scribe additional regulations for the government of the corporation of the city of New Orleans, approved March 13, 1871.

Referred to the special committee on New Orleans affairs and ordered printed.

By Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana:

House bill No. 369, entitled an act imposing license taxes upon persons engaged in buying and selling seed cotton, and on persons vending drugs in connection with other business, which was ordered printed in the journal, as follows:

An act imposing license taxes upon persons engaged in buying and selling seed cotton, and on persons vending drugs in connection with other business.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That a State license tax of one thousand dollars annually shall be imposed upon every person engaged in the buying and selling of seed cotton, except those who have furnished supplies to the person or persons raising such cotton.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all vendors of drugs, whether selling other goods or taking out license for other business or not, shall be required to take out a State license as a vendor of drugs, and to pay a license fee of fifty dollars for the same.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That all provisions of existing license laws, and proceedings and penalties for enforcing the same, shall apply to the licenses required to be taken under this act.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall have force and effect from and after its passage, and all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith be and are hereby repealed as far as so conflicting.

By Mr Ward, of Grant:

House bill No. 361, entitled an act to prevent the incarceration of petty offenders in the State Penitentiary, and for other purposes.

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

An act to prevent the incarceration of petty offenders in the State Penitentiary, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That no person convicted of larceny of property under the amount of $100, unless the same shall have been committed by reason of burglary, felonious entering, or highway robbery, shall be imprisoned in the State Penitentiary, nor lose his rights as a citizen, but shall, if convicted of such offense, be sentenced to the parish jail of such parish where such offense may have been committed, for such term as the court before which the alleged offense was tried may decide.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall go into effect, and be in full force, from and after its passage, and that all laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

By Mr. Devezin, of Orleans:

House bill No. 362, entitled an act for the relief of the officers, members and employes of the Metropolitan Police force for the fiscal years commencing October 1, 1862, and ending October 1, 1873.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Peyton, of De Soto:

House bill No. 363, entitled an act to grant aid to the Shreveport and Southwestern Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads and ordered printed.

By Mr. Estilette, of St. Landry:

House bill No. 364, entitled an act directing the police jury of the parish of St. Landry to divide said parish into five wards and define their limits and boundaries; determining the number of justices of the peace and constables to be elected in said parish; fixing their salaries in criminal matters; and defining the powers and jurisdiction of the justices of the peace, and for other purposes.

Also, House bill No. 365, entitled an act prohibiting the police jury in any parish to take under contract, directly or indirectly, the construction of any public work in said parish ordered to be done by the police jury thereof; prohibiting any member of the town council of an incorporated town to take under contract the construction of any bridge or any public work in the said incorporated town ordered to be done by the town council thereof, and affixing penalties for any violation of this act.

Also, House bill No. 366, entitled an act authorizing persons whose property has been sold for taxes and purchased by the State to redeem the same on paying the taxes and costs, with remission of all penalties.

All referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also, House bill No. 367, entitled, an act to repeal "an act to establish the College of Franklin, in the parish of St. Landry," and relative to the disposition of the property belonging to the said corporation.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Dejoie, of Orleans:

House bill No. 368, entitled an act to confer criminal jurisdiction upon the Seventh Justice Court of the parish of Orleans, to regulate fees and compensation therefor, and defining the limits of said criminal jurisdiction, and to establish fees of the constable of said court and defining his duties under said act.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Guichard, of St. Bernard:

House bill No. 369, entitled an act to incorporate the Lincoln Sons of Honor Benevolent Association.

Also, House bill No. 370, entitled an act to incorporate the Nazarrene Benevolent Association.

Both bills referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Blackstone, of Natchitoches:

House bill No. 371, entitled joint resolution relative to district attorneys of the Ninth and Seventeenth Judicial Districts.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Dewees, of Red River, moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Dewees, of Red River, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 23, 1874.

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

I am directed by the Senate to inform your honorable body that the Senate concurs in the passage of the following House bills, viz:

House bill No. 12, an act relative to St. Patrick's Hall Association.

House bill No. 90, an act incorporating the Good Sherherd Conclave No. 2, of Louisiana.

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

Respectfully,

P. E. BECHTEL, Secretary of the Senate.

By Mr. Rochon, of St. Martin:

House bill No. 372, entitled an act declaring that in the parishes of Iberia, Vermilion, Lafayette and St. Martin, it shall not be lawful to challenge or excuse a person from sitting as a juror in a criminal or a civil suit on the ground that he does not speak or understand the English language.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Paris, of Orleans:

House bill No. 373, entitled an act to incorporate the Benevolent Brothers Association of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Rodrigues, of Orleans:

House bill No. 374, entitled an act to repeal act No. 45, of acts of 1873, relative to contributions of mortgage stockholders of Citizens' Bank of Louisiana.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Benham, of Carroll:

House bill No. 375, entitled an act to provide for the disposition of property adjudicated to the State at tax sales.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Devezin, of Orleans:

House bill No. 376, entitled an act for the relief of the owners of lands lying within certain limits in the city of New Orleans, exempting them from payments of drainage taxes, where such a tax has been previously levied and collected.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Snaer, of Iberia:

House bill No. 377, entitled an act for the relief of Jack W. Peebles.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Greene, of Jackson:

House bill No. 378, entitled an act to incorporate the New Orleans Protection Warehouse Company, and to prescribe its rights and liabilities.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations and ordered printed.

Also House bill No. 379, entitled an act to create a board of inspectors of wood, coal, timber and lumber for the parish of Orleans, to define their duties, to fix the amount of their official bonds, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, and ordered printed.

By Mr. Souer, of Avoyelles:

House bill No. 380, entitled an act for the relief of Mrs. Chilton.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Mr. Paris, of Orleans, chairman of the special committee on the First District Court, submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, February 19, 1874.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana:

Your special joint committee to investigate the affairs of the officers of the First District Court for the parish of Orleans, beg leave to report that an examination was had as to the general charges made by the criminal sheriff and clerk, and the manner of executing the laws relating to the respective offices of sheriff, clerk and judge.

Testimony was taken as to these matters, and we find, after hearing the same, that the judge of this court utterly fails in the performance of his duties, in that he approves all manner of charges against the city of New Orleans without requiring strict correctness and accountability. Under section 1042 of Ray's Revised Statutes, all kinds of expenses are made payable by parish or city on the approval, "after an account thereof shall be duly certified to be correct by the clerk of the court and the presiding judge thereof." We find, upon examination of the expenses of this court, that the judge and clerk approve bills to the extent of from $180,000 to $200,000 a year, viz: Sheriff's bills $120,000; clerk's bills $25,000; petty jury $37,000, and grand jury $18,000.

The above charges are, in many instances, made a debt against the city by the simple approval of the clerk and judge.

During the past year juries have been drawn, impaneled and entered upon their duties, found indictments, etc., and upon objection thereto the juries were found to be illegal and discharged at a great expense to the city, this being the fault of the officers whose duty it is to enforce the laws, viz, the sheriff, clerk and judge.

It is also found that the sheriff has retained at a great expense to the city, convicts sentenced to the Penitentiary in the months of June and July, 1873, until the months of October, 1873, and February, 1874, without cause and contrary to law.

Your committee also find upon examining the evidence adduced and given by Judge Abell, that the various bills, charges, accounts of jury expenses, and other charges, amounting to the very large sum of $200,000 annually, are made a judgment against the city by the mere approval of the clerk and judge, and that this approval is always given without looking at the nature or manner of the charge. This performance of duty is certainly censurable.

Your committee consider that it is the bounden duty of the Administrators of the city of New Orleans, to take such action against the criminal sheriff and clerk of the First District Court, as law will permit, in order that the large amounts illegally charged and collected by said sheriff and clerk be refunded to the city treasury.

In order that such gross violations of law might be arrested, and the city treasury thereby become benefited, your committee would respectfully beg leave to recommend and urge the immediate final passage of the bill presented by his Excellency Governor Kellogg, and entitled

1. An act to reduce the expenses of the city of New Orleans; to regulate the duties and provide for the compensation of the criminal sheriff of the parish of Orleans, and to authorize said city to abolish the Workhouse and other places of incarceration; and

2. An act to limit the fees of the clerk of the First District Court for the parish of Orleans.

All of which is respectfully submitted, with the evidence accompanying the report.

J. A. MASICOT, Chairman;
R. H. CHADBOURN.

On the part of the House:

GEORGE E. PARIS, Chairman;
THOMAS CAREY,
JOHN GAIR.

Which was ordered printed, together with evidence, in pamphlet form.

Mr. Prevost, of Orleans, chairman of the special committee on the Cut-off road in Algiers, submitted the following report:

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

We the undersigned, your special committee appointed to investigate the condition of the road known as the Cut-off road, below Algiers, respectfully report that we have examined said road, and find it to be impassable and entirely useless. Said road, when in repair, is of much benefit to the city of New Orleans and the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines.

We would respectfully report the accompanying bill asking for an appropriation necessary to put in repair and maintain said road in good condition.

Respectfully,

E. PREVOST, Chairman;
ROBERT GUICHARD,
H. MAHONEY.

And House bill No. 381, entitled an act appropriating the sum of $10,000 for the repair of the road known as the Cut-off road, below Algiers, and to provide for the disbursement of the same, passed first and second readings, under suspension of the constitutional rules, and was referred, together with report, to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Allain, of West Baton Rouge, chairman of the special committee to investigate the school fund, submitted his report, which was adopted and ordered printed.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, chairman of the special committee on New Orleans affairs, submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, February 23, 1874.

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

Your special committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 329, entitled an act imposing penalties upon delinquent taxpayers of the city of New Orleans, and making certain obligations receivable for the purpose, respectfully beg leave to report favorably thereon, and recommend the passage of the bill.

Respectfully,

CHARLES MONTALDO, Chairman,
R. M. BOATNER,
L. SEWELL,

Which was received and adopted.

And House bill No. 329, entitled an act imposing penalties upon delinquent taxpayers of the city of New Orleans, and making certain obligations receivable for the purpose was considered engrossed, and passed its third reading. And finally passed, title adopted, and ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was adopted, and to lay that motion on the table.

Carried.

Mr. Wands, of Tangipahoa, chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, New Orleans, February 20, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Ways and Means have had under consideration the following bills, and report favorably thereon:

House bill No. 232, an act to provide for the more efficient collection of taxes and licenses of the city of New Orleans, and for the execution of judgments for the same.

House bill No. 239, an act to insure equitable assessment on property, real and personal, in the State of Louisiana, by admitting testimony as to its actual maket value in suits to enforce the collection of taxes.

House bill No. 287, an act making all warrants issued, or which may hereafter be issued to officers of the State government, for their emoluments or salaries fixed by the constitution, receivable in payment of all taxes, licenses and penalties.

House bill No. 271, an act entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of State and parish taxes and licenses, except in the parish of Orleans, and for other purposes.

House bill No. 301, an act to be entitled an act to exempt all property, real and personal, situated in the parish of Lafourche, within the corporate limits of the town of Thibodaux, from the assessment, levy and collection of a parish tax therein, provided the exemption herein granted shall not apply whenever the police jury of said parish shall levy any special tax for jail or courthouse purposes.

House bill No. 307, an act to enable tax collectors to settle with the parish treasurers of the several parishes for taxes collected in the year 1873, and up to January 5, 1874, in parish warrants or drafts, and for other purposes.

House bill No. 308, an act to authorize the police jury of the parish of West Baton Rouge to issue bonds for debts now existing, and for other purposes.

House bill No. 22, an act to provide for the more efficient collection of back city taxes, and to execute judgments for the same.

House bill No. 152, an act to fix the salaries of State tax collectors in all the parishes except the parish of Orleans.

Also, on act to provide the time for the payment and collection of taxes due the city of New Orleans, and to authorize a discount on the same in certain cases.

Also, an act to postpone the levy and collection by the city of New Orleans of a tax for sinking fund.

And unfavorably upon the following House bills:

House bill No. 199, an act relieving the Union Benevolent Association No. 2, city of Carrollton, parish of Jefferson, from paying taxes.

House bill No. 227, an act entitled an act to relieve J. A. Buckner from State and parish taxes, on a certain track of land, known as the Waverly plantation, situated in the parish of Carroll, which is subject to overflow, on account of the levees being down in said parish and for other purposes.

J. B. WANDS, Chairman.

And, House bill No 382, entitled an act to provide time for the payment and collection of taxes due the city of New Orleans, and to authorize a discount on the same in certain cases.

Passed its first and second readings under suspension of the constitutional rules.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, offered the following amendment:

Provided no discount shall be made upon school tax.

Which was adopted.

And the bill was considered engrossed as amended, and passed its third reading under a further suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Also, House bill No. 383, entitled an act to postpone the levy and collection by the city of New Orleans of a tax for sinking fund for purchase of its bonds; to authorize the Administrators to modify the last budget and tax levy, and to repeal conflicting laws and penalties.

Passed its first and second readings under a suspension of the constitutional rules, considered engrossed, and passed third reading under a further suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Also, House bill No. 232, entitled an act to provide for the more efficient collection of taxes and licenses of the city of New Orleans, and for the execution of judgments for the same.

Reported favorably.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, moved that the bill be considered engrossed.

Mr. Stewart, of Tensas, moved to lay that motion on the table.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, the bill was made the special order for next Thursday.

Also, House bill No. 239, entitled an act to insure equitable assessment on property, real and personal, in the State of Louisiana, by admitting testimony as to its actual market value in suits to enforce the collection of taxes.

Reported favorably.

Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, moved to lay the bill on the table.

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

Yeas—Allain, Antoine, Bryant, Baker, Barrow, Carey, Cockerham, Carr, Demas, D. C. Davis, Dejoie, Estilette, Hartis, Humble, P. Jones, Keating, Kirkman, Kenyon, V. O. King, Lawes, Little, Marvin, Moreland, Murrell of Madison, Nichols, Price, Prescott, Rodrigues, Simms, Smith, Sewell, Thomas, Thompson, Williams, J. P. Wilson, Washington—36.

Nays—Bowman, Boyd, Blackstone, Boatner, Connaughton, Cousin, Decker, Devezin, R. R. Davis, Dewees, Desarzant, Elliot, Fernandez, Greene, Grant, Heffner, Hubeau, Hill, Hahn, Heath, M. Jones, Kern, D. King, Lewis, Langles, Landry, Murrell of Lafourche, Mahoney, Mavo, Martinet, Marie, Mathews, Montaldo, Peyton, Page, Paris, Raby, Rochon, Sawyer, Sartain, Snaer, Southard, Smart, Tureaud, Wands—45.

The House refused to lay the bill on the table.

On motion of Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary, with instructions to bring in a bill.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT, New Orleans, February 23, 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, viz:

House bill No. 216, an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the Society of Mechanics of the city of New Orleans, approved February 17, 1821, and the act supplemental thereto, approved March 6, 1873.

House bill No. 211, substitute to House bill No. 136, an act to enable the various parishes of the State to fund their outstanding indebtedness, providing for the levy of a parish debt tax and limiting parish taxation.

House bill No. 246, an act to incorporate the Benevolent Aid Association of New Orleans, Louisiana.

House bill No. 334, an act authorizing Henry T. Burkholter to adopt his son, Henry S. Burkholter.

House bill No. 262, an act to incorporate the Ætna Fire Company No. 2 of the city of Monroe, parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana.

House bill No. 252, an act to enforce article ten of the constitution and to authorize indigent persons to prosecute suits in the courts of this State without previously paying or giving security to pay costs, and to increase the costs of clerks, sheriffs and witnesses in suits prosecuted under this act, and secure the payment of the same by privilege on the judgment rendered in such cases.

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

House bill No. 333, entitled an act to prohibibit the carrying of deadly weapons within one mile of any public gathering, court of justice, voting place or political meeting, and for other purposes.

House bill No. 312, joint resolution requesting our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to aid in obtaining a pension from the general government to the veterans of the Mexican war.

House bill No. 286, an act relative to certain errors in the recording of privileges, mortgages, donations, marriage contracts and judgments and the effect thereof.

House bill No. 242, an act making certain obligations of the city of New Orleans, receivable in payment of the back taxes, due to said city prior to January 1, 1874, except the school and consolidated loan taxes.

House bill No. 288, an act authorizing the police juries of the several parishes in this State to pass laws and regulations for the employment of persons sentenced to imprisonment in the parish jail on the public works of their respective parishes.

House bill No. 244, an act to incorporate the Good Intent Fire Company No. 2 of Gretna, parish of Jefferson, right bank, State of Louisiana, and providing for the government of the same.

House bill No. 293, an act to provide for the greater security of coupon bonds by the State of Louisiana, the city of New Orleans and by other corporations, political and private, in this State, and which bonds are payable to bearer.

House bill No. 305, an act to be 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 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 etc., in conflict with this act.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GAIR, Chairman.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Executive Department, New Orleans, February 23, 1874.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that the Governor has this day approved and signed the following bills originating in your honorable body:

An act incorporating the Friends of Progress Benevolent Association of St. Mary.

An act changing the name of Lucien Alexis Schnegg.

H. CONQUEST CLARKE, Private Secretary.

REGULAR ORDER OF THE DAY.

Mr. Estilette, of St. Landry, moved that the order of the day be postponed for one hour.

Carried.

House bill No. 287, entitled an act making all warrants issued, or which may hereafter be issued, to officers of the State government, for their emoluments or salaries fixed by the constitution, receivable for all taxes, licenses and penalties.

Reported favorably.

Report adopted.

Mr. Dewees, of Red River, moved to amend by inserting "except school, levee and interest funds."

Adopted.

The bill was considered engrossed as amended, and passed its third reading under a suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House bill No. 271, entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of State and parish taxes and licenses, except in the parish of Orleans, and for other purposes.

Reported favorably.

Report adopted.

On motion of Mr. Peyton, of De Soto, further consideration of the bill was postponed until Friday, and made the special order for two o'clock.

House bill No. 301, entitled an act to exempt all property, real and personal, situated in the parish of Lafourche, within the corporate limits of the town of Thibodaux, from the assessment, levying and collection of a parish tax therein, provided the exemption herein granted shall not apply whenever the police jury of said parish shall levy any special tax for jail or courthouse purposes.

Reported favorably.

Report adopted.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT, New Orleans, February 23, 1874.

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

Your committee beg leave to report as having been duly enrolled the following bills, viz:

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

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

House bill No. 213, an act entitled an act reissuing State warrant No. 8139, and paying the same to the police jury of the parish of Jefferson, right bank, and for other purposes.

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.

House bill No. 213, 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, and regulating the fees thereof.

House bill No. 268, joint resolution relative to the Hon. Judge E. H. Durell, of the United States District Court, State of Louisiana.

House bill No. 150, an act to amend and extend the limitation enacted in section five of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Star Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, of the city of Carrollton, parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, approved March 16, 1854.

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

Also, as being duly engrossed, the following bill, viz:

House bill No. 125, an act to be entitled an act to create the parish of Keachi, and to provide for the organization thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GAIR, Chairman.

Mr. Young, of Concordia, moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, and called the previous question.

The main question was ordered.

The House refused to postpone the bill indefinitely.

Mr. Souer, of Avoyelles, moved that the bill be considered engrossed.

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

To include the town of Colfax, parish of Grant.

On motion of Mr. Tureaud, of St. James, the amendment was laid on the table.

On the motion to consider the bill engrossed the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Young, of Concordia, and Lawes, of East Feliciana, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Allain, Antoine, Bowman, Bryant, Benham, Blackstone, Butler, Barrow, Connaughton, Cousin, R. R. Davis, Devezin, Dewees, Estilette, Elliot, Fernandez, Guichard, Harris, Hubeau, Johnson, Keating, Kenyon, D. King, Lewis, Landry, Little, Murrell of Lafourche, Mayo, Martinet, Marie, Nichols, Price, Peyton, Page, Paris, Prevost, Raby, Rochon, Rodrigues, Sawyer, Snaer, Simms, Sewell, Smart, Traban, Tureaud, Thompson, Williams, J. P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Worthy, Ward—51.

Nays—Baker, Boyd, Boatner, Carey, Cockerham, Demas, D. C. Davis, Decker, Dejoie, Gair, Humble, Hill, Hahn, Heath, M. Jones, V. O. King, Lawes, Moreland, Mahoney, Mathews, Norris, Stewart, Southard, Washington, Wands, Young—26.

The bill was considered engrossed and calendared for third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 23, 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 joint resolution No. 36, an act proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State, to limit the debt of the city of New Orleans, and the issue of warrants by the officers, and prescribing certain penalties.

Senate bill No. 386, an act to abolish the fees of jurors in the city of New Orleans, in criminal and coroner's cases.

Respectfully,

P. E. BECHTEL, Secretary of the Senate.

REGULAR ORDER OF THE DAY.

Mr. Young, of Concordia, moved to postpone the order of the day to allow him to make a report.

Carried.

Mr. Young, of Concordia, chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, submitted the following report:

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

Your Committee on Contingent Expenses have the honor to report the following joint resolution and recommend its passage.

DAVID YOUNG, Chairman;
R. R. DAVIS,
WILLIAM KERN,
J. P. HARRIS,
R. M. BOATNER.

And House joint resolution No. 381, entitled joint resolution authorizing and directing the Committee on Auditing and Supervising Accounts of the Senate and the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the House of Representatives to issue vouchers for the thirty per cent additional pay allowed by law for the members, officers and employes of the regular session of 1873, passed its first and second readings, under suspension of the constitutional rules.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 23, 1874.

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

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

House bill No. 241, relative to the Citizens' Bank.

Respectfully,

P. E. BECHTEL, Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, moved an indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Young, of Concordia, moved to lay that motion on the table.

Carried.

On motion, the bill was considered engrossed.

REGULAR ORDER OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, the order of the day was postponed for fifteen minutes.

On motion of Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, the bill passed its third reading under suspension of the constitutional rules.

On the final passage the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Murrell, of Madison, and Wands, of Tangipahoa, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Antoine, Bowman, Bryant, Baker, Boyd, Blackstone, Boatner, Butler, Barrow, Carey, Connaughton, Cousin, Demas, D. C. Davis, R. R. Davis, Dewees, Desarzant, Fernandez, Guichard, Humble, Hill, P. Jones, M. Jones, Keating, Kirkman, D. King, Lewis, Langles, Landry, Lawes, Marvin, Murrell of Lafourche, Mayo, Martinet, Montaldo, Nichols, Norris, Price, Peyton, Raby, Rodrigues, Sawyer, Southard, Sutton, Tureaud, Williams, J. P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Worthy, Washington, Ward, Young—52.

Nays—Allain, Benham, Carr, Dejoie, Estilette, Grant, Hahn, Johnson, V. O. King, Moreland, Murrell of Madison, Mahoney, Marie, Mathews, Paris, Rochon, Thompson, Wands—18.

The bill finally passed, title adopted, and ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Guichard, of St. Bernard, acting chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS, New Orleans, February 23, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Railroads have had under consideration House bill No. 290, and report favorably upon same, with amendment:

Strike out section thirteen and insert accompanying amendment as section thirteen.

We recommend its passage.

JAMES S. MATHEWS, Chairman;
ROBERT F. GUICHARD,
CHARLES W. KEATING,
JOHN BARROW.

Which was adopted, together with the amendments.

And House bill No. 290, entitled an act to incorporate the New Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquimines Railroad Company was considered engrossed as amended, and passed its third reading under suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 23, 1874.

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

I am directed by the Senate to inform your honorable body that the Senate refuses to rescind its action upon the appropriation bill.

Very respectfully,

P. BECHTEL, Secretary of the Senate.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Tureaud, 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 Forstall vs. Garidel 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 Forstall 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. TUREAUD, Chairman;
WILLIAM WARD,
S. MARVIN,
T. G. DAVIDSON.

And moved the adoption of the same and called the previous question.

On which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Young, of Concordia, and Martinet, of St. Martin, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Allain, Antoine, Bowman, Bryant, Boyd, Blackstone, Butler, Barrow, Carey, Carr, Cousin, Demas, R. R. Davis, Decker, Devezin, Dejoie, Dewees, Desarzant, Elliot, Fernandez, Greene, Guichard, Heffner, Hubeau, M. Jones, Johnson, D. King, Lewis, Langles, Landry, Lawes, Murrell of Lafourche, Murrell of Madison, Marie, Montaldo, Nichols, Price, Page, Prevost, Paris, Raby, Rochon, Rodrigues Sawyer, Stewart, Simms, Southard, Smith, Tureaud, Thompson, Williams, D. Wilson, J. P. Wilson, Worthy, Ward—55.

Nays—Connaughton, Harris, Hill, P. Jones, V. O. King, Moreland, Martinet, Mathews, Norris, Washington—10.

The main question was ordered, and the report was adopted.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and to lay that motion on the table.

Carried.

Mr. Paris, of Orleans, introduced Mr. Emile Forstall, from the sixth ward, parish of Orleans, who was duly sworn in as a member.

Mr. Lawes, of East Feliciana, Chairman of the Committee on Immigration, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION, New Orleans, February 20, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Immigration, which had under consideration House bill No. 298, repealing the act of March 8, 1869, beg leave to report as follows:

In their opinion it is not advisable to entirely abolish the Bureau of Immigration, inasmuch as a large port, like New Orleans, can not afford to be without an institution of this kind. They, however, recognize that the present statute, creating said bureau, is defective in many of its details, and objectionable in this, that it imposes a tax without giving a perceptible equivalent for the same. Your committee will, therefore, recommend that the former act be repealed, and that, at the same time, another act be passed by your honorable body, effectually reorganizing the said bureau. For this purpose they have agreed on a substitute for said House bill No. 281, including therein the repeal of the former act, and the re-establishment of a Bureau of Immigration on a more just and equitable basis, doing away, at the same time, with such features of the former law as seem to have been most objectionable. Your committee respectfully beg that their substitute find the approval of your honorable body, and herewith present the same.

JAMES LAWES, Chairman;
R. M. BOATNER,
THOMAS PRICE,
J. F. LITTLE,
H. RABY,
A. TUREAUD,
M. P. BLACKSTONE,
A. J. COUSIN,
F. E. HEATH.

Which was received and adopted.

And substitute for House bill No. 281, entitled House bill No. 385, an act to repeal the act of March 8, 1869, creating the Commission of Immigration, together with proper police regulations for the government, supervision and protection of immigrants arriving at the port of New Orleans; to save the State harmless from the importation from foreign countries of such persons as are apt to become a charge to the State, and to increase the revenue of the Charity Hospital, passed its first and second readings under suspension of the constitutional rules, and calendared for third reading.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Raby, of Natchitoches, called up House bill No. 245, entitled an act to establish a poorhouse in the parish of Natchitoches, and to provide for the support of the same.

Passed third reading, and finally passed, title adopted and ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS, New Orleans, February 23, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Corporations having had under consideration Senate bill No. 334, entitled an act to incorporate the Longshoremen's Protective Union Benevolent Association of the city of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, beg leave to report favorably thereon, and recommend its passage.

Also, favorably on House bill No. 303, entitled an act to locate and lay out, and construct a public road from the Mississippi river to the Brusle, in the parish of Ascension.

Respectfully,

HENRY DEMAS, Chairman.

Which was received and adopted.

And Senate bill No. 334, entitled an act to incorporate the Longshoremen's Protective Union Benevolent Association, of the city of New Orleans and State of Louisiana, passed its third reading under suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, title adopted, and notice of same ordered sent to the Senate.

The same committee reported on House bill No. 303, entitled an an to locate, lay out and construct a public board from the Mississippi river to the Brusle, in the parish of Ascension.

Reported favorably, and the bill was considered engrossed and passed its third reading under suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of 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, was made the special order for to-morrow, immediately after the reading of the journal.

On motion of Mr. Young, of Concordia, House bill No. 265, substitute for House bill No. 49, was ordered printed in the journal, as follows:

An act to equalize the rank of privilege for rent and supplies furnished, and according a right of privilege to the furnisher of supplies.

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 passage of this act, parties furnishing supplies and provisions for the working or cultivation of any farm or lands in this State, or for the support of families engaged in such cultivation, shall have a right of pledge and privilege similar to that now accorded to the lessor, upon all the movables and property situated on the farm, plantation or lands so cultivated, etc.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the right of pledge and privilege herein accorded shall be equal in rank to that now allowed by law to the lessor, under the laws of this State, and that in case of a conflict or contest between the said privileges, each shall be entitled to equal pro rata of the funds realized.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That all articles of the Civil Code, Code of Practice, or any statute contrary to the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed, so far only as they are in conflict herewith, and that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Mr. Dewees, of Red River, moved that the Chief Clerk of the House be directed to notify the Senate that the House still adheres to its amendments to the appropriation bill.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, of Tensas, the House adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

WILLIAM VIGERS, Chief Clerk.

AUCTION SALES.

By A. H. Pons.

SUCCESSION OF BALTHASAR STOCK.

Second District Court for the Parish of Orleans—No. 36,316.

BY A. H. PONS, AUCTIONEER—WILL BE sold at auction, on SATURDAY, March 14, 1874, at Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, by order and in pursuance of an order of the Hon. A. L. Tissot, Judge of the Second District Court for the parish of Orleans, dated January 21, and February 3, 1874, No. 36,316 of the docket of said court—

1. A LOT OF GROUND, with buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the Third District of this city, in the square bounded by Lapeyrouse, Derbigny, Laharpe and Claiborne streets, designated as lot A on a plan drawn by C. A. De Armas, surveyor, on January 29, 1874, and measuring 53 feet 1 inch 4 lines front on Lapeyrouse street by 61 feet 8 inches in depth and front on Derbigny street, between parallel lines.

2. A LOT OF GROUND, with the buildings and improvements thereon, adjoining lot A, measuring 32 feet on Berbigny street, 53 feet, 1 inch 4 lines in depth on the line of division from the lot marked A, thence at right angles on the rear line 13 feet 10 inches 5 lines; thence on a line running obliquely and narrowing the said lot B to a point, 48 feet to where it intersects the other side line; whence to the initial point on Derbigny street 95 feet 4 inches in depth.

Acts of sale at the expense of the purchaser before A. J. Lewis, notary public.

Terms—Cash in United States treasury notes.

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By the Successors of C. E. Girardey & Co.

TWO-STORY BRICK HOUSE ON DELORD STREET, ADJOINING TCHOUPITOULAS STREET.

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