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THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

Twenty-Seventh Day's Session. New Orleans, February 6, 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. Anderson, Alexander, Barber, Boutwell, Blackburn, Burch, Butler, Cade, Chabourn, Dejeu, Daigle, Gaudin, Greene, Harris, Ingraham, Mascot, Polard, Roy, Stamps, Thomas, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton.

The President announced a quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Root.

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, February 6, 1874. To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

House bill No. 13, entitled an act authorizing C. F. Estlin to sue the State of Louisiana.

Very respectfully, JOHN W. ROXBOROUGH, Assistant Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Anderson, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate bill No. 37, an act to authorize the police jury of the parish of Plaquemine to issue bonds and to provide for the redemption thereof.

Favorably.

Senate bill No. 38, an act to expedite trial of causes in the Supreme Court of Louisiana at New Orleans, and to regulate the same for a limited period.

Favorably.

Senate bill No. 19, an act to amend and re-enact section 2749 of the Revised Statutes.

Favorably.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, New Orleans, February 6, 1874. To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 12, an act to exempt from State and municipal taxes the certain property of the St. Patrick's Hall Association in the city of New Orleans, and to remit back taxes on the same, beg leave to report the same with the following amendment: In line eleven, after the word "association," insert "and be in actual use for charitable or religious purposes." With this amendment, we recommend the passage of the bill.

M. H. TWITCHELL, Chairman.

T. B. STAMPS, Chairman.

T. C. ANDERSON, Chairman.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Wharton: A bill entitled an act to amend act No. 3, approved January 21, 1873, to provide for testing, in the instance of any taxpayer, in the courts of this State the legality and validity of any of the items of State indebtedness, the legality and validity of which may have been or may be hereafter questioned; prohibiting the board of liquidation under said act No. 3 of 1873 from funding the questionable or doubtful obligations of the State named in this act until the same shall have been finally declared legal and valid by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana, and to provide means for carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

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A committee of five on the part of the Senate, and a committee of five on the part of the House, and five on the part of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall constitute a special committee, to be known as "the committee on apportionment," who shall have charge of all questions pertaining to apportionment and division of the State into congressional districts, and that the committee of five be composed of one from each congressional district.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, That said committee shall report by bill whatever legislation may be necessary for the purpose herein indicated, and at as early a day as may be practicable.

Sec. 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That said committee shall organize and enter upon its duties as soon as appointed, and this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

On motion of Mr. Burch the following amendment made by the House of Representatives, was concurred in, to wit: To strike out the word "five" and insert the word "ten" before the words "on the part of the House."

The Secretary of the Senate was requested to notify the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the foregoing amendment.

The following resolution was taken up: Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to examine and report to the Senate what issues or pledges of ten per cent bonds have been made since the first of January, 1873, of the Council of the city of New Orleans; whether the same have been issued or pledged by authority of law, and in accordance with the terms of act No. 100 of 1871, and whether they constitute a valid debt or obligation against the city of New Orleans.

Mr. Chabourn moved to strike out the words "on finance," and insert "special," before the word "committee," strike out the words "that," "the," and "insert 'a,'" and insert the words "and three" after "committee."

Mr. Butler raised the point of order that by a resolution adopted by the Senate all matters which special committees are to be raised to consider should be referred to their appropriate standing committees.

The Chair decided that a majority vote could amend the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Chabourn the amendment was adopted, on call of the yeas and nays, by the following vote: Yeas—Anderson, Belden, Brewster, Butler, Daigle, Greene, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Mascot, Polard, Roy, Stamps, Thomas, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—27.

Nays—None.

Title to stand.

By Mr. Brewster: An act to amend and re-enact sections one, two and three of act No. 87 of the regular session of 1870, approved March 5, 1870, entitled an act providing for the appointment of public administrators, and defining the duties of the same.

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, by unanimous consent: A joint resolution regulating the assessment in Ouachita parish, and providing for the proper collection of taxes therein.

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RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Thomas: A resolution authorizing the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate to be authorized to sell a \$100 warrant in his hands, belonging to the State, for postage.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, the Senate rules were suspended and the resolution taken up.

Mr. Spryer excused himself from voting on the ground of being interested in the bill.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to adopt the resolution by the following vote: Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blunt, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Cade, Chabourn, Cagle, Daigle, Greene, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelo, Mascot, Polard, Roy, Stamps, Thomas, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—23.

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution: Whereas, the General Assembly, at its last regular session, passed a law allowing the officers of the Senate thirty per cent additional for the purpose of making their pay in accordance with act No. 11 of 1872;

Whereas, in lieu of receiving the thirty per cent they were subjected to a loss of thirty per cent;

Resolved, That the chairman of the committee on auditing and supervising the expenses of the Senate issue vouchers to said officers to the amount of thirty per cent to cover said loss; the contingent funds of the Senate to be the source therefrom.

Lies over.

ACTION ON REPORTS OF COMMITTEES LYING OVER.

House bill No. 12, an act for the relief of John Lewis.

Mr. Ingraham moved to adopt the bill on its second reading.

Mr. Harris called for the special order of the day.

Mr. Gaudin moved to postpone the special order for thirty minutes.

The Senate refused to postpone the special order.

The special order, Senate bill No. 25, an act authorizing the sale of property by tax collectors for delinquent taxes, and providing for the redemption of the same, and requiring the Auditor of Public Accounts to make title in the name of the State, and regulating the proceedings under the same, prohibiting the issuing of injunctions in certain cases, and fixing the time of prescription of actions of any kind at tax sales, and for other purposes, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, the bill was ordered to be considered section by section. The first section was read.

Mr. Barber offered the following amendment: Strike out the word "private," in line seven, and insert the word "public."

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

The amendment was not adopted.

The second section was read and adopted.

Mr. Stamps moved that the bill be re-committed to the Committee on Judiciary, and demanded the previous question.

The previous question was ordered. Under operation of the same the bill was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, on call of the yeas and nays, by the following vote: Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blunt, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Cade, Chabourn, Cagle, Daigle, Greene, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelo, Mascot, Polard, Roy, Stamps, Thomas, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—16.

Nays—None.

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Mr. Anderson moved that the special order of the day be postponed for ten minutes.

Mr. Cagle moved to lay that motion on the table.

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