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Thirty-second Day's Session. SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 16, 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, Butler, Blackburn, Bovee, Burch, Brewster, Cagle, Chabourn, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Whitney—24.

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 16, 1874. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to ask the concurrence of your honorable body in the following House bills, viz: Their companion bill No. 4, an act to incorporate the Shreveport and Southwestern Railroad Company.

House bill No. 769, entitled an act to amend and re-enact article 238 of the Code of Practice.

House bill No. 396, entitled an act making it sufficient to publish all advertisements, judicial or otherwise, notices and publications, in the parish of St. Landry, in the English language only.

House bill No. 231, entitled an act to give to the fifth justice of the peace for the parish of Orleans exclusive criminal jurisdiction as committing magistrate in that portion of the city of New Orleans on the right bank of the Mississippi river, and regulating the fees thereof.

House bill No. 8, 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.

House bill No. 221, entitled an act authorizing John Frederick Braun and Anna Maria Richter, his wife, to change the name of Lucretia Margarita Niemann.

And House bill No. 80, 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, and their compensation, and for other purposes.

Also, the following concurrent resolution: Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriation be instructed to prepare a bill for the Senate, two members, of which the Lieutenant Governor shall designate himself as one, and three on the part of the House of Representatives, of which the Speaker shall designate himself.

Resolved, That the said joint committee shall make an apportionment of senatorial and representative districts, and report by bill or otherwise without delay.

Also, that the House has concurred in the following Senate bill, with amendments, viz: Senate bill No. 176, entitled an act fixing the limits of the Seventeenth District Court, and the time of holding court in the parishes composing said district, and the time for which the district attorney shall hold their office.

Very respectfully, JOHN W. ROXBOROUGH, Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Wharton moved to suspend the Senate rules to take up Senate bill No. 389, an act supplemental to act No. 3, approved January 21, 1874, to provide for testing, at the instance of any taxpayer, in the courts of this State the legality and validity of any items of the State indebtedness, the legality and validity of which may have been or may be hereafter questioned; to prohibit the board of liquidation under said act No. 3 of 1874 from funding the questionable and doubtful obligations of the State named or designated 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 the necessary means for carrying the provisions of this act into effect.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to suspend the rules, two-thirds not voting in favor, by the following vote: Yeas—Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, E. F. Herwig, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—11.

Nays—Alexander, Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blackburn, Burch, Cagle, Daigle, Glandin, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Thomas—13.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Mr. Anderson, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report: Senate bill No. 200, authorizing the attorney for the town of Donaldsonville to institute suit to declare forfeited the charter granted under act No. 16, extra session of 1870.

Favorably. Lies over. Also, favorably on the following entitled bill, originating in the Committee on Judiciary: An act relative to crimes and offenses.

Mr. Butler, chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following: COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS, New Orleans, February 13, 1874. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Senate.

Your Committee on Claims also submit the following reports, viz: Senate bill No. 116, favorably, with the following amendments, to wit: In section one, under the word "of," in line one, insert "in same section, in line seven, insert "five hundred dollars;" strike out in section two, in line seventeen, all after the word "Gallup."

On Senate bill No. 257, favorably, with substitute allowing John Hancock to sue the State. E. BUTLER, Chairman.

Lies over. Mr. Butler, chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following: Senate bill No. 300, an act for the relief of Mrs. Adelia Cheatan and her heirs, and minor children of J. A. S. Acklen, and authorizing the maintenance of certain actions.

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND MANUFACTURES, New Orleans, February 13, 1874. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Senate.

Your Committee on Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures beg leave to report that they have had under consideration

Senate bill No. 257, upon which they report favorably, and recommend its passage. RAFFORD BLUNT, Chairman.

Lies over. Mr. Whitney, chairman of the Committee on Elections and Registration, submitted the following:

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION, New Orleans, February 13, 1874. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Senate.

An act to empower the Governor to preserve the peace and enforce the laws on days of election; to limit the powers and duties of mayors and sheriffs; to prohibit the issuance of certain writs to commissioners of election, with favorable report.

Lies over. NOTICES OF BILLS. By Mr. Cagle: An act authorizing a new registration in the parishes of Terrebonne and Assumption.

By Mr. Kelso: An act to authorize K. L. Fox, of Alexandria, to sue the State.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. By Mr. Cagle: An act to incorporate the Bayou Lafourche Railway Company.

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 Railroads and Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Twichell: An act relative to the collection and payment of taxes due the city of New Orleans for any year prior to 1868, and to remit the penalties, interest and cost thereon.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS. By Mr. Brewster: Resolved, That hereafter the sessions of the Senate shall commence at 11 A. M. each day.

Lies over. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES LYING OVER. Mr. Cagle called up Senate bill No. 269, an act creating a board of commissioners to examine and ascertain the valid and standing indebtedness of the parish of Terrebonne, and authorizing the police jury of said parish to issue bonds to take up and fund the same.

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

Mr. Spher moved to strike out the names of the commissioners and to insert instead thereof the words "police jury."

Mr. Cagle moved to lay the motion to strike out and insert on the table. Senate refused to table.

The question then recurred on the motion to strike out and insert.

Mr. Spher withdrew the motion to strike out and insert.

Mr. Bovee moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Cagle the motion was laid on the table.

The first section was then adopted. The second section was read and adopted. The third section was read and adopted. The fourth section was read and adopted. The fifth section was read and adopted. The sixth section was read and adopted. The seventh section was read and adopted. The eighth section was read and adopted. The ninth section was read and adopted. The tenth section was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Page, the bill was considered engrossed.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the third time. The bill finally passed, title to stand.

Mr. Harper obtained consent to take up House bill No. 43, an act to authorize the council of the city of Shreveport to levy a police tax to regulate levies of taxes, the proceedings of tax suits and jurisdiction of the parish court for the parish of Caddo in reference thereto; to define and punish forgery in certain cases; to authorize the funding of the floating debt; to consolidate, limit and provide for the debt of the city of Shreveport, principal and interest; to authorize a tax for the support of the city government, and to establish a fiscal agency, defining its duties, and for the better enforcement of the collection of all taxes, and for other purposes.

The bill was adopted on second reading. The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the third time. The bill finally passed, title to stand.

Mr. Burch obtained consent to take up Senate bill No. 239, an act to establish the Charity Hospital of the city of Baton Rouge.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to lay the whole subject on the table.

Yeas—Alexander, Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blackburn, Bovee, Burch, Brewster, Cagle, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—11.

Nays—Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, E. F. Herwig, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—11.

Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blunt, Bovee, Burch, Cagle, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—21.

Nays—Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—11.

Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blunt, Bovee, Burch, Cagle, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—21.

ford, Dejeu, Greene, Harris, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—19.

The President announced the pending motion to be the motion to table the amendment of Mr. Spher.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to table the amendment: Yeas—Anderson, Belden, Blackburn, Cagle, Daigle, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelso, Stamps, Thomas—11.

Nays—Alexander, Barber, Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Twichell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—19.

The President then announced that the pending motion was to adopt the motion of Mr. Spher.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to adopt the amendment to add after the word "Tensas" the words "St. Mary" by the following vote: Yeas—Alexander, Barber, Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—21.

Nays—Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—16.

Mr. Anderson moved that the bill be postponed till Saturday next, and demanded the previous question.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate ordered the main question by the following vote: Yeas—Anderson, Belden, Blackburn, Cagle, Daigle, Dejeu, Glandin, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelso, Stamps, Swaize, Thomas, Twichell—16.

Nays—Alexander, Barber, Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—15.

Under operation of the previous question, the Senate, on call of the yeas and nays, refused to postpone the bill till next Saturday: Yeas—Anderson, Belden, Blackburn, Cagle, Daigle, Dejeu, Glandin, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelso, Stamps, Swaize, Thomas—14.

Nays—Alexander, Barber, Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—16.

The Chair announced the pending question to be to adopt the first section.

Mr. Barber demanded the previous question on the motion.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to order the main question by the following vote: Yeas—Alexander, Barber, Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—16.

Nays—Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—15.

Messrs. Anderson, Alexander, Barber, Belden, Blunt, Bovee, Burch, Brewster, Cagle, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Twichell, Wharton, Whitney—21.

Mr. Harris, in the chair, announced a quorum present.

The Chair announced the pending motion to be to adopt the second section of Senate bill No. 297.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to adjourn: Yeas—Alexander, Belden, Blackburn, Cagle, Daigle, Dejeu, Glandin, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelso, Stamps, Swaize, Thomas—11.

Nays—Anderson, Barber, Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—19.

The Senate refused. Mr. Harper moved to adjourn.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to adjourn by the following vote: Yeas—Belden, Blackburn, Dejeu, Glandin, Harper, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher—10.

Nays—Anderson, Barber, Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—21.

Mr. Harris moved to lay the whole subject on the table and called for the yeas and nays.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to lay the whole subject on the table by the following vote: Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blunt, Bovee, Burch, Cagle, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—11.

Nays—Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—16.

Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blunt, Bovee, Burch, Cagle, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—21.

Nays—Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—16.

Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Belden, Blunt, Bovee, Burch, Cagle, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—21.

Nays—Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Butler, Chabourn, Crawford, Dejeu, Daigle, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Harper, Kelso, Masciot, Roy, Spher, Swaize, Stamps, Twichell, Wharton, Weber, Whitney—16.

rigues, Sawyer, Stewart, Sertain, Southard, Smith, Sutton, Smart, Tureau, Williams, J. P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Washington, Wands—62.

A quorum present. Prayer by the Rev. E. Green.

On motion of Mr. Washington, of Concordia, the reading of the journal in detail was dispensed with.

On motion the journal of the thirtieth day's proceedings was approved.

On motion the journal of the thirty-first day's proceedings was approved.

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

By Mr. Williams, of East Baton Rouge: A bill having for its object the removal of the State capital from New Orleans to the city of Baton Rouge.

By Mr. Peyton, of De Soto: A bill asking State aid in building the Southwestern railroad.

By Mr. Bonnier, of Union: An act entitled an act to exempt the town of Spearsville, in the parish of Union, from parish taxes, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Dixon, of Orleans: An act to incorporate the Nazaren Benevolent Association.

Also, an act to incorporate the Lincoln's Sons of an Honor Benevolent Association.

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. Page, of Iberville: House bill No. 297, entitled an act to empower the parish authorities of the parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, to construct a stationary bridge over Bayou Grosse Tete, in said parish, and for other purposes.

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Lawes, of East Feliciana: House bill No. 298, entitled an act to reorganize the Bureau of Immigration, and for measures to develop the resources and increase the population and wealth of the State of Louisiana.

Referred to the Committee on Immigration.

By Mr. Marcell, of Madison: House bill No. 299, entitled an act to provide for establishing a safe and reliable ferry across the Ouachita river, at the town of Columbia, in the parish of Caldwell, and granting ferry privileges to E. Mark Noble, his heirs and assigns.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. King, of Orleans: House bill No. 300, entitled an act to incorporate the Agricultural College of Louisiana and Mechanical College of Louisiana in the University of Louisiana, designating them as respectively beneficiaries, provided by the State of Louisiana in compliance with the conditions and provisions of an act of Congress, passed July 2, 1862, entitled an act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts, and prescribing the manner in which such endowment shall be applied.

Referred to the Committee on Public Education.

By Mr. Keating, of Caddo: House bill No. 301, entitled an act to provide for abolishing town or city boards of school directors within parishes where the same may not be necessary; to limit the fees of tax collectors on all school moneys to five per cent; to restrict and regulate parish and other local school treasurers; to provide for text books; to restrict further enumerations of school children and regulate the apportionment of school funds, and to provide for the recovery of lands and other assets and claims for educational purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Marle, of Terrebonne: House bill No. 302, entitled an act to regulate the manner in which the parish taxes and licenses collected in the town of Houma, parish of Terrebonne, shall be applied; defining the duties of the town treasurer thereof, and providing a penalty for misappropriation of said funds; defining the duties of the tax collector in relation to the payment of said taxes and licenses, and to provide for his final settlement with said parish; repealing all laws in conflict with this act.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Hubau, of Jefferson: House bill No. 303, entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to alter and shorten a part of the public road leading from the Mississippi river to Bayou Barataria, Jefferson parish, right bank, and to provide for making the new part thereof, and to re-estabish the old public road along said Bayou Families.

Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Allain, of West Baton Rouge: House bill No. 304, entitled an act to enable tax collectors to settle with the parish treasurer of the several parishes for taxes collected in the year 1873, and to January 5, 1874, in parish warrants or drafts, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, House bill No. 305, entitled an act to authorize the police jury of the parish of West Baton Rouge to issue bonds for debt now existing, and for other purposes.

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

By Mr. Paris, of Orleans: House bill No. 309, entitled an act to define and regulate the costs of the civil sheriff of the parish of Orleans, and providing for fines and penalties for over-

charging or failing to perform his duties, and the mode of collecting his fees.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee and ordered printed.

Also, House bill No. 310, entitled an act to regulate the passage of steam cars through the corporate limits of the city of New Orleans, and for the better protection of life.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads and ordered printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Mr. Tureau, of St. James, chairman of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS, New Orleans, February 14, 1874. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Your committee, to whom was referred the contested election case of Fort St. V. Gardie and Livaudais, from the sixth ward, Second District, beg leave to report that they have examined all the facts, and that they are of the opinion, from the evidence of the frauds perpetrated, that said Fort St. V. Gardie is justly entitled to his seat as a member of your honorable body, and would respectfully ask for the consideration of your honorable body in the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted. A. T. KEAUD, Chairman.

WILLIAM WARD, S. MARVIN, T. G. DAVIDSON. Ordered printed and made the special order for next Monday.

Mr. Davidson, of Livingston, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, reported on the following bills: House bill No. 293, entitled an act for the restoration to citizenship of L. D. Wightman.

Reported favorably, and ordered to be engrossed.

Also, House bill No. 293, entitled an act to regulate the sale and purchase of cotton. Reported favorably.

Mr. Sertain, of Carroll, moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until next Monday, and that the bill be printed. Carried.

Also, House bill No. 281, entitled an act to allow certain persons residing on the parish line dividing the parishes of Tangipahoa and Washington to fix their domicile in the parish of Washington, and prescribing the manner in which it shall be done.

Reported favorably and placed on the calendar.

Also, House bill No. 63, entitled an act requiring the recording of certain papers in criminal cases, and prescribing the effect of such record.

Reported favorably and placed on the calendar.

Substitute for House bill No. 3, entitled House bill No. 231, entitled an act to provide a homestead and to exempt certain property from seizure and sale, to regulate the same, and to provide a homestead for widows and children in necessitous circumstances, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act.

Reported favorably and placed on the calendar.

Also, House bill No. 79, entitled an act to regulate the retail of spirituous liquors, and providing penalties for violating the same.

Reported favorably, ordered printed, and made special order for next Saturday.

Also, substitute for House bill No. 251, entitled House bill No. 311, entitled an act to authorize and enforce the receipt by the city of New Orleans, of certain obligations of said city in payment of back taxes.

Reported favorably and placed on the calendar.

[Mr. Mathews, of Tensas, in the chair.] Also, House bill No. 290, entitled an act to fix the terms of court of the Fifth Judicial District.

Also, House bill No. 273, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section twenty-two of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana.

Reported favorably, and the amendments were agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed as amended, and placed on the calendar.

Also, House bill No. 5, entitled an act regulating the fees of recorders.

Reported favorably.

Mr. Davidson, of Livingston, moved that the bill be printed and made special order for next Tuesday week at one o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Dewees, of Red River, the above motion was laid on the table, and the bill was placed on the calendar for its third reading.

Also, House bill No. 115, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section two of act No. 94, session of 1872.

of Rapides to issue bonds for certain purposes.

And House bill No. 263, entitled an act to provide for the assessment of property according to its value, to provide a remedy for over-valuation hereof or hereafter to be made, and to repeal all conflicting laws.

Senate bill No. 336, entitled an act to expedite the trial of causes in the supreme court of Louisiana in New Orleans, and to regulate the same for a limited period.

Reported favorably. On motion of Mr. Benham, of Carroll, the bill was postponed indefinitely.

The same committee reported unfavorably on House bill No. 240, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1535 of the Revised Statutes of 1870, providing for the mileage to be paid to members of the General Assembly, and to fix compensation of such members for their services.

The report was adopted. Also, the following report: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, New Orleans, February 16, 1874. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee on Judiciary have had under consideration House bill No. 109, entitled an act to create the New Orleans board of cotton commissioners, etc. The act would create a cumbersome machinery for the regulation of the cotton trade, under the guise of an inspection law. Such acts are unconstitutional except as far as they may secure a genuine and necessary inspection as a preventive of frauds. This act creates new offices at the expense of the agricultural and commercial community. We do not find it to be necessary at all; any rate the parts which may be recommended are overborne by the oppressions upon commerce which are associated with it. We think it ought not to pass.

T. G. DAVIDSON, Chairman. Which was adopted.

Also, House bill No. 168, entitled an act relative to Juries in the parishes of Grant, Natchitoches and Rapides, and to the mode of