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The Secretary called the name of Mr. Alexander, who was not present. The Secretary then called the name of Mr. Anderson, as next in alphabetical order.

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The President submitted the question, as to whether the bill was "local" or "general," to the Senate, as a proper question for the Senate to decide.

Mr. Wharton moved that the bill be ordered printed and made the special order for Monday, at one o'clock.

Mr. Anderson moved to table the motion. On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to lay the motion on the table, as follows: Yeas—Anderson, Blackburn, Blunt, Bovee, Cagle, Crawford, Greene, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Twichell, Wharton—18.

Nays—Thomas—1. The title was ordered to stand as amended above.

Mr. Barber called up Senate bill No. 178, an act to reorganize and render more effective the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana, to provide for certain of its expenses and for recording births, deaths and marriages in the parish of Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Barber the bill was considered engrossed. The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote.

Mr. Barber moved that the amendment be concurred in.

The second House amendment was read as follows: At the end of section eight, add the following words: "The Metropolitan Police department for each year, including the year 1874, shall not exceed the sum of \$600,000."

On motion of Mr. Barber, the amendment was concurred in. The third House amendment was read as follows: Section nine, line sixteen, after the word "Bernard," insert "except tax on interest on the bonded debt, the public school tax, and the City Park tax."

On motion of Mr. Barber the amendment was concurred in. The fourth amendment was as follows: In the title after the word "purpose" insert "to limit and reduce the expenses of the police force."

On motion of Mr. Barber the amendment was concurred in. On motion of Mr. Barber the amendments were considered engrossed.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote. On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to pass the bill: Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Burch, Butler, Cagle, Crawford, Greene, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelo, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Sphyr, Twichell, Wharton—20.

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Nays—Thomas—1. The bill was read the second time, and adopted on second reading.

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

Mr. Bovee called up Senate bill No. 222, 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 president thereof the question as to which of the above parishes they will be attached as an entirety, and the manner of holding the same, and directing the police jury, etc.

Mr. Bovee moved that the bill be considered engrossed, and demanded the previous question. On call of the yeas and nays the Senate ordered the main question by the following vote: Yeas—Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Barber, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Cagle, Chabourn, Detiege, Glandin, Harris, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Kelo, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Sphyr, Twichell, Wharton—24.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to consider the bill engrossed.

Nays—Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Barber, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Crawford, Detiege, Glandin, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Kelo, Sphyr, Twichell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—18.

Nays—Butler, Chabourn, Harris, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Thomas—8. Mr. Chabourn moved to suspend the constitutional rule.

Mr. Bovee moved to lay the motion on the table. On call of the yeas and nays the Senate voted to table the motion to suspend by the following vote: Yeas—Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Barber, Blunt, Bovee, Brewster, Burch, Crawford, Detiege, Glandin, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelo, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Sphyr, Twichell, Wharton, Whitney—22.

Nays—Butler, Chabourn, Harris, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Thomas—8. The Secretary called the name of Mr. Brewster, who called up House bill No. 41, an act to amend section five of an act to incorporate the city of Monroe; to fix its boundaries; to provide for the government, and create a recorder's court for the same, approved May 1, 1871.

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

Mr. Brewster called up Senate joint resolution No. 31, regulating the assessment in Ouachita parish, and providing for the proper collection of the taxes thereon.

Mr. Brewster moved that the bill be considered engrossed. Mr. Harris moved to lay the whole subject matter on the table.

On call of the yeas and nays the Senate refused to lay the whole subject matter on the table: Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Cagle, Chabourn, Glandin, Harris, Kelo, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Thomas, Twichell, Whitney—11.

Nays—Brewster, Burch, Butler, Cagle, Crawford, Detiege, Greene, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelo, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Sphyr, Twichell, Wharton, Whitney—21.

The question then recurred on the motion to engross. Ordered engrossed. The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, and the bill read the third time. The bill finally passed, the title to stand.

The Secretary called the name of Mr. Burch, who called up Senate bill No. 239, an act to establish the Charity Hospital of the city of Baton Rouge.

Mr. Burch moved that the bill do now finally pass. On call of the yeas and nays, the Senate voted to pass by the following vote: Yeas—Anderson, Barber, Burch, Butler, Cagle, Crawford, Greene, Harper, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Kelo, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Stamps, Sphyr, Twichell, Wharton, Whitney—23.

Nays—Harris, Sphyr—2. The title to stand. Mr. Burch moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was finally passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Mr. Chabourn called up Senate bill No. 343, an act reducing the limit or aggregate of taxation for the city of New Orleans to ten per cent, excepting for the support of public schools.

The amendments of the committee were concurred in, and the bill considered engrossed as amended, and read the second time. The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, and the bill read the third time.

The bill finally passed, the title to stand as amended to conform with the amendment. The Secretary called the name of Mr. Crawford, who called up Senate bill No. 351, an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to fix the terms of the district court in the Thirteenth Judicial District, approved March 5, 1869, substitute for Senate bill No. 330.

The substitute was read and adopted instead of Senate bill No. 351. The bill was read the second time, and considered engrossed.

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

Mr. Crawford called up House bill No. 153, an act to incorporate the Lafourche Bridge Company, in the parishes of Morehouse and Richland, and prescribing for parish subscriptions to the stock thereof, and for penalties for violation of the privileges of this company.

The bill was adopted on second reading. The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote and the bill read the third time. The bill finally passed, 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—Blackburn, Burch, Butler, Cagle, Harris, Harper, Kelo, Masicot, Pollard, Rey, Swaine, Thomas, Twichell, Whitney—21.

Nays—Anderson, Barber, Bovee, Chabourn, Detiege, Greene, Glandin, E. F. Herwig, Ingraham, Stamps, Weber, Wharton—11.

The President then announced that the Senate stood adjourned until Saturday, February 22, 1874, at 11 A. M.

P. E. BECHTEL, Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Thirty-sixth Day's Proceedings. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY 21, 1874.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Chief Clerk, who called Mr. Mathews, of Texas, to the chair.

On call of the roll the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Allain, Armstrong, Antoine, Bowman, Bryant, Baker, Benham, Bickham, Butler, Barrow, Carey, Cokerham, Cousin, Cunningham, Demas, Decker, Dejeu, Dewees, Dumont, Fernandez, Green, Grant, Guichard, Harris, Heffner, Humble, Keith, Kirkman, Kern, D. King, V. O. King, Lewis, Landry, Lawes, Latorre, Murrell, Murrell of Lafourche, Mathews, Mayo, Montaldo, Nichols, Norris, Price, Prescott, Sawyer, Stewart, Simms, Southard, Smith, Sutton, Thompson, Williams, Trahan, Trahan, Thomas, Tureaud, Williams, Washington, Ward, Wmms—72.

in his seat, and that E. L. Peiron be paid his mileage as a member of the House.

A. TUREAUD, Chairman. J. W. ARMISTEAD, WILLIAM KENTON, Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Benham, of Carroll, moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 240, entitled an 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 for the parish of Orleans, was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Hahn, of St. Charles, moved to lay that motion on the table. On which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Sartain, of Carroll, and Davis, of Orleans, resulting as follows: Yeas—Armistead, Antoine, Bowman, Baker, Bryant, Boyd, Benham, Bickham, Butler, Barrow, Carey, Demas, Dejeu, Elliott, Hill, Hahn, D. King, V. O. King, Keys, Lewis, Landry, Lawes, Moreland, Mahoney, Murrell, Norris, Price, Prescott, Nichols, Rochon, Rodrigues, Sutton, Williams, Washington, Wards—23.

Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and to lay that motion on the table. On motion of Mr. Dewees, of Red River, the House adjourned until Monday at 11 A. M.

WILLIAM VIGERS, Chief Clerk.

SHERIFF'S SALES. Citizens' Bank of Louisiana vs. William Stachonka and Heywood Stachonka. GEORGE J. LEBLANC, Sheriff of the Parish of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, a resolution was adopted by this House on the sixth day of session, to the effect that the committee appointed to investigate the books of the Auditor of Public Accounts and State Treasurers report twenty days from the twelfth ultimo; and Whereas, it is now forty days since the above mentioned resolution was adopted; and Whereas, the said committee have failed to make any report; therefore be it Resolved, That the committee appointed to examine the books of the Auditor and Treasurer be and are hereby required and instructed to report to the House the result of their investigation immediately after the passage of this resolution, or by a later date who is responsible for the difference existing between the books of the Auditor and Treasurer, as published in the press of this city over the signature of the Treasurer's book keeper.

Mr. Martinet, of St. Martin, offered the following amendment: Strike out the word "immediately" and insert "Monday, at 12 M." Which was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR. STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY 21, 1874.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: I submit herewith a communication I have received from the commission of engineers, respecting the closing of the Lafourche River, and the proposed plan for its improvement. The commission, while urging the adoption of this measure, appear to entertain doubt whether the power rests with the State Legislature or with Congress. I lay the doubt before you for such action as may seem to you best.

WILLIAM P. KELLOGG, Governor. Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements. STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY 21, 1874.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate concurs in the passage of the following House bill, viz: An act for the relief of John Lewis, entitled an act for the relief of John Lewis, of the city of New Orleans. House bill No. 213, session of 1873, entitled an act to amend section five of an act to incorporate the city of Monroe, etc. House bill No. 150, an act relative to Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of the city of Carrollton.

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