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Thirteenth Day's Session.

SENATE CHAMBER,
New Orleans, January 21, 1874.

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, Barber, Belden, Blackburn, Blunt, Bovee, Butler, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Daigle, Greene, Harris, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Thomas, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—24.

The President announced a quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with, and the journal corrected and adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
New Orleans, January 20, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to ask the concurrence of your honorable body in the following House bill, viz:

House bill No. 31, an act to incorporate the Union Benevolent Association of Jackson, Louisiana.

Also, House bill No. 41, entitled an act to amend section five of an act to incorporate the city of Monroe; to fix its boundaries; to provide for its government, and create a recorder's court for the same, approved May 4, 1871.

Very respectfully,
WILLIAM VIGERS,
Chief Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
New Orleans, January 21, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your committee to whom was referred Senate bill No. 190, to amend sections two and three of act No. 84 of 1870, entitled an act to establish a public park for the city of New Orleans, and to provide means therefor, approved March 16, 1870, and to reorganize the board of commissioners of the New Orleans parks, respectfully submit the following report: We have had said bill under consideration, and after a careful examination, we have deemed it proper to report a substitute for the same, and recommend its passage.

Also, House bill No. 11, an act repealing the act creating a commission to erect a State House. Reported back without action.

THOMAS A. CAGE, Chairman,
E. BUTLER,
W. JASPER BLACKBURN,
WILLIAM HARPER.

Mr. Harris moved to take up the report of the Committee on Parks and Public Buildings.

Objected to.

The report lies over.

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT AND ENGROSSMENT,
New Orleans, January 21, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolment and Engrossment beg leave to report as duly engrossed Senate bill No. 248, an act to amend and re-enact preamble and section one of an act for the relief of Charles H. Walker.

Respectfully,
JAMES H. INGRAHAM,
Chairman.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Anderson:

An act for the relief of sureties.

Also, an act to permit persons accused in criminal cases to testify as a witness, the same as any other witness in the case.

By Mr. Belden:

An act to procure two hundred and fifty copies of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana of 1870, with statutory amendments thereto, including the statutory amendments of the session of the General Assembly of 1874, compiled by Albert Voorhies.

By Mr. Crawford:

An act to amend and re-enact article 2312 of the Civil Code.

By Mr. Thomas:

An act to encourage the building of steamboats and other water crafts in the State.

By Mr. Barber:

An act to amend and re-enact section one and to repeal sections two and six of act No. 45 of the extra session of 1870, and to amend and re-enact section 1903 of the Revised Statutes, and making appeals from the parishes of Carroll and Madison returnable to Monroe.

Also, an act providing a salary for the clerks of the district courts for the parish of Orleans, the mode of payment, and accounting for the clerks, and the duties and responsibilities of clerks.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Belden:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the release and bond of property seized under conservatory process providing for the determination of the case against all parties, and providing for sale of perishable property seized under mesne process after certain delays, advertisements and notices, and fixing said delays and advertisements.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time and referred to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Masicot:

A bill to be entitled an act appropriating $20,000, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, to refund the Board of Metropolitan Police the amount paid for salaries of members of the Metropolitan Police force while on militia duty outside of the Metropolitan Police district during the year 1873, and for necessary incidental expenses of such militia service, and providing that credit for such amount refunded shall be given to the corporations comprising said district, and providing the manner for disbursing the same.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Barber:

A bill to be entitled an act providing a salary for the clerks of the district courts of the parish of Orleans, the manner of payment, collecting and accounting for the clerks' fees, and the duties and responsibilities of clerks.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Brewster:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the New Orleans *Times* and New Orleans *Picayune* newspapers.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time and referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Belden:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the enforcement of hypothecary rights and defining the jurisdiction of courts therefor.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time and referred to the Commitee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Belden:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to public sales and sale days, made in pursuance of decrees of courts, in the parishes of Assumption, Lafourche and Terrebonne.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Brewster:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the sale of mineral oils and other substances for illuminating purposes.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

By Mr. Brewster:

A bill to be entitled an act to create local boards of health, to define their powers and duties and to provide for their support.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time and referred to the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

By Mr. Brewster:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3742 of Ray's Revised Statutes.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Belden:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to public advertisements and notices in country parishes.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Belden:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to bringing suits on privileged debts in the parish where the property affected is situated, and providing for the service of petition and citation in such cases.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, and the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Belden:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the Attorney General, district attorneys and district attorneys pro tempore swearing witnesses, and compelling witnesses, and compelling their attendance.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Chadbourn.

An act requiring parents and guardians of children to give them an opportunity of education in public or private schools.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time and referred to the Committee on Public Education.

By Mr. Barber:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend and re-enact section one, and to repeal sections two and six of act No. 45 of the extra session of 1870, and to amend and re-enact section 1903 of the Revised Statutes, and making appeals from the parishes of Carroll and Madison returnable to Monroe.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Bovee, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower Thomas H. Franklin, an emancipated minor, to practice law before any of the courts of this State.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr Belden:

Joint resolution addressing out of office Emile L. Hebert, clerk of the Fifteenth District Court, in and for the parish of Assumption.

The resolution was read first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the resolution read the second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Anderson:

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be authorized to add the name of Senator Thomas to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

Lies over.

By Mr Thomas:

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Louisiana, the House concurring, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives requested to have an act passed by Congress re-establishing a United States District Court in and for North Louisiana, and that the Governor be requested to forward each member in Congress a copy of this resolution.

Lies over.

Mr. Stamps called up the report of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform on Senate bill No. 73, an act closing the drinking houses of public resort, and to prohibit the sale of spirituous or malt liquors on Sundays, reported without action.

Report taken up.

Mr. Stamps moved that the bill be considered section by section.

Adopted.

The first section was read.

Mr. Stamps moved to adopt.

Mr. Butler called for a second reading of the section.

The first section was again read.

Mr. Barber offered the following amendment: Add after words "public resort" "all theatres and dance houses."

Adopted.

Mr. Burch offered the following amendment: Include all markets and stores of all kinds.

Mr. Stamps moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Tabled.

Mr. Brewster offered the following amendment: Strike out "and malt" after the word "spirituous."

Mr. Stamps moved to lay the amendment on the table.

On call of the yeas and nays, the amendment was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Blackburn, Butler, Blunt, Cage, Chadbourn, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Pollard, Stamps, Twitchell, Wharton—14.

Nays—Alexander, Belden, Bovee, Burch, Brewster, Crawford, Daigle, Greene, Ingraham, Masicot, Rey, Weber—12.

Mr. Harris moved to refer to the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

Mr. Stamps moved to lay the motion to refer on the table.

Mr. Harris called for the yeas and nays and the motion was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—Barber, Blackburn, Blunt, Bovee, Butler, Brewster, Cage, Chadbourn, Crawford, Greene, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Wharton—19.

Nays—Alexander, Belden, Burch, Daigle, Harris, Twitchell, Weber—7.

Mr. Burch moved to refer to the Committee on Penitentiary.

Mr. Stamps moved to lay the motion to refer on the table.

Mr. Burch called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to refer was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—Barber, Blackburn, Blunt, Butler, Cage, Chadbourn, Greene, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Ingraham, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Wharton—14.

Nays—Anderson, Alexander, Brewster, Belden, Bovee, Burch, Crawford, Daigle, Harris, Kelso, Rey, Weber—12.

Mr. Stamps moved that the bill be taken up as a whole on second reading.

Mr. Burch made the point of order that Mr. Stamps' motion was out of order, unless the vote to take up section by section is resonsidered.

The Chair decided the point well taken.

On motion of Mr. Burch the Senate went into executive session.

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

Messrs. Anderson, Alexander, Barber, Belden, Blackburn, Blunt, Butler, Burch, Brewster, Cage, Chadbourn, Crawford, Daigle, Harris, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Weber, Wharton—23.

The President announced a quorum present.

Mr. Barber moved to reconsider the vote by which Mr. Brewster's amendment was tabled.

Mr. Burch made the point of order that Mr. Barber's motion was out of order, as he had an amendment pending.

The Chair decided the point not well taken; Mr. Burch's amendment having been disposed of, Mr. Barber's motion to reconsider the vote tabling Mr. Brewster's amendment being properly before the Senate.

The Senate voted to reconsider.

Mr. Barber moved to adopt Mr. Brewster's amendment.

Mr. Stamps seconded the motion and called for the previous question.

Mr. Stamps withdrew the call for the previous question to allow discussion.

Mr. Stamps renewed the motion to adopt.

Mr. Weber moved to adjourn until tomorrow at 12 M.

Mr. Harris moved the following amendment:

That when the Senate adjourns it adjourns to meet at seven o'clock this evening.

Mr. Twitchell made the point of order that the question of the longest time should be put first.

The Chair decided the point well taken.

Mr. Weber called for the yeas and nays on his motion to adjourn until 12 M., January 22, 1874, and the Senate voted to adjourn, as follows:

Yeas—Anderson, Alexander, Blackburn, Belden, Bovee, Butler, Brewster, Crawford, Cage, Chadbourn, Daigle, Greene, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—21.

Nays—Barber, Blunt, Burch, Harris, Ingraham, Stamps—6.

Before the vote was announced the Clerk of the House of Representatives was admitted with the following:

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
New Orleans, January 21, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to ask the concurrence of your body in the following House bill, viz:

House bill No. 75, entitled an act to provide for funding obligations of the State by exchange for bonds, to provide for principal and interest of said bonds, to establish a board of liquidation; to authorize certain judicial proceedings against it; to define and punish violations of this act; to prohibit certain officers from diverting funds, except as provided by law, and to punish violations therefor; to levy a continuing tax, and provide a continuing appropriation for said bonds; to make a contract between the State and holders of said bonds; to prohibit injunctions in certain cases; to limit the indebtedness of the State and to limit State taxes; to annul certain grants of State aid; to provide for the receipt of certain warrants for certain taxes, and providing for the payment of the warrants of the constitutional officers of the State, and to repeal all conflicting laws.

Very respectfully,
JOHN W. ROXBOROUGH,
Assistant Clerk.

The President then announced that the Senate stood adjourned until Thursday, January 22, 1874, at 12 M.

P. E. BECHTEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Fourteenth Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
New Orleans, January 22, 1874.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Charles W. Lowell in the chair.

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

Speaker Lowell, and Messrs. Allain, Armstead, Antoine, Bowman, Boyd, Blackstone, Boatner, Bickham, Barrow, Carey, Cockerham, Carr, Connaughton, Cousin, Demas, Davidson, D. C. Davis, Decker, Devezin, Dumont, Dewees, Estilette, Elliott, Fontelieu, Greene, Grant, Gair, Guichard, Harris, Heffner, Humble, Hubeau, Hill, Heath, P. Jones, M. Jones, Johnson, Keating, Kirkman, Kenyon, Kern, D. King, Keys, V. O. King, Lewis, Lawes, Little, Marvin, Moreland, Murrell of Lafourche, Murrell of Madison, Mahoney, Mayo, Martinet, Marie, Mathews, Montaldo, Norris, Price, Peyton, Page, Prescott, Paris, Prevost, Rodrigues, Raby, Rochon, Souer, Sawyer, Stewart, Sartain, Snaer, Simms, Southard, Smith, Sutton, Sewell, Smart, Thomas, Tureaud, Thompson, Williams, Wilson, Worthy, Washington, Ward, Wands, D. Wilson, Young—89.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. E. Green.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of East Baton Rouge, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Mathews, of Tensas, the journal of the twelfth day's proceedings was approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Executive Department
New Orleans, January 21, 1874.

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

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that a bill originating in your honorable body entitled an act making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem and contingent expenses of the General Assembly, etc., has become a law with his approval.

H. CONQUEST CLARKE,
Private Secretary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Harris, of Pointe Coupee, presented the petition of E. L. Pierson, of Natchitoches, contesting the seat of the member from that parish, which was referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Souer, of Avoyelles, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized and directed to appoint a special committee of five members to investigate the affairs of the State militia, the amount disbursed for its maintenance and to whom paid, and they are hereby authorized to send for books and papers.

Referred to the Committee on Militia.

Mr. Marie, of Terrebonne, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to investigate the Barataria and Lafourche Canal Company No. 2, and also the Lafourche and Terrebonne Draining Land Improvement Company.

Lies over under the rules.

Mr. Lawes, of Red River, called up the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Claims be required to bring forthwith before the House the bill recommending the payment of $1449 to James Allen, for compensation for services rendered to the Attorney General as clerk, from the first of January to the first of November, in the year 1869, said bill having been presented by the Committee on Claims of the session of 1872, on the twenty-third day of February, 1872, with their report to the House, and recommended by said committee to pass.

Which was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER,
New Orleans, January 22, 1874.

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

I am directed by the Senate to ask the concurrence of your honorable body in the passage of the following:

Senate bill No. 248, entitled an act to amend and re-enact preamble and section one of an act for the relief of Charles H. Walker, approved June 3, 1873.

Respectfully,
P. E. BECHTEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Tureaud, of St. James, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be directed to issue to J. J. Johnson his mileage as contestant from the parish of De Soto, and that the Speaker be authorized to sign the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ward, of Grant, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to examine and report to the House the rate of interest charged by the various loan and pledge associations in this city, the manner of disposing of forfeited goods, etc., with a view to ascertaining if they are governed by the laws in force in reference to the same.

Lies over under the rules.

Mr. Murrell, of Lafourche, offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That a special committee, consisting of three members of this body, be appointed by the Speaker, to proceed to Terrebonne parish, immediately; there to inquire into the conduct of officials on the Houma Branch railroad; the condition of the cars that were fired into; and, further, to proceed to Lafourche, to examine into the motives which caused men from that parish to go to Terrebonne during the late excitement there, with arms of a dangerous nature; and, also, to ascertain if those men paid fare on any of the cars which carried them..

Lies over under the rules.

Mr. Greene, of Jackson, offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to investigate as to what disposition, if any, has been made of certain suits entered by the Attorney General in behalf of the State of Louisiana against the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, and whether the same, or any of them are now pending, and in what court or courts.

Lies over under the rules.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

The following gentlemen gave notice that on some future day they would introduce the following bills.

By Mr. Antoine, of St. Mary:

An act to annex a portion of the parishes of Iberia, St. Martin, Assumption and Terrebonne to the parish of St. Mary.

By Mr. Williams, of East Baton Rouge:

An act to renew the charter of Independent Fire Company No. 2, of Baton Rouge, the same having been granted by act approved March 15, 1854.

An act to provide for the election of a recorder for the city of Baton Rouge, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Snaer, of Iberia:

An act to establish and keep in repair the public roads of the parish of Iberia, and to provide a revenue and labor for the same.

By Mr. Kern, of Jefferson:

An act authorizing and directing the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue to Mrs. C. Edmonston, transferee of James Edmondston, a certificate of State indebtedness, payable under the funding act of 1874, for expenditures and services rendered the State, etc.

By Mr. Ward, of Grant:

An act to incorporate and enable certain persons, hereinafter named, to construct and maintain the New Orleans and St. Bernard horse car street railroad.

By Mr. M. Jones, of Pointe Coupee:

An act opening the State road from New Texas Landing to the Atchafalaya river.

By Mr. Young, of Concordia:

An act to amend and re-enact section 3110 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana.

By Mr. Greene, of Jackson:

An act to be entitled an act creating a board of commerce in the city and port of New Orleans, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Wands, of Tangipahoa:

An act entitled an act to repeal section 116 of Ray's Revised Statutes.

Also, an act to amend and re-enact article 358 of the Code of Practice.

By Mr. J. F. Smith, of Sabine:

An act to incorporate the town of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, and to provide for the government of the same.

An act to legalize the official acts of W. W. McNeely as parish judge of the parish of Sabine, and for the relief of W. W. McNeely, granting him salary as parish judge, and providing payment for the same.

An act to incorporate the town of Maury, Louisiana, and to provide for the government of the same.

By Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana:

An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish an insane asylum and to regulate the same, approved March 15, 1855.

By Mr. Lawes, of East Feliciana:

An act entitled an act making an appropriation of $10,000 for the purpose of building a bridge across Thompson's creek at a place known as the Bayou Sara ford.

According to previous notice the following bills were introduced, and passed their first and second readings under suspension of the constitutional rules, and referred to their appropriate committees:

By Mr. Baker, of Bossier:

House bill No. 77, entitled an act to enforce article 117 of the constitution, and to prohibit persons from holding two offices at the same time, and to fix penalties for its violation, and to prescribe the duties of district judges and State's attorneys in relation thereto.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee, and ordered printed in the journal, which reads as follows:

An act to enforce article 117 of the constitution, and to prohibit persons from holding two offices at the same time; to fix penalties for its violation; and to prescribe the duties of district judges and State's attorneys in relation thereto.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That from and after the first day of April, 1874, it shall be unlawful for any person to hold or exercise the functions of two offices of profit at the same time (except such as are permitted by article 117 of the constitution) either State, parish or municipal, or to hold another of said offices while being a member of the General Assembly of Louisiana or an officer of the United States.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That any person violating this act shall be liable to prosecution in any court of competent jurisdiction, and on conviction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars, nor more than three hundred, and such judgment of conviction shall *ipso facto* vacate all State, parish or municipal offices so held, and prohibit the exercise of the same by such offender.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall be specially given in charge to grand juries, judges of district courts, and enforced by State's attorneys.

By Mr. Sewell, of Orleans:

House bill No. 78, entitled an act establishing the banking department of the State of Louisiana, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and ordered printed.

Also, House bill No. 79, entitled an act to reduce the taxes and consolidate the debt of the city of New Orleans; to abolish the present city debt tax, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed.

By Mr. Bickham, of Washington:

House bill No. 80, entitled an act making an appropriation of $2500 for the repairing of bridges on the five thousand dollar road leading from Tangipahoa station to Pearl river.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed.

By Mr. Peyton, of De Soto:

House bill No. 81, entitled an act authorizing the appropriation and payment of aid from the school funds of the several parishes of the State for students or scholars in colleges and higher schools in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Fontelieu, of Vermilion:

House bill No. 82, entitled an act for the relief of N. Young.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Little, of St. Landry:

House bill No. 83, entitled an act for the creation of the parish of St. Joseph, to be formed from the parish of St. Landry; fixing the limits thereof; establishing the seat of justice therein; providing for the appointment of its officers and the organization of the government therein, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. King, of Orleans:

House bill No. 84, entitled an act to incorporate the Jeunes Amis Benevolent Association of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Williams, of East Baton Rouge:

House bill No. 85, entitled an act to exempt property within the limits of the city of Baton Rouge from the payment of parish taxes, except for certain purposes, and to provide for the payment of the expenses of criminal prosecution in certain cases.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also, House bill No. 86, entitled an act reorganizing the police jury of the parish of East Baton Rouge; prescribing the number, duties and powers thereof; the mode of their appointment; fixing their compensation, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Hill, of Ouachita:

House bill No. 87, entitled resolution repealing article sixty-six of the constitution, and adopting an article in the place thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Constitution.

By Mr. Dewees, of Red River:

House bill No. 88, entitled an act to exempt the town of Coushatta, parish of Red River, from parish taxation.

Also, House bill No. 89, entitled an act to allow each parish surveyor to employ a deputy surveyor.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Elliot, of Orleans:

House bill No. 90, entitled an act to incorporate the Good Shepherd Conclave No. 2, of Louisiana.

Also, House bill No. 91, entitled an act to incorporate the Union Sons of Honor Benevolent Association of New Orleans.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Souer, of Avoyelles:

House bill No. 92, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Simmsport, in the parish of Avoyelles, and for the organization thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, House bill No. 93, entitled an act appropriating the sum of $95,000 to pay the deficiency now existing for the maintenance of the militia of the State.

Referred to the committee of the whole.

By Mr. Carey, of Orleans:

House bill No. 94, entitled an act to amend and re-enact article 165 of the Code of Practice.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist:

House bill No. 94, entitled an act for the relief of Louis Tregre, and for making an appropriation to buy a piece of land on which said Tregre shall apply or expose his inventions.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Barrow, of Orleans:

House bill No. 96, entitled an act for the relief of *L'Avenir*, a newspaper published in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Benham, of Carroll:

House bill No. 97, entitled an act prohibiting the Auditor of Public Accounts from issuing a deed or certificate of redemption on property returned delinquent until the party claiming the same produces a receipt from the tax collector that he has paid the parish taxes and penalties on same.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Paris, of Orleans:

House bill No. 98, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section one of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Young Veterans 1862 and 1865 Benevolent and Mutual Aid Association, of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, House bill No. 99, entitled an act for the relief of John M. Hoyle.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Tureaud, of St. James:

House bill No. 100, entitled an act to change the name Lucien Alexis Schegg to that of Lucien Alexis Grandeury.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Blackstone, of Natchitoches:

House bill No. 101, entitled an act for the relief of Chaplin, Sr.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans:

House bill No. 102, entitled an act for the relief of James C. Walker.

Also, House bill No. 103, entitled an act granting Robert Dalton relief.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT,
New Orleans, January 22, 1874.

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

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

House bill No. 34, an act entitled an act for the relief of Mrs. W. P. Noble, and for other purposes.

House bill No. 75, an act to provide for funding obligations of the State by exchange for bonds; to provide for principal and interest of said bonds; to establish a board of liquidation; to authorize certain judicial proceedings against it; to define and punish violations of this act; to prohibit certain officers from diverting funds except as provided by law, and to punish violations therefor; to levy a continuing tax and provide a continuing appropriation for said bonds; to make a contract between the State and holders of said bonds; to prohibit injunctions in certain cases; to limit the indebtedness of the State and to limit State taxes; to annul certain grants of State aid; to prohibit the modification, novation or extension of any contract heretofore made for State aid; to provide for the receipt of certain warrants for certain taxes, and providing for the payment of the warrants of the constitutional officers of the State, and to repeal all conflicting laws.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN GAIR, Chairman.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, called up House bill No. 132, entitled an act to regulate the private markets in the city of New Orleans, and for other purposes.

Which was made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Murrell, of Lafourche, made the following report, which was ordered printed in the journal:

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

Your special committee, appointed on the fourteenth instant, to investigate the reported riot in Terrebonne parish, beg leave to make this their report after three days careful examination, held in said parish.

Upon the arrival of your committee in the said parish, all seemed quiet and serene. Knowing that all members here are familiar with the late financial panic and distressed business ensuing therefrom, your committee will dwell no further on this topic, only to remark that said panic was severely felt in Terrebonne, and prevented planters, with very few exceptions, from realizing the necessary means with which to remunerate the men who tilled the soil and made the crops. Accordingly the planters of said parish held a meeting among themselves a few weeks ago, and concluded, as a device by which to make up for past losses, and to continue in the life and rank they so fondly cherish, planting, to pay the laborers only $13 per month. The laborers having been informed of the action taken against them and fearing their rights to be unjustly taken from them, and oppression staring them in the face, resolved themselves into a laboring men's benevolent association, for their own welfare and as a preventive from the injustice about being perpetrated, and further resolved not to work for less than $20 per month. All went merry as a marriage bell until it was ascertained that a great number of hands had not received last year's wages and but poor prospects of ever receiving them. This naturally led to a meeting of laborers, at which some boisterous language was expressed by outsiders, and the anger caused by the deprivation found vent in words. People residing in close proximity to the place of meeting becoming alarmed (which is quite habitual), apprehended danger from a few braggadocio expressions, spread false information in regard to the matter and exaggerated things to such an extent that people were impressed with the idea that the Spaniards had arrived and were about to slay all they came in contact with. To aggravate matters still more, men having no interest with either planter or laborer, but like the gamester, who views with delight a dog fight in a kennel, and anxious to witness one (but not desirous of taking a part through fear), were dispatched to Lafourche for a class of worthless and lawless desperadoes to come to Terrebonne. This class of "peacemakers" immediately equipped themselves with arms of a dangerous nature and instantly obeyed the dictates of their own craniums by proceeding to Terrebonne as in a warlike expedition, when moral persuasion would have sufficed. A sad commentary on men claiming for themselves intelligence and profound modesty. It is the opinion of your committee that those men must have had bad motives in leading bad men to commit bad acts. Such contumacious acts on the part of those men provoked matters to a great degree, and only gained for the participants therein condemnation from the law-abiding and peaceful citizens of Terrebonne. The people of Terrebonne are in all reality peaceful and law-abiding, and need no marauding expeditions to visit them from Lafourche, thereby inciting the people to tumult, riot and confusion.

Before concluding, your committee feel constrained to state that the people of Terrebonne owe a debt of gratitude to the officers and privates of the State militia for the able manner in which they conducted themselves, and the persistent endeavor put forth to do their duty without fear or favor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
WILLIAM MURRELL,
Chairman;
L. J. SOUER,
J. MARIE.

Mr. Tureaud, of St. James, chairman of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS,
New Orleans, January 22, 1874.

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

We the undersigned members of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications would most respectfully report that we have had the case of Thornton Butler vs. T. B. Blanchard under consideration, and find that by the establishing of a poll styled poll No. 8, in the fourth ward, and other frauds sworn to by the supervisor, A. J. Kenner, the said Butler was defrauded out of votes to the number of 309, which, added to the vote counted, would leave him a majority of votes.

We, therefore, ask that he be sworn in as a member of your honorable body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
A. TUREAUD, Chairman;
S. MARVIN,
T. G. DAVIDSON,
JOSEPH W. ARMSTEAD,
WILLIAM WARD,
NELSON KENYON.

Which was received and adopted.

Mr. Snaer, of Iberia, chairman of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL AFFAIRS,
New Orleans, January 22, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Parochial Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 14, entitled an act to provide for the removal of the seat of justice of the parish of St. Bernard, and to redivide said parish into wards, begs leave to report favorably thereon, and recommends its passage.

L. C. SNAER, Chairman;
VICTOR ROCHON,
T. M. GRANT,
W. C. PEYTON,
SAMUEL THOMAS.

Which was received and adopted, and the bill made the special order of the day for next Saturday.

Mr. Paris, of Orleans, introduced Mr. Thornton Butler, of the fourth representative district of the parish of Orleans, who was sworn in as a member.

Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS,
New Orleans, January 22, 1874.

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

Your committee has under consideration House bill No. 6, and report favorably upon the same, and recommend its passage, with the following amendments accompanying this report:

Strike out all of section five and insert the following: "That from and after the passage of this act the said corporate town of Waterproof shall be exempt from all parish licenses, and from all road duty."

In section six, after the word "hazarded," in line twenty-four, strike out "lottery dealers and lottery agents."

In section eight, line five, strike out "civil and."

In section eight, lines six and seven, strike out "ward in which."

In section eight, in lines seven and eight, "is or may be situated."

In section eight, line twenty-two, after the word "such" insert "criminal."

In same line after word "premises," "within said town."

In line twenty third, section eight, strike out both "civil and criminal."

In section eight strike out all after the word "thereof" in line thirty-one.

Section eight, in line thirty-two after the word "council" insert "for his services as mayor and ex-officio justice of the peace, and shall receive no fees or compensation otherwise than his salary allowed by said town council."

Respectfully,
HENRY DEMAS, Chairman;
JAMES S. MATHEWS,
E. W. DEWEES,
WILLIAM MURRELL,
Of Lafourche.

All the amendments were agreed to, and House bill No. 6, entitled an act to amend sections two, five, six and seven of an act to incorporate the town of Waterproof, in the parish of Tensas, approved April 23, 1872, was considered engrossed, and, under suspension of the constitutional rules, passed its third reading, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Committee on Corporations also made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS,
New Orleans, January 22, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Corporations, having had House bill No. 8, an act to incorporate the St. Paul Benevolent Association of New Iberia, under consideration, beg leave to report the same, with the following amendment in the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth lines: Strike out the following words: "And provided, further, that all real estate owned by said association shall be exempt from State, parish and municipal taxation." With this exception we report favorably and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,
HENRY DEMAS,
Chairman.

And the amendment was agreed to, and House bill No. 8, entitled an act to incorporate the St. Paul Benevolent Association of New Iberia, was considered engrossed, and 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.

On motion of Mr. Dewees, of Red River, House bill No. 89, entitled an act to allow each parish surveyor to employ a deputy surveyor, was withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary, and under suspension of the rules passed its third reading and was considered engrossed, and under a further suspension of the constitutional rules passed its third reading, and finally passed, title adopted and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

House bill No. 64, entitled joint resolution to restrict the employment of convict labor by the lessees of the Penitentiary, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof, was made the special order of the day for next Wednesday.

Senate bill No. 179, entitled an act for the relief of F. Van Benthuysen and his minor children.

Passed its several readings, under suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, and notice of concurrence ordered sent to the Senate.

Senate bill No. 197, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend article 644 of the Code of Practice, approved April 23, 1872.

Passed first and second readings, under suspension of the constitutional rules, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 205, entitled an act to incorporate the Hope Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of Franklin, parish of St. Mary, and to provide for the organization and government of