette.

Respectfully returned to your honorable body, with a request that it be referred to your Committee on Claims.

P. F. HERWIG, Chairman.

Lies over.

Senate bill No. 7, to be entitled an act relative to the fees and emoluments of the Auditor of Public Accounts, and to repeal section three of act No 21 of 1872, and for other purposes.

Reported without action.

P. F. HERWIG, Chairman.

Lies over.

Mr. Kelso, chairman of the Committee on Corporations and Parochial Affairs, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Corporations and Parochial Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 89, a bill to be entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Church of St. Martin, in the parish of St. Martin, beg leave to report favorably upon the same and recommend its passage.

GEORGE Y. KELSO, Chairman.

Lies over.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Harris, according to previous notice, introduced the following entitled bill:

An act to create the office of public inspector and gauger for the city of New Orleans; to provide for the appointment and manner of qualification of such officer; to fix the term for which he shall hold office; to authorize him to appoint deputies; to define the causes for which he may be removed from office; to fix the rates of compensation to be paid him for his services, and to prevent, under penalty, all parties other than the inspector and gauger appointed under this act and his deputies from performing the duties of or acting as inspectors and gaugers in the city of New Orleans; also to fix the amount of bond to be given by said inspector and gauger.

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 Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Anderson obtained unanimous consent and introduced the following bill, to be entitled an act relative to juries, and to establish and fix the drawing of the grand and petit jurors in and for the State of Louisiana, approved September 29, 1863.

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.

Mr. Crawford obtained unanimous consent to introduce a bill to be entitled an act relative to juries in and for the State of Louisiana, to determine the qualifications of jurors, to prescribe the manner and fix the time of drawing juries, to designate the persons to draw the same, to exempt certain persons from serving on juries, to give the district judges certain discretionary powers, to provide for and prescribe the manner of summoning talesmen jurors, to require clerks of the districts courts to give certificates to jurors in certain cases, and to perform certain other duties, and to provide for summoning jurors and to compel their attendance.

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.

Mr. Twitchell obtained consent and introduced the following bill:

To be entitled an act to enforce the payment of taxes due the State; providing for the seizure and sale of the property of delinquent taxpayers, and regulating the proceedings against them and against their property and tenants.

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 Finance.

Mr. Greene obtained unanimous consent and introduced a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Spearsville, in the parish of Union, defining the boundaries thereof, and for other purposes.

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.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Brewster introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That on to-morrow, immediately after reading the journal, the Senate shall proceed to the consideration of all bills of a local nature in the order in which they appear on the calendar.

Rules suspended and resolution adopted.

REPORTS LYING OVER.

Mr. Twitchell called up the following:

House bill No. 6, to incorporate the Louisiana Central Railway Company.

Mr. Twitchell moved to adopt the bill on second reading.

Mr. Sypher moved that the bill be ordered printed, and made the special order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Twitchell moved the motion of Mr. Sypher be laid on the table.

On call of the yeas and nays the motion of Mr. Sypher was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—Anderson, Butler, Blunt, Blackburn, Cage, Chadbourn, Greene, Harris, P. F. Herwig, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Twitchell—15.

Nays—Alexander, Brewster, Bovee, Crawford, E. F. Herwig, Merrill, Sypher, Weber—8.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Twitchell to adopt the bill on second reading.

Adopted on call of the yeas and nays, viz:

Yeas—Anderson, Butler, Blunt, Blackburn, Cage, Chadbourn, Greene, Harris, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Twitchell—16.

Nays—Alexander, Brewster, Bovee, Crawford, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Merrill, Sypher, Weber—9.

Mr. Sypher raised a question of privilege upon his rights on the floor.

Mr. Twitchell moved that the bill be read a third time.

Mr. Alexander rose to a point of order, and stated that it was necessary to suspend the constitutional rule to put the bill upon third reading.

Mr. Bovee also made the point of order raised by Mr. Alexander.

Mr. Harris also rose to a point of order, and stated that this being the third day on which the bill had been read, it was competent to adopt the bill on third reading.

The Chair decided that no further action could be taken on the bill without a suspension of the constitutional rule.

Mr. Harris moved that the bill be fixed as the special order of the day for to-morrow at one o'clock.

Mr. Sypher made the point of order that the Chair had no right to decide the question which had been laid on the table, and allow the motion in part to be entertained again.

The Chair declared the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Bovee moved to postpone the bill indefinitely.

Mr. Harris called the previous question on his motion.

Mr. Bovee made a point of order that his motion to indefinitely postpone was the first question to be put, and referred to the rules.

The Chair decided that the motion of the Senator from St. James was not heard by the Chair before the call for the previous question had been made by Senator Harris.

The Chair then stated the question was for the call of the previous question, which cut off all debate; that Senators could not be allowed debate under the rules until the motion for the previous question was voted down.

Messrs. Sypher and Wharton made ineffectual attempts to speak and were ruled out of order by the Chair.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate ordered the main question by the following vote:

Yeas—Anderson, Butler, Blunt, Cage, Chadbourn, Harris, Harper, Ingraham, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Twitchell—13.

Nays—Alexander, Barber, Brewster, Bovee, Crawford, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Merrill, Sypher, Weber, Wharton—11.

Under the operation of the previous question, the bill was fixed for to-morrow, as special order of the day at 1 P. M.

[Mr. Anderson in the chair.]

BILLS CALLED UP.

Mr. Cage called up the following bill:

Senate bill No. 14, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of J. M. Burguereies, State tax collector for the parish of Terrebonne, and for other purposes.

The Secretary read the bill.

Mr. Crawford offered the following as an amendment:

To strike out from section one all after the fourteenth line, to wit: "That the Auditor of Public Accounts issue to said J. M. Burguereies a *quietus* relieving him from all liabilities which may hereafter occur."

Mr. Cage moved to lay the motion of Mr. Crawford on the table.

Mr. Sypher moved to lay the whole subject matter on the table.

The Chair decided the motion of Mr. Sypher to be out of order, and the question pending to be the motion of Mr. Cage.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to lay the motion on the table by the following vote:

Yeas—Blunt, Blackburn, Cage, Chadbourn, Ingraham, Masicot, Rey, Stamps, Twitchell—9.

Nays—Alexander, Brewster, Crawford, Greene, Harris, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Merrill, Pollard, Sypher, Weber, Wharton—14.

Mr. Cage stated that the amendment of the Senator from Madison if adopted, would destroy the effect of the bill. He, therefore, moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Adopted.

Mr. Blunt called up Senate bill No. 100, entitled an act to establish a steam ferry at Grand Ecore.

The bill was taken up on second reading.

Mr. Brewster moved the following amendment at the end of section three:

Provided, that ministers of the gospel, school teachers and school children going to and returning from school, shall be passed free of charge.

The bill was read, the amendment adopted, and the bill considered engrossed for a third reading.

The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill read its third and last time, and finally adopted with its title.

Mr. Harper called up Senate bill No. 118, an act to incorporate the Shreveport Savings Bank and Trust Company.

The bill was read, and considered engrossed for a third reading.

The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill read its third and last time, and finally adopted with its title.

Mr. Twitchell called up House bill No. 156, a bill to be entitled an act to amend and re-enact section two of an act entitled "an act relative to the Louisiana Levee Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of this State, constituting it a body politic and corporate, with certain powers, privileges and franchises, and contracting with said corporation for the construction, maintenance and repairs of certain levees, and providing for compensation therefor," approved February 20, 1871; also to amend and re-enact section one of an act entitled "an act ratifying and confirming a contract between the Louisiana Levee Company and the Governor of the State of Louisiana," approved February 28, 1871, providing for the acceptance of said amendments by the Louisiana Levee Company, and authorizing and requiring a yearly estimate of levees to be built, reducing the compensation therefor from sixty to fifty cents per cubic yard, and providing for commuting timber work into earth work.

Bill was taken up on second reading.

On motion of Mr. Harris the bill was read.

Mr. Twitchell moved that the bill be adopted on its second reading.

Messrs. Alexander and Weber called for executive session.

Senate went into executive session.

Executive session having been raised, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson, Barber, Blunt, Blackburn, Brewster, Bovee, Cage, Chadbourn, Crawford, Greene, Harris, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Merrill, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—26.

A quorum present.

The President announced the pending question when the Senate went into executive session to be the adoption of House bill No. 156 on second reading.

Mr. Blackburn offered the following amendment before the repealing clause:

Provided, that parishes and localities not subject to inundation, and not specially benefited by the erection of levees, shall not be subject to the tax herein assessed, nor to any levee tax now assessed by any law in existence.

[Mr. Harris in the chair.]

Mr. Ingraham moved that the proviso be laid upon the table.

On call of the yeas and nays, the Senate voted to lay the motion on the table by the following vote:

Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Cage, Chadbourn, Greene, Harris, P. F. Herwig, Harper, Ingraham, Masicot, Merrill, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Twitchell, Wharton—16.

Nays—Alexander, Blackburn, Brewster, Blunt, Bovee, Crawford, E. F. Herwig, Kelso, Sypher, Weber—10.

Mr. Sypher offered the following to be added to the last section before the repealing clause:

Provided, further, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to release said Louisiana Levee Company from any damages sustained by planters or other parties by overflow through crevasses or breaks in any of the levees.

Mr. Twitchell moved to lay the motion on the table.

Tabled.

The question then recurred on the motion to adopt the bill on second reading.

Mr. Twitchell called the previous question.

The main question was ordered.

Under operation of the previous question the bill was adopted on second reading.

Mr. Twitchell moved that the constitutional rule be suspended to place the bill on third reading.

On call of the roll the Senate refused to suspend the constitutional rule, four fifths not voting in the affirmative:

Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Butler, Blunt, Blackburn, Brewster, Cage, Chadbourn, Greene, Harris, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Twitchell—20.

Nays—Alexander, Bovee, Crawford, Merrill, Sypher, Weber, Wharton—7.

Mr. Stamps moved that the bill be fixed for to-morrow at two o'clock.

Mr. Sypher raised the point of order that the bill could not be before the Senate without suspension of the Senate rules.

The Chair sustained the point of order and decided the bill not before the Senate.

Mr. Stamps then moved that the rules of the Senate be suspended.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to suspend the rules by the following vote:

Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Butler, Blunt, Blackburn, Cage, Chadbourn, Crawford, Greene, Harris, P. F. Herwig, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Twitchell—20.

Nays—Alexander, Brewster, Bovee, Merrill, Sypher, Weber, Wharton—7.

The bill was then fixed for the special order for to-morrow at two o'clock.

RECONSIDERATION OF A PREVIOUS VOTE.

Mr. Ingraham moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the Senate adopted the resolution of Mr. Brewster this morning, "relative to all bills of a local nature."

The vote was reconsidered and the resolution taken up.

Mr. Ingraham then moved the following amendment:

Strike out the word "to-morrow" and insert the word "Monday."

As amended, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Stamps obtained unanimous consent, and called up the following bill, reported by the Committee on Metropolitan Police "unfavorably:"

Senate bill No. 23, an act to provide for a full and prompt payment of the members, officers and employes of the Metropolitan Police, by authorizing the issuance of additional warrants to make up losses which may hereafter be sustained by members, officers and employes, by reason of the depreciation of Metropolitan Police warrants; to make such warrants so to be issued for discount, receivable for taxes, by and chargeable (pro rata) to the general corporations of the Metropolitan Police District, and to provide a penalty for refusal to receive the same, and to limit the power of the Board of Police Commissioners to issue such additional warrants.

The bill was taken up on second reading.

Mr. Ingraham offered the following amendment, to take the place of section eight, and that section eight as it now stands in the bill be added as section nine:

SEC. 8 That the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners shall have power and authority to reorganize the police force of the Metropolitan Police district by removing and dismissing such officers and men as said board may elect, provided that the board shall reorganize the force within thirty days from and after the passage of this act.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brewster moved to strike out the word "three" and insert "fifteen" in line eight of section two.

Adopted.

The bill was then adopted as amended, and considered engrossed.

The bill was read the third time, and finally adopted with its title.

BILLS CALLED UP.

Mr. Blackburn obtained consent to take up Senate bill No. 108, an act providing for the establishment of parish official journals throughout the State, defining the character and description of work they shall be entitled to perform, and fixing the price thereof.

The bill was taken up.

Mr. Blackburn moved that the vote by which the Senate adopted the fourth section be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Mr. Blackburn moved the following amendment be made at the end of section four:

Strike out the words "in cash."

Amendment was adopted.

Section was then adopted as amended.

Mr. Wharton moved to strike out section five.

On motion of Mr. Blackburn, the motion was laid on the table.

The bill was considered engrossed, read the third time, and finally adopted with its title.

On motion the Senate voted to adjourn.

The President then announced that the Senate stood adjourned until Friday, February 28, 1873, at twelve o'clock M.

P. E. BECHTEL, Secretary of the Senate.

Miss Carlotta LeClercq will make her debut at the St. Charles Theatre next Monday evening. The Memphis *Appeal* says:

Tall and stately in person, Miss Carlotta LeClercq has a splendid stage presence. Her facial expression is really striking, and her gestures and action are of such grace as to at once show to her audience that she has been trained in the very best schools.

The St. Louis *Democrat* of Wednesday says:

There are Eastern parties now in this market anxious to buy corn to export to Liverpool. Several cable telegrams have been sent to Liverpool from here in relation to making the necessary arrangements with competent receivers there, and several telegraphic dispatches have been sent to New Orleans, inquiring about ocean tonnage and rates of freight.

A literary gentleman who has traveled over the whole world says that the ladies of the royal family of Russia can not be matched for personal beauty.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, February 28, 1873.

The House met pursuant adjournment, and was called to order by the assistant clerk, who requested Mr. Mathews, of Tensas, to take the chair.

The roll being called the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Allain, Armstead, Antoine, Bowman, Bryant, Baker, Blackstone, Boatner, Carey, Connaughton, Demas, R. R. Davis, Devezin, Dejoie, Dewees, Elliot, Fontelieu, Greene, Grant, Hubeau, Hill, Hahn, Heath, M. Jones, Keating, Kirkman, Kern, Lewis, Landry, Marvin, Murrell (Lafourche), Murrell (Madison), Mayo, Martinet, Mathews, Montaldo, Peyton, Page, Raby, Souer, Sawyer, Sartain, Southard, Sutton, Sewell, Thomas, Tureaud, Williams, Wilson, Worthy, Washington, Wiggin, Ward, Wands—54.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, corrected the journal so that it would read that House bill No. 138 was made the special order of the day immediately after reading of the journal.

On motion, the journal was approved.

By unanimous consent, the following members ordered their votes recorded in the affirmative on the passage of the civil rights bill:

Messrs. Grant, Rodrigues, Mahoney, Benham and Boyd.

The following communication was ordered to be spread upon the journal.

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

We sincerely regret that we happened to be absent yesterday at the passage of the civil rights bill; and as no one is more desirous than we are to grant and protect all citizens in the exercise of their rights, therefore we respectfully ask the privilege to record our votes in the affirmative on the passage of this bill, and that this communication be spread upon the minutes.

L. A. MARTINET,
VICTOR ROCHON,
L. A. SNAER.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. Soner, of Avoyelles, gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bill:

An act prohibiting the sale of cotton raised on shares without the consent of the parties in interest, and prescribing a penalty for the violation of the same.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

House bill No. 138, entitled an act to incorporate the American Theatre Company of New Orleans, and providing for its management and government by a board of directors, and providing for the election of such directors, and for other purposes, was put on its third reading, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Murrell, of Madison, House bill No. 159, an act to prevent the violation of the Sabbath day, and to fix the penalties for the nonobservance of the provisions of said act, was taken up and made the special order of the day for next Wednesday at one o'clock, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Tureaud, of St. James, House bill No. 123, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section two of act No. 194, approved May 31, 1871, entitled an act to reorganize the Land Office, etc., and to provide for the disposition of public land in the parishes of Calcasieu and Cameron, was taken up and read the third time.

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

On motion of Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, House bill No. 195, entitled an act authorizing the muster of the Metropolitan Police force as a part of the militia of the State, authorizing the said force to be increased when on militia duty to three full regiments, to be called the Metropolitan Brigade, authorizing the assignment of other officers and troops to said brigade, and providing for the enlistment, enrollment, pay and command of the said Metropolitan Brigade, was taken up and considered engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, the rule was suspended, by which the above bill would be obliged to be considered in committee of the whole.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rules the bill passed its third reading, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hahn, of St. Charles, called up the following concurrent resolution, which was adopted:

Concurrent resolution inviting the President of the United States to visit the State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, It has been generally stated that the President of the United States proposed to visit the Southern States; be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, the Senate concurring, That an invitation be extended by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to the President to include this State in his expected tour, promising him on the part of the people of all parties a cordial welcome.

On motion of Mr. Paris, of Orleans, House bill No. 153, entitled an act authorizing the Governor of the State to contract with L. Duffy, of New Orleans, to finish the iron railing around the State University building, was taken up on its third reading, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Blackstone, of Natchitoches, called up House bill No. 53, entitled an act relative to juries in and for the State of Louisiana; to determine the qualification of jurors; to prescribe the manner and fix the time of drawing juries; to designate the persons to draw the same; to exempt certain persons from serving as jurors; to give the district judges certain discretionary powers; to provide for and prescribe the manner of summoning talesman jurors; to require clerks of the district courts to give certificates to jurors in certain cases, and to perform certain other duties, and to provide for summoning jurors and to compel their attendance, reported by the Judiciary Committee with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, further consideration of the bill was deferred until to-morrow.

Mr. Murrell, of Madison, asked a suspension of the rules to take up House bill No. 199, entitled an act for the relief of the officers and members of the Metropolitan force for losses incurred by them for the fiscal years 1870 and 1871.

On which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Murrell, of Madison, and Devezin, of Orleans, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Allain, Armstead, Antoine, Bowman, Boyd, Blackstone, Boatner, Barrow, Carey, Connaughton, Cousin, Davidson, Demas, R. R. Davis, Devezin, Dejoie, Dewees, Elliot, Fontelieu, Greene, Gair, Heffner, Hubeau, M. Jones, Keating, Lewis, Landry, Marvin, Murrell (Lafourche), Murrell (Madison), Mahoney, Montaldo, Mayo, Peyton, Page, Paris, Raby, Rochon, Rodrigues, Souer, Sawyer, Stewart, Sartain, Southard, Sutton, Sewell, Thomas, Tureaud, Williams, Wilson, Worthy, Washington, Wiggin, Ward, Wands—55.

Nays—Grant, Hahn, Mathews—3.

Carried.

[Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, in the chair.]

Mr. Benham, of Carroll, moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, the order of the day was postponed for thirty minutes.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, introduced a substitute for House bill No. 125, entitled House bill No. 201, entitled an act for the relief of the officers and members of the Metropolitan Police.

Which was read and accepted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, February 28, 1873.

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

I am directed by the Senate to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in House bill No. 156, a bill to be entitled an act to amend and re-enact section two of an act entitled "an act relative to the Louisiana Levee Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of this State, constituting it a body politic and corporate, with certain powers, privileges and franchises, and contracting with said corporation for the construction, maintenance and repairs of certain levees, and providing for compensation therefor," approved February 20, 1871; also to amend and re-enact section one of an act entitled "an act ratifying and confirming a contract between the Louisiana Levee Company and the Governor of the State of Louisiana," approved February 28, 1871, providing for the acceptance of said amendments by the Louisiana Levee Company, and authorizing and requiring a yearly estimate of levees to be built, reducing the compensation therefor from sixty to fifty cents per cubic yard, and providing for commuting timber work into earth work.

WALTER REGAN, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

The motion to postpone indefinitely recurring, the special order of the day was called.

On motion of Mr. Murrell, of Madison, all orders of the day were postponed for thirty minutes.

Mr. Allain, of West Baton Rouge, moved that the motion to postpone indefinitely be laid on the table; whereupon Messrs. Williams, of East Baton Rouge, and Rodrigues, of Orleans, demanded the yeas and nays, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Allain, Armstead, Antoine, Bowman, Bryant, Blackstone, Barrow, Carey, Connaughton, Cousin, Demas, Davidson, R. R. Davis, Decker, Dejoie, Dayries, Elliot, Greene, Gair, Guichard, Hubeau, Hill, M. Jones, Kenyon, Kern, Keys, Lewis, Landry, Murrell (Lafourche), Murrell (Madison), Mahoney, Mayo, Martinet, Marie, Montaldo, Peyton, Page, Paris, Raby, Rochon, Souer, Sawyer, Sartain, Southard, Sutton, Sewell, Thomas, Tureaud, Williams, Wilson, Worthy, Ward—52.

Nays—Boyd, Benham, Boatner, Fontelieu, Heffner, Hahn, Keating, Marvin, Matthews, Rodrigues, Stewart, Wiggin, Wands—13.

The motion to lay on the table prevailed.

[Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, in the chair.]

Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until Monday, and that it be made the special order for one o'clock.

Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, moved to amend by saying Saturday, which was accepted by Mr. Gair.

Mr. Tureaud, of St. James, moved to lay that motion on the table, on which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stewart, of Tensas, and Rodrigues, of Orleans, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Armstead, Bowman, Blackstone, Barrow, Carey, Connaughton, Demas, R. R. Davis, Decker, Devezin, Dejoie, Dayries, Dewees, Elliot, Greene, Guichard, Heffner, Hill, Kenyon, Kern, Lewis, Landry, Marvin, Murrell (Lafourche), Murrell (Madison), Mahoney, Mayo, Martinet, Marie, Montaldo, Page, Paris, Raby, Rochon, Souer, Sawyer, Stewart, Sartain, Southard, Sewell, Thomas, Tureaud, Worthy, Wiggin, Ward, Young—46.

Nays—Allain, Antoine, Bryant, Boyd, Benham, Boatner, Cousin, Grant, Gair, Hubeau, Hahn, M. Jones, Keating, Mathews, Peyton, Rodrigues, Sutton, Williams, Wilson, Wands—20.

The House refused to postpone the consideration of the bill.

The Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT, February 28, 1873.

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

Your Committee on Enrollment beg leave to report the following House bills as duly enrolled, viz:

House bill No. 158, entitled an act making an appropriation of the sum of $270,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the payment of the mileage and per diem of the members, officers and employes of the General Assembly, and the contingent expenses thereof, establishing a rate at which the warrants shall be disbursed, and the manner of disbursing the same.

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Very respectfully,

JOHN GAIR, Chairman.

Mr. Murrell, of Madison, moved the final passage of the bill, and called the previous question.

The main question was ordered.

On the final passage of the substitute for House bill No. 125, entitled House bill No. 201, an act for the relief of the officers and members of the Metropolitan Police, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stewart, of Tensas, and Murrell, of Madison, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Allain, Antoine, Bowman, Boyd, Blackstone, Barrow, Carey, Connaughton, Cousin, Demas, Davidson, R. R. Davis, Decker, Dejoie, Dayries, Devezin, Dewees, Elliot, Gair, Guichard, Hubeau, M. Jones, Kenyon, Kern, Keys, Lewis, Landry, Murrell (Lafourche), Murrell (Madison), Mahoney, Mayo, Martinet, Marie, Montaldo, Peyton, Page, Paris, Raby, Rochon, Souer, Sawyer, Sartain, Southard, Sutton, Sewell, Thomas, Tureaud, Williams, Wilson, Worthy, Ward—52.

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