fifteen days' notice of the election to be held for said purposes shall be given in one or more newspapers published in said city; said election to be conducted in accordance with existing laws governing elections."

With these amendments your committee respectfully recommend the passage of the bill.

Senate bill No. 370, an act to limit the right of compulsory process of witnesses in criminal cases on preliminary examination in the parish of St. Landry. Favorably.

Senate bill No. 319, an act to prevent forced sales of property at less than four-four-fifths of its value, and to amend and re-enact article 680 of the Code of Practice. Favorably, with amendments as follows:

In line fourteen strike out the word "thirty" and insert "fifteen."

Senate bill No. 59, an act to regulate the private markets in the city of New Orleans, and for other purposes. Favorably.

THOMAS C. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

The following minority report was submitted by Mr. Crawford:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, New Orleans, February 13, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

The undersigned, member of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, respectfully submits the following minority report on House bill No. 59, an act to regulate the private markets in the city of New Orleans, etc.

If this bill should become a law and be enforced, it would close up all the private markets within twelve squares of a public market in the city of New Orleans, and all places where fresh meat, poultry and fresh fish are sold, although the persons carrying on said business had paid and obtained a license for the entire year, for the first section says that "it is hereby made unlawful for any person to conduct, carry on or continue any private market;" and the third section says that the party violating this act shall be subject to a fine of $100, or imprisonment not less than three months or more than six months, or both, at the discretion of the court; and the sixth section enacts that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

These provisions in the said bill are clearly unconstitutional for the reason that those persons within the prescribed limits who have paid for and obtained a license from the law-making power to carry on said free markets during the year 1874, have a contract with the State and city, and therefore have a vested right which can not be divested during the contract, neither can the obligations of their license or contract be impaired only when it is for purposes of public utility, and in this case before their rights can be taken from them adequate compensation must be made, and there is no provision in this bill which declares that it is for the public utility or any making of provisions for compensating the persons sought to be deprived of their vested rights. In support of the objections and reasons, I will refer to article 110 of the State constitution, which says, that "no law impairing the obligation of contracts shall be passed, nor vested rights be divested, unless for purposes of public utility, and for adequate compensation made."

The Supreme Court decided, that "any law imposing conditions not in the contract, when made, or dispensing with those that were made, is unconstitutional. See 4 La. R., p. 94. And, again, in 12 La. R., the court held, that "the Legislature can not abridge any right a contract confers."

Story on the Constitution says, that since the American revolution no State government can take away vested rights of property, or take the property of A, and transfer it to B, by mere legislative act.

If this act was to become law, it would take the right from the owner of the private market to sell fresh meat and poultry and fresh fish, and transfer it to the lessees of the public markets.

I will, before closing this report, make the further objection to this act, that it creates for the present year a very oppressive monopoly, which will be felt most by the large majority of the population of New Orleans, to wit: the poor widows and the laboring portion of the population. This act will compel them to go at least six squares to buy their fresh meat and fish, which is a large item in a city like this, where nine months in the year it is so warm that it necessitates the purchasing of fresh meats every day, if a person uses fresh meat, and as the public markets are all leased during this year to a few individuals, this law will be legislating for their special benefit, and will add largely to their profits, and will not bring into the city treasury one dollar before the first of January, 1875, and it will enhance the price of fresh meat and fish at least twenty per cent, which the consumer will have to pay, for it cuts off competition, and even to-day fresh meat can be purchased much cheaper at the private markets than at the public markets; and what would the price be if the private markets were suppressed within twelve squares of a public market?

The object of this act is not to protect the public health, and is not so stated in the title; and even if it was, we would answer that that is not a good reason, for the Board of Health has power to regulate private houses and residences so as not to be detrimental to the public health. And I presume they have the power and do regulate both the private and public markets in the entire city.

I therefore recommend that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

ISAAC H. CRAWFORD,
Minority of Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Ingraham, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment and Engrossment, submitted the following:

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT, New Orleans, February 13, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrollment and Engrossment beg leave to report Senate bill No. 333, entitled an act to change the name of William Robertson to that of Stanley H. Leriche, as being duly enrolled.

And as being duly engrossed, Senate bill No. 240, entitled an act making appropriations to pay the expenses of the State auditing committee appointed by his Excellency Governor Kellogg and confirmed by the honorable the Superior District Court of the parish of Orleans.

Also, Senate bill No. 381, entitled an act relative to Mississippi Fire Company No. 2 of the city of New Orleans, a corporation organized under the provisions of the laws of this State providing for the organization of certain corporations in this State, approved April 3, 1847, continuing it as a body politic, with certain powers, privileges and franchises.

Respectfully,
JAMES H. INGRAHAM, Chairman.

By Mr. Butler, chairman of the Committee on Claims:

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS, New Orleans, February 13, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted House bill No. 48, entitled an act for the relief of W. B. Phillips, would respectfully state that the testimony in reference to the same is in the hands of the Secretary of the Senate.

The sworn statements of witnesses discloses the following facts, viz: That in the year 1870, W. B. Phillips was parish judge of Grant parish, and that he cultivated the Rock Island plantation in said parish; and that in that year he made and shipped to James N. Given, commission merchant in this city, some sixty-five bales of cotton; and that in the following year he had planted thirty-five acres of cotton more than in the year 1870. That some time in the month of September, 1871, an armed mob of conspirators against the officers and legal government of this State burned his residence and contents, killed the recorder of the parish, and forced said Phillips and his employes to abandon his place and crop, whereby said Phillips lost some sixty bales of cotton, 1000 barrels of corn, stock, farming implements, etc., to the amount of $12,000 or $15,000.

Henry Shorten, of Baton Rouge, testifies that he was sent up as deputy United States marshal to arrest parties charged with the outrage, and that he found said place abandoned by said Phillips and his hands, and that he traced from his (Phillips') ginhouse to near the boundary line of Winn parish thirty bales of cotton, and that his wagons and stock were driven off in that direction. He states, under oath, that he would estimate Phillips' loss at from $12,000 to $15,000.

Such were the facts upon which the Senate Committee on Claims, in the year A. D. 1873, made a favorable report, and such were the reasons why your committee, this session recommended its passage.

The testimony clearly shows that this wrong and injury was done in pursuance of a conspiracy against the legal government of the State; and, in the opinion of your committee, both equity and law demand that some relief should be granted said Phillips. But inasmuch as we are inaugurating an era of retrenchment and reform, your committee would recede from their former report, and recommend the following amendment: Strike out the words "twelve thousand five hundred" and insert "five thousand dollars," and, so amended, would respectfully recommend its passage.

Respectfully,
E. BUTLER, Chairman.

Mr. Ingraham moved to order the report of the Committee on Claims to be printed in the journal.

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

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to lay the motion to print on the table:

Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blunt, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Chadbourn, Detiege, Daigle, Greene, Masicot, Stamps, Swaizie, Weber, Whitney—16.

Nays — Alexander, Bovee, Crawford, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelso, Thomas—8.

Also, Mr. Butler, chairman of the Committee on Claims, on Senate bill No. 321, an act for the relief the Red River Pilots' Benevolent Association, reported favorably and recommended that the bill and petition be referred to the Committee on Finance for the purpose of including the same in the general appropriation.

Mr. Blunt, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND MANUFACTURES, New Orleans, February 13, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures beg leave to report that we have had under consideration Senate bills Nos. 189 and 278, and that we respectfully report them back for your consideration, without action.

Respectfully,
RAFORD BLUNT,
Chairman.

Mr. Brewster, chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, New Orleans, February 13, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 170, relative to the McDonogh land scrip, beg leave to report that we had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

O. H. BREWSTER, Chairman;
J. HENRI BURCH,
C. J. GREENE,
GEORGE Y. KELSO,
E. L. WEBER,
WILLIAM HARPER,
M. H. TWITCHELL.

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

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND PAROCHIAL AFFAIRS, New Orleans February 13, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your committee respectfully reports as follows:

Favorably upon Senate bill No. 222, entitled an act authorizing the supervisors of registration of the parishes of St. John the Baptist and St. James to hold an election at the Vacherie Settlement, submitting to the residents thereof the question as to which of the above parishes they may wish to be attached as an entirety, and the manner of holding the same, and directing the police jury, etc.

Favorably upon Senate bill No. 339, entitled an act to incorporate the St. Louis and St. Angelo Benevolent Association.

Favorably upon House bill No. 90, entitled an act to incorporate Good Shepherd's Conclave No. 2 of Louisiana.

Favorably, with amendments, on Senate bill No. 221, entitled an act in relation to the corporation of the town of Opelousas, in the parish of St. Landry.

Strike out in section three, line eight, after the word "corporation" and to the word "shall;" in line nine, the words "who have paid the poll tax imposed upon them by virtue of this act." Same section, strike out after the word "qualified" in line eighteen down to the word "the" in line twenty-three.

Strike out in section fourteen, in line seventeen, all after the word "purpose."

In section fifteen, after the word "impose," in line two, strike out remainder of section and insert, "and collect annually such license tax as they may deem proper on traveling exhibitions or shows, on peddlers and hawkers, and upon the vendors of spirituous liquors in any form. They may also require a special permit for any person or persons giving a public ball within the corporation limits, for which a license of $2 50 shall be paid."

Strike out, in section sixteen, after the word "large," in line nineteen, all down to to the word "and" in line twenty-one.

In section seventeen, line sixteen, strike out "$100" and insert "$25."

Strike out all of section nineteen.

Unfavorably upon House bill No. 76, entitled an act making the fourth day of March a day of public rest and *dies non*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE Y. KELSO, Chairman;
M. H. TWITCHELL,
WILLIAM HARPER,
GEORGE E. BOVEE,
THOMAS C. ANDERSON.

Mr. Bovee, chairman of the Committee on Charitable Institutions, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, New Orleans, February 13, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 239, entitled an act to establish the Charity Hospital of the city of Baton Rouge, beg leave to report the same favorably, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,
GEORGE E. BOVEE,
Chairman;
J. HENRI BURCH,
E. L. WEBER,
J. A. MASICOT,
A. J. SYPHER.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Masicot:

A bill regulating the fees of the district attorney, clerk and criminal sheriff of the parish of Orleans, defining their duties, and repealing act No. 101 of the regular session and act No. 49 of the extra session of 1870.

By Mr. Thomas:

An act to attach the parish of Rapides to the Seventh Judicial District.

By Mr. Burch:

A bill recommending a code of prison reform and discipline for the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

Also, an act to modify, temporarily, the organization of the Louisiana State University.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Bovee, by unanimous consent:

To confer certain powers upon the Roman Catholic Church of Ascension.

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 Corporations and Parochial Affairs.

ACTION ON REPORTS OF COMMITTEES LYING OVER.

House bill No. 129, an act for the relief of John Lewis, of the city of New Orleans, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Butler, the bill was read the second time.

Mr. Butler moved the bill be adopted on second reading.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to adopt the bill on second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—Barber, Belden, Bovee, Butler, Chadbourn, Crawford, Glaudin, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Rey, Swaizie—13.

Nays — Blackburn, Brewster, Daigle, Greene, Harris, Sypher, Thomas, Wharton, Weber—9.

Mr. Butler moved to suspend the constitutional rule for a third reading.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to suspend the constitutional rules, four-fifths not voting in the affirmative:

Yeas—Barber, Belden, Bovee, Butler, Chadbourn, Crawford, Glaudin, Harris, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Rey, Stamps—14.

Nays—Blackburn, Blunt, Brewster, Daigle, Greene, Sypher, Thomas, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—10.

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

The President announced the unfinished business to be Senate bill No. 237, entitled an act to authorize the police jury of the parish of Plaquemines to issue bonds and to provide for the redemption therof.

[Mr. Whitney in the chair.]

Mr. Thomas moved that the bill be considered engrossed.

Mr. Bovee moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed till next Thursday.

Mr. Butler moved to lay that motion on 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, Belden, Blackburn, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Daigle, Detiege, Greene, Glaudin, Harper, Ingraham, Masicot, Rey, Stamps, Sypher, Swaizie, Thomas, Twitchell, Weber—21.

Nays—Alexander, Blunt, Bovee, Harris, Kelso, Whitney—6.

The President announced the pending question to be the motion to engross the bill.

Mr. Bovee moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

Mr. Butler moved to lay the motion to recommit on the table.

On a call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to lay the motion on the table:

Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blackburn, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Daigle, Detiege, Greene, Glaudin, Harris, Harper, Ingraham, Masicot, Rey, Stamps, Swaizie, Thomas, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton—22.

Nays—Alexander, Blunt, Bovee, Crawford, Kelso, Sypher—6.

The Chair announced the pending question to be to order the bill to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Butler the main question was ordered to be now put.

Under the operation of the previous question the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 350, to amend and re-enact sections 15 and 27 of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to establish a Metropolitan Police District, and to provide for the government thereof, approved September 14, 1868, approved March 8, 1869, and to change the fiscal year of the Board of Metropolitan Police; directing it to make estimates and apportionments; providing for the election of a fiscal agent, and prescribing his duties; prescribing the manner in which the tax for police purposes shall be collected and paid, and providing the manner in which Metropolitan Police warrants shall be received for taxes and licenses by the corporations composing the Metropolitan Police District; directing how moneys shall be drawn from the fiscal agent and paid out by the treasurer of the board of police; authorizing the Board of Police Commissioners to negotiate loans when necessary, and to provide for their payments; prescribing the manner in which sheriffs of the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard shall receive Metropolitan Police warrants for taxes, and fixing a penalty for non-compliance therewith; authorizing the Board of Police Commissioners to draw upon the Metropolitan Police fund for certain purposes; to repeal laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, was taken up.

Mr. Ingraham moved the bill be considered section by section.

Adopted.

The first section was read and adopted.

The second section was read and adopted.

The third section was read and adopted.

The fourth section was read.

Mr. Barber moved to strike out the word 'prior" in line sixty six, and insert the word "subsequent."

Mr. Belden moved to lay the motion to strike out and insert on the table.

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

Yeas—Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Barber, Belden, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Crawford, Daigle, Glaudin, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Stamps, Thomas, Weber—19.

Nays—Blunt, Detiege, Rey, Sypher, Twitchell—5.

Section four was then adopted.

The fifth section was then read and adopted.

The sixth section was then read.

Mr. Detiege moved to strke out all from line twenty-seven to the end of the section.

Mr. Harris moved to table the motion to strike out.

Tabled.

The seventh section was read.

Mr. Harris moved to strike out the words "and commission," in line fifteen.

Adopted.

The section was adopted as amended.

The eighth section was read and adopted.

The ninth section was read and adopted.

The tenth section was read and adopted

The eleventh section was read and adopted.

Mr. Ingraham moved that the bill be ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Stamps, the Senate went into executive session.

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

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blackburn, Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Chadbourn, Crawford, Daigle, Detiege, Greene, Glaudin, Harris, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Ingraham, Kelso, Rey, Stamps, Sypher, Swaizie, Thomas, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—30.

The President announced a quorum present.

The President announced the pending question to be the ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading.

While Mr. Stamps was speaking upon the conduct of certain policemen, Mr. Harris raised the point of order that the order to engross was the pending question.

The President sustained the point of order and desired Mr. Stamps to confine himself to the pending question.

The bill was considered engrossed.

Mr. Ingraham moved to suspend the constitutional rule.

On call of the yeas and nays, the constitutional was suspended by the following vote:

Yeas—Alexander, Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blackburn, Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Chadbourn, Crawford, Daigle, Greene, Glaudin, Harris, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Rey, Stamps, Sypher, Swaizie, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—29.

Nays—Detiege, Thomas—2.

The bill was read the third time.

Mr. Ingraham moved the bill do finally pass.

On call of the yeas and nays, the bill finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Anderson, Alexander, Blackburn, Belden, Barber, Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Chadbourn, Crawford, Glaudin, Greene, Harris, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelso, Masicot, Rey, Stamps, Sypher, Swaizie, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—28.

Nays—Detiege, Thomas—2.

The title to stand.

Mr. Thomas moved to adjourn.

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

Yeas — Anderson, Belden, Blackburn, Blunt, Bovee, Burch, Butler, Daigle, Detiege, Greene, Harris, Harper, Ingraham, Masicot, Rey, Stamps, Sypher, Swaizie, Thomas, Whitney—20.

Nays — Barber, Brewster, Chadbourn, Crawford, E. F. Herwig, Kelso, Twitchell, Wharton—8.

The President then announced that the Senate stood adjourned until Saturday, February 14, 1874, at 12 M.

P. E. BECHTEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thirty-first Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, February 14, 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. Antoine, Bryant, Boyd, Boatner, Butler, Carey, Carr, Cockerham, Demas, Davidson, Desarzant, Decker, Devezin, Dejoie, Dewees, Estilette, Elliot, Fernandez, Fonteleu, Greene, Grant, Gair, Guichard, Harris, Heffner, Humble, Hubeau, Hill, Hahn, Heath, P. Jones, M. Jones, Keating, Kirkman, Kenyon, Kern, V. O. King, Lewis, Langles, Lawes, Landry, Little, Marvin, Moreland, Mahoney, Mayo, Marie, Mathews, Montaldo, Nichols, Norris, Price, Peyton, Page, Prescott, Paris, Raby, Rodrigues, Souer, Sawyer, Stewart, Sartain, Snaer, Simms, Southard, Smith, Sewell, Sutton, Smart, Thomas, Tureaud, Thompson, Williams, J. P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Worthy, Ward, Wands, Washington—87.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Merrett.

On motion of Mr. Hill, of Ouachita, the reading of the journal in detail was dispensed with.

On motion, the journal of the twenty-ninth day's proceedings was approved.

The Speaker announced the following members to fill vacancies on the Committee on Apportionment, viz.: James S. Mathews, of Tensas; John Gair, of East Feliciana.

On motion of Mr. Hahn, of St. Charles, the documents accompanying the Governor's messages, which appear in the journal of the thirtieth day's proceedings, were ordered printed in pamphlet form, together with the messages.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Hahn, of St. Charles, presented the following memorial, from graduates and ex-cadets of the Louisiana State University, which was referred to the Committee on Education:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened:

Your memorialists, the undersigned, graduates and ex-cadets of the Louisiana State University, have learned that in the effort which is now being made to concentrate all the resources of Louisiana for higher education into one institution, and more especially in the proposition to unite the State University at Baton Rouge with the Agricultural and Mechanical College, there is a probability that our cherished institution will be absorbed into the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and lose its organization and identity. We do, therefore, not merely for ourselves, but for the hundreds of our fellow ex-cadets throughout Louisiana and the Southwest, beg leave to petition your honorable body to preserve, as far as may be compatible with the public interest, the organization and name of our Alma Mater. To destroy its identity is to destroy in a great measure the work of education in Louisiana for many years past, and to those of us who know best the great good which the State University has done Louisiana, and the very serious disadvantages under which it has existed, it would be a source of deep regret to know that our dear old school was no longer in existence. The trials through which it has passed have only endeared it the more to us.

We would not wish to be understood as being in any way opposed to what we regard as a wise and effective movement—the unity of all Louisiana's resources for higher education into one university.

We would also express it as our conviction that the State University and the Agricultural and Mechanical College had better be united and permanently located at Baton Rouge. We only ask that in the very laudable and wise effort of the Legislature to give more efficiency to the higher institutions of learning in Louisiana, that our Alma Mater be preserved and our feelings and affections not done the violence which would naturally result from our being cut off from all personal identity with the growing educational movement of our beloved State.

We beg you not to snap the cord that now binds us so firmly in sympathy with our native State.

Your petitioners would, therefore, respectfully ask that the Agricultural and Mechanical College be attached to and become a part of the Louisiana State University.

New Orleans, February 5, 1874.

S. H. Lewis,	E. N. Cullom,
H. L. Edwards,	Charles F. Buck,
R. S. Stuart,	Joseph H. Spearing,
C. C. Lewis,	Edmond A. Melancon,
H. B. Redlich,	George K. Pratt,
Louis J. Leche,	J. L. Des Dattes,
Warren Easton,	Joseph R. Bies,
Charles M. Kerr,	Thomas Pugh,
H. P. Packard,	W. French,
John G. Meara,	S. J. Mathes,
Z. T. Gallion,	J. North Abbott,
C. J. Ducote,	Felix O. Schmidt,
W. K. Johnson,	F. F. Parmele,
W. M. Cullom,	Charles D. Stuart,
William S. Brown,	T. L. Grimes,
D. M. Brosnan,	Thomas D. Boyd,
J. A. Greene,	W. McColiom,
C. J. Greene,	N. G. Barnard,
F. M. Kerr,	E. H. Randolph,
T. B. Campbell,	S. L. Guyol,
Samuel Fitzhugh,	John Hill,
Bernie L. Hobgood,	Joseph Wolf,
J. A. Greene,	J. Bercegeay,
Philip Hough,	James H. Barker,
L. S. Graham,	R. A. S. Phelps,
W. H. Packwood,	C. H. Robinson,
B. L. Barrow,	T. J. Hogan,
Hugh Tullis,	J. Mulcalm,
Stephen G. Worth,	C. B. Anderson,
Robert R. King,	John Gazzo,
George D. May,	D. J. Norwood,
L. F. Sewell,	Alcee Gauthreaux.
A. H. Whelstone,	
S. M. Robertson,	

Mr. Murrell, of Madison, presented a petition from citizens of the parish of Caldwell, that a charter be granted to E. Mark Noble to keep a ferry at the town of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Dewees, of Red River, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The General Assembly, at its last regular session, passed a law allowing the officers of the House of Representatives thirty per cent additional, for the purpose of making their pay in accordance with act No. 11 of 1872; and

Whereas, In lieu of receiving the thirty per cent, they were subject to a loss of thirty per cent; be it

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the House of Representatives issue vouchers to said officers to the amount of thirty per cent, to cover said loss, from the contingent funds of the House of Representatives for the present session.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Benham, of Carroll, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, R. W. Patton, one of the commissioners on the part of the United States for the coming Centennial Exhibition, is now in New Orleans in his official capacity; and

Whereas it is desirable that the State should have all the information it can get in regard to this momentuous event; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House appoint a committee of three to wait upon Mr. Patton, and invite him to address the General Assembly on the subject, some evening which may suit his convenience.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in order to expedite the business pending before the House during the last days of the session, that all Senate bills be referred to a committee of five, to be appointed by the Speaker, for their consideration and report.

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. Devezin, of Orleans:

An act entitled an act for the relief of the officers, members and employes of the Metropolitan Police force.

By Mr. Marie, of Terrebonne:

An act to be entitled an act to regulate the manner in which the parish taxes and licenses are collected in the town of Houma, parish of Terrebonne.

Mr. Young, of Concordia, moved a suspension of the rules to take up House bills on their third reading.

Carried.

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING.

House bill No. 167, entitled an act authorizing the police jury of the parish of De Soto to levy and collect special tax.

And House bill No. 163, entitled an act to change the northwestern boundary line of Vernon.

Both bills passed their third reading, and finally passed, titled adopted, and ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House bill No. 109, entitled an act creating the parish of Atchafalaya, and providing for the organization thereof.

Mr. Bryant, of East Baton Rouge, moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until next Tuesday, at one o'clock.

Mr. Sartain, of Carroll, moved to lay that motion on the table.

Carried.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 14, 1874.

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

I have the honor to inform you that the Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate has signed House joint resolution relative to a system of national quarantine.

P. E. BECHTEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT, New Orleans, February 14, 1874.

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

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

House bill 268, joint resolution relative to the Hon. E. H. Durrell, of the United States District Court, State of Louisiana.

House bill No. 184, an act to prohibit payment of claims of persons who are indebted to the State.

House bill No. 180, an act to establish a ferry across the Mermentau river, between the parishes of St. Landry and Calcasieu.

House bill No. 190, an act incorporating the Euphonic Benevolent Association of New Orleans.

House bill No. 155, an act to amend an act entitled an act to create the parish of Cameron, and providing for the organization thereof.

House bill No. 153, an act incorporating the Lafourche Bridge Company, in the parishes of Morchouse and Richland, and prescribing for parish subscriptions to the stock thereof, and for penalties for violation of the privileges of this company.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN GAIR, Chairman.

House bill No. 195, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1723 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, and to affix a penalty for the violation and non-compliance with the provisions of said section.

On motion of Mr. Murrell, of Madison, further consideration of the bill was postponed until Monday, at one o'clock.

House bill No. 46, entitled an act to exempt the Clinton and Port Hudson railroad from taxation.

On motion of Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, the bill was made the special order for Wednesday, at one o'clock.

House bill No. 226, entitled an act for the relief of delinquent taxpayers of the parish of Caddo.

Mr. Keating, of Caddo, moved the final passage of the bill.

Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, moved to defer the whole subject matter until Monday.

Mr. Harris, of Point Coupee, moved to lay the motion on the table.

Pending discussion, Mr. Wands, of Tangipahoa, rose to a point of order, that Senate bill No. 202, relative to the same subject, had been indefinitely postponed, therefore, a bill of the same nature could not be introduced again during the present session.

The Chair decided the point well taken; that the bill under discussion was exactly the same as Senate bill No. 202.

Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, moved to adjourn until Monday.

Lost.

Mr. Heffner, of Caddo, moved that the consideration of Senate bill No. 350 be postponed for fifteen minutes to allow him to take an appeal from the decision of the chair.

On which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dewees, of Red River, and Baker, of Bossier, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Allain, Baker, Boyd, Blackstone, Boatner, Estilette, Greene, Guichard, Grant, Harris, Heffner, Hubeau, Keating, V. O. King, Little, Moreland, Marie, Norris, Price, Peyton, Page, Raby, Rochon, Rodrigues, Sawyer, Simms, Smart, Trahan, Thomas, Worthy, Ward—31.

Nays—Antoine, Bowman, Bryant, Benham, Bickham, Butler, Barrow, Carey, Cockerham, Carr, Connaughton, Cousin, Demas, Desarzant, R. R. Davis, Decker, Devezin, Dejoie, Dewees, Elliot, Fernandez, Gair, Hill, M. Jones, Kenyon, Lewis, Langles, Lawes, Marvin, Murrell of Madison, Mayo, Mathews, Montaldo, Nichols, Paris, Souer, Stewart, Snaer, Sutton, Sewell, Tureaud, Thompson, Williams, J. P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Washington, Wands, Young—48.

The motion was lost.

[Mr. Allain, of West Baton Rouge, in the chair.]

Mr. Young, of Concordia, moved a suspension of the rules to take up Senate bill No. 350, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections fifteen and twenty-seven of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to establish a Metropolitan Police District, and to provide for the government thereof, approved September 14, 1868, approved March 8, 1869, and to change the fiscal year of the Board of Metropolitan Police; directing it to make estimates and apportionments; providing for the election of a fiscal agent, and prescribing his duties; prescribing the manner in which the tax for police purposes shall be collected and paid, and providing the manner in which Metropolitan Police warrants shall be received for taxes and licences by the corporations composing the Metropolitan Police District; directing how moneys shall be drawn from the fiscal agent and paid out by the treasurer of the Board of Police; authorizing the Board of Police Commissioners to negotiate loans when necessary, and to provide for their payments; prescribing the manner in which sheriffs of the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard shall receive Metropolitan Police warrants for taxes, and fixing a penalty for non-compliance therewith; authorizing the Board of Police Commissioners to draw upon the Metropolitan Police fund for certain purposes; to repeal laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act.

The rules were suspended and the bill passed its first and second readings, under suspension of the constitutional rules, and was ordered printed and made the order for Monday at twelve o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Dewees, of Red River, the House adjourned until Monday at 11 A. M.

WILLIAM VIGERS,
Chief Clerk.

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