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## SENATE.

Twenty-eighth Day's Session.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 6, 1875.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the 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:

Present—Messrs. Alexander, Blunt, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Detiege, Dumont, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Weber, Wharton, Whitney, Young—21.

Absent—Messrs. Anderson, Allain, Blackburn, Breaux, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Stamps, Steven, Sypher, Twitchell, White—15.

The President announced that there was a quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Doctor Doremus.

The Secretary commenced to read the journal.

On motion of Mr. Harper, the further reading of the journal was dispensed with and after correction was approved.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, February 6, 1875.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to ask the concurrence of your honorable body in House bill No. 46, an act to pay the constable of the fifth justice of the peace in criminal cases, as per fee bill in Revised Statutes of 1870.

Very respectfully, etc.,
JOHN W. ROXBOROUGH,
Assistant Clerk.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The report of the Senate special committee of conference upon the appropriation bill and amendments was submitted by Mr. Wharton, the chairman, as follows:

NEW ORLEANS, February 6, 1875.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your committee of conference respectfully report on House bill No. 20, an act entitled an act [illegible] an appropriation for the payment of the mileage and per diem of the members and salary of the officers and employes, and contingent expenses of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the regular session of the year 1875, and authorizing the sale of warrants in certain cases, and prescribing the manner in which the same shall be paid, that the joint committee have unanimously agreed upon a substitute bill, which will this day be reported to the House of Representatives, and ask to be discharged.

Respectfully,
W. W. WHARTON, Chairman;
R. H. CHADBOURN,
T. A. CAGE,
E. F. HERWIG.

Report was received and committee discharged.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT AND ENGROSSMENT, New Orleans, February 5, 1875.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment beg leave to report the following bill as duly engrossed, to wit:

Senate bill No. 42, an act to abolish the office of district attorney pro tempore, reserving to the police juries the right to employ counsel.

J. A. MASICOT, Chairman.

Received.

Mr. Young, chairman of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM, New Orleans, February 6, 1875.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Retrenchment and Reform having had under consideration a bill entitled an act relative to fees and emoluments of the Auditor of Public Accounts, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend its immediate passage.

DAVID YOUNG, Chairman;
ALLEN GREENE,
O. H. BREWSTER.

Lies over.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Masicot:

Of a bill to be entitled an act for the reorganization of the Metropolitan Police and for the prompt payment of the members thereof.

SENATE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Brewster called up the following:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the constitution of the State of Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Brewster, the bill was ordered printed and made the special order of the day for Monday next, after the morning hour.

The bill is as follows:

An act to amend the constitution of the State of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, two-thirds of the members of each house agreeing thereto, That the following amendments be proposed to the constitution of the State of Louisiana, when the yeas and nays shall be taken thereon, and the Secretary of State shall cause the same to be published three months before the next general election for Representatives of the General Assembly, in at least one newspaper in every parish of the State in which a newspaper shall be published; and said proposed Amendments shall be submitted to the people at said election in such manner and form that the people may vote for or against each amendment separately—i. e. first proposed amendment, "for approval," or "against approval," and in like manner as to the others, and if a majority of the voters at said election shall approve and ratify such amendment or amendments, the same shall be appropriately numbered, and become a part of the constitution, and be proclaimed as such by the Governor and Secretary of State.

No. 1. The General Assembly shall not grant, establish or confirm any monopoly, or give special privileges to any person or company.

No. 2. The expenses of the General Assembly shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars for each session.

No. 3. No bill shall become a law unless on its final passage the vote be taken by yeas and nays, the names of those voting for and against same to be entered on the journal, and a majority of the members present in each house be recorded thereon as voting in its favor.

No. 4. No person shall be eligible to the office of parish judge, who is not a citizen of the United States over the age of twenty-five years, and who shall have resided in the State and practiced law therein for at least two years next preceding his election.

On call of two Senators the Senate went into executive session.

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

Present—Messrs. Alexander, Anderson, Allain, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Detiege, Dumont, Greene, Harper, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Twitchell, Weber—19.

Absent—Messrs. Blackburn, Eustis, Gla, George, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Kelso, Landry, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, Wharton, White, Whitney, Young—17.

The President announced a quorum present.

By unanimous consent Mr. Allain introduced the following entitled joint resolution:

Joint resolution indorsing the action of the House of Representatives, United States Congress, in the passage of the civil rights bill.

On motion of Mr. Allain, the resolution was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the resolution was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Cage the vote ordering the resolution to be engrossed was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Cage the following words were stricken out, to wit:

*Resolved*, That we do implore his excellency the President to cap the climax of the friends of freedom by giving the bill of civil rights his signature.

The joint resolution, as amended, was then ordered to be engrossed.

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

On motion of Mr. Cage the Senate voted to adjourn.

The President, in the chair, then declared that the Senate stood adjourned until Monday, February 8, at twelve o'clock M.

P. E. BECHTEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Twenty-Ninth Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, February 6, 1875.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Hahn in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names:

Speaker Hahn and Messrs. Armstead, Butler Baker, Carville, Crawford, Connaughton, Cousin, Drury, Davidson, Dewees, DeLacey, Dickenson, Demas, Floyd, Guichard, Grant, Gracien, Hill of Ascension, Hill of Ouachita, Hubeau, Honore, Hunsaker, Jourdain, Johnson of Caddo, Johnson of De Soto, Jones of Pointe Coupee, Keating, Lowell, Levisee, Mathews of Tensas, Milon, Marie, Parker, Pierson, Poindexter, Pipes, Richards, Randall, Ridgely, Ray, Raby, Stewart, Sutton, Southard, Sauer, Sartain, Tyler, Triplet, Thomas, Wilson, Woods, Ward, Wright, Yorke—55.

Fifty-five members present and a quorum.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

The following named gentlemen recorded their votes against the final passage of House bill No. 61, the appropriation bill:

Messrs. Guichard, Davidson, Lowell, Jourdain and Ray.

The approval of the journal was dispensed with until Wednesday.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Yorke, of Carroll, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted, under a suspension of the rules:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions be and are hereby instructed to visit said institutions of this State at their earliest convenience, and report to this House immediately thereafter.

The Committee on Enrollment, through its chairman, submitted the following report, which was received and accepted:

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT, New Orleans, February 7, 1875.

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:

House bill No. 61, an act making an appropriation for the payment of the mileage and per diem of the members and salaries of the officers and employes, and contingent expenses of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the regular session of the year 1875, and prescribing the manner in which the same shall be paid; and to authorize the negotiation of a loan for that purpose by the pledge of State warrants.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY DEMAS, Chairman.

Mr. Drury, of Assumption, offered the following resolution, which was read under a suspension of the rules and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Railroads be and is hereby instructed to visit various points on the different roads to ascertain, as far as possible, the condition of said roads; to examine as to whether or not their charters have been complied with, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Stewart, of Tensas, offered the following resolution, which was read under a suspension of the rules and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk be and he is hereby directed to post in front of his desk, daily at the hour the House assembles, a full and complete calendar of all bills and joint resolutions, House or Senate, with the stages they have reached, which may be under consideration by this House, either in committee or the House as a whole.

By permission, Mr. Grant, of Morehouse, introduced House bill No. 63, an act to incorporate the town of Bastrop, in the parish of Morehouse, and to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bastrop, in the parish of Morehouse, approved on the twenty-fourth day of February, 1852, and all acts amendatory thereto.

Read first time.

The constitutional rules having been suspended the bill was read a second time, referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Triplett, of East Baton Rouge, called up the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, A number of Representatives and Senators are absenting themselves from the halls of the Legislature, thereby retarding the passage of many important measures of reform; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, the Senate concurring, That we cordially invite the absent Representatives and Senators to return and take their seats in their respective houses at an early day, and we hereby pledge our sacred honor to co-operate with them and use our joint efforts to pass any and all constitutional measures of reform that may be necessary to redeem our State from the high taxation, and do any and all acts legally to restore peace and harmony throughout the State.

*Resolved*, That the above resolution is offered in a spirit of peace, and in order to show to our constituents and our political opponents that we desire their assistance in accomplishing the great end desired for the good of the common country.

The morning hour having expired, Mr. Ray, of East Feliciana, moved to postpone the order of the day until two o'clock.

Lost.

Mr. Keating, of Caddo, moved to postpone the order of the day for half an hour.

Carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Keating, of Caddo, by permission, introduced House bill No. 64, an act to grant aid to the Shreveport and Southwestern Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

Read first time.

The constitutional rules being suspended, the bill was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By permission, Mr. Ray, of East Feliciana, introduced House bill No. 65, an act to amend an act entitled an act to organize arm and equip a uniformed militia, approved April 5, 1870.

Read first time.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rules, the bill underwent its second reading, was referred to the Committee on Militia, and its printing was ordered.

Previous notice having been given, Mr. Sauer, of Iberia, introduced House bill No. 66, an act for the relief of W. A. Heirs, of the parish of Iberia.

Read first time.

The constitutional rules being suspended, the bill was again read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Under previous notice, Mr. Guichard, of St. Bernard, introduced House bill No. 67, an act to provide for the purchase of a State House, to make appropriation therefor, to set apart the necessary funds, and to grant jurisdiction for the enforcement of the acts of sale and mortgage.

Read first time.

The constitutional rules having been suspended, the bill was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Its printing was ordered.

Mr. Lane, of East Baton Rouge, under a previous notice, introduced House bill No. 68, an act to remove the seat of government of the State of Louisiana from the city of New Orleans, and to re-establish the same at the city of Baton Rouge in said State, being a substitute for House bill No. 326, session of 1874.

Read first time.

The constitutional rules having been suspended, the bill was placed on its second reading, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, and it was ordered to be printed.

Previous notice having been given, Mr. Milon, of Plaquemines, introduced House bill No. 69, an act to define the jurisdiction of parish judges, and for other purposes.

Read the first time.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rules, the bill was again read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Having given previous notice, Mr. Hubeau, of Jefferson, introduced House bill No. 70, an act to authorize the police jury of the parish of Jefferson, right bank, to remove the seat of justice and other public buildings of the parish of Jefferson, to fix the place where the district court and parish court of the parish shall hold their sessions; to fix the terms of the parish court and the extent of their duration; to define the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace of the parish as committing magistrates in criminal cases, and to provide a salary for criminal matters, instead of fees, for the third justice of the peace of the parish and for his constable.

Read first time.

The constitutional rules being suspended, the bill was read a second time and specially referred to the delegation from the parish of Jefferson.

Under previous notice Mr. Marie, of Terrebonne, introduced House bill No. 71, an act to repeal so much of laws now in force regarding the Metropolitan police force as establishes a Metropolitan Police district, as authorizes the employment of said force for State purposes and in a military capacity, and to restore said force and reserve the same to its legitimate duties and purposes.

Read first time.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rules the bill was read a second time, referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and its printing was ordered.

Previous notice having been given, Mr. Ridgely, of Concordia, introduced House bill No. 72, an act to repeal all the laws in the Digest of the Statutes of the State of Louisiana of 1870, and all laws passed subsequent thereto which authorizes the Governor to appoint tax collectors for the parishes outside of the parish of Orleans, and to impose all the duties of said tax collectors on the sheriffs of said parishes for one-half of the fees and commissions now allowed by law, and for other purposes.

Read first time.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule the bill was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Its printing was ordered.

Mr. Sauer, of Avoyelles, under previous notice, introduced House bill No. 73, joint resolution for the relief of Mariana Generous Beuclair, wife of Francis J. C. Monier, and Louis Cayer, authorizing them to enter certain lands in the parish of Avoyelles.

Read first time.

The constitutional rule being suspended the bill was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Ward, of Grant, having given previous notice, introduced House bill No. 74, joint resolution appropriating $5488 on the part of the House and $2500 on the part of the Senate to pay the extra force of assistant sergeants-at-arms.

The constitutional rules having been suspended the bill was again read, and referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Drury, of Assumption, having given previous notice, introduced House bill No 75, an act abolishing the offices of master and wardens of the port of New Orleans, and of harbormasters for said port, and the boards constituted thereof, and transferring their functions to a board of port commissioners for the city of New Orleans, and reducing official fees one-half.

Read first time.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rules the bill was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Previous notice having been given, Mr. Marie, of Terrebonne, introduced House bill No. 76, an act to provide for the organization of a volunteer State guard to protect the State against insurrection or invasion and State and parish authorities in the exercise of their legitimate duties, and to provide means for its support.

Read first time.

The constitutional rules being suspended, the bill was again read, referred to the Committee on Militia and its printing ordered.

Mr. Guichard, of St. Bernard, having given previous notice, introduced House bill No. 77, an act to change the boundary of the parish of Bernard.

Read first time.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rules the bill was read again and referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

Under previous notice Mr. Johnson, of Caddo, introduced House bill No. 78, an act entitled an act to forbid the sale or disposal of spiritous or intoxicating liquors on Sunday, and to provide a penalty for so doing.

Read first time.

The constitutional rules being suspended, the bill was placed on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Hunsaker, of St. James, offered the following, which lies over under the rules.

*Resolved*, That the following shall be and the same shall be rule No. — of the House:

Rule—Committees shall report back all bills referred to them within four days after the same shall have been referred; provided that any committee may be allowed a longer time to deliberate upon any bill by consent of the House.

By Mr. R. R. Ray, of East Feliciana:

An act for the relief of the Clinton and Port Hudson Railroad Company of the parish of East Feliciana.

Mr. Lowell, of Jefferson, moved that the resolution offered by Mr. Triplet, of East Baton Rouge, this day, and the following editorial contained in the extra of the New Orleans *Bulletin* of this date be referred to the Committee on Judiciary for examination into the truths of said charge; and that the committee be authorized to send for persons and papers.

Unanimously adopted.

BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION.

The outrageous propositions which have been submitted to our Conservative caucus have emanated from the national enemies of our people, and something more than argument has been used to carry them. Money has been used, and men have been asked to sell the people of Louisiana into a bondage infinitely more galling and hard to bear than that which the Israelites were doomed to endure under the Egyptians. This is no time to mince words, and we charge and can prove that money has been offered—large sums of money have been offered for votes to carry through this most monstrous scheme to disgrace and ruin the State.

Representative George L. Hall has stated to us that he was offered large sums of money to go into the Kellogg Legislature and to support this measure. Mr. Hall, being honest, spurned the offer, but who knows how many have listened to Kellogg's song, and basely consented to sell their birthright for a mess of pottage.

The Committee on Retrenchment and Reform submitted the following report, which was received and accepted, and its consideration was made the special order of the day for Thursday, the tenth instant:

COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM, New Orleans, February 8, 1875.

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

Your Committee on Retrenchment and Reform beg leave to report for the consideration of the House, a bill to be entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 3225 and 3226 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, and to provide for the publication of the reports of the Supreme Court of the State, the passage of which they respectfully recommend. Also, beg leave to report bill to be entitled an act providing for the collection of an annual per capita tax of one dollar for school purposes, and directing how the same shall be expended, and repealing all laws in conflict with this act, which they recommend to be passed.

A. B. LEVISEE, Chairman.

House bill No. 79 (reported by the committee), an act to amend and re-enact sections 3225 and 3226 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, and to provide for the publication of the reports of the Supreme Court, was read.

The constitutional rules being suspended, it was again read and made a special order of the day for Thursday, the tenth instant.

House bill No. 80 (reported by the committee), an act providing for the collection of an annual per capita tax of one dollar for school purposes, and directing how the same shall be expended, and repealing all laws in conflict with this act, was read.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rules, the bill was read a second time and made a special order of the day for Thursday, tenth instant.

Mr. Keating, of Caddo, moved that the consideration of House bill No. 18, an act regulating the fees of recorders, be made the special order of the day for Thursday, tenth instant, at 1:30 P. M.

Carried.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Notices were given that at some future time the following entitled bills would be introduced:

By Mr. Stewart, of Tensas:

An act to authorize Elizabeth Brown to adopt Albert Blanchard as her son and heir, etc.

Also, an act to remove officers for drunkenness while in office.

Also, an act to take the census of the State and make appropriations for the same.

Also, an act to authorize persons arrested for a criminal offense to give bond in any parish of the State.

Also, an act repealing an act entitled an act incorporating the New Orleans Sanitary Excavating Company in the city of New Orleans, and granting rights and privileges thereto, approved March 13, 1874.

By Mr. Sauer, of Avoyelles:

An act incorporating the town of Cottonport, in the parish of Avoyelles, and providing for the organization thereof.

By Mr. Honore, of Point Coupee:

An act providing for making the sheriffs of the several parishes the tax collectors, and to abolish the office of tax collector.

By Mr. Poindexter, of Assumption:

An act to detach the parish of Assumption from the Fifteenth Judicial District and attach said parish to the Fourteenth Judicial District.

By Mr. Poindexter, of Assumption:

Resolution to amend the rules of the House, for the purpose of establishing an additional standing committee.

By Mr. Hunsaker, of St. James:

An act to authorize the city of New Orleans to dispose of certain property and to retire a portion of her debt and for other purposes.

By Mr. Floyd, of St. Helena:

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Greensburg, parish of St. Helena.

Also, an act to incorporate the Amite City and Clinton railroad.

By Mr. Hill, of Ascension:

An act to amend and re-enact section 3946 of the Revised Statutes.

The Committee on Corporations through its chairman submitted the following report, which was received and read:

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS, New Orleans, February 5, 1875.

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

Your committee report favorably on House bill No. 32, an act to incorporate the First Regular Baptist Church of the town of Gretna, Louisiana.

Report unfavorably on House bill No. 38, an act entitled an act to incorporate the Farmers' Co-operative Association of West Feliciana, Louisiana.

Favorably on House bill No. 27, an act to amend the third section of an act entitled "an act to incorporate the town of St. Martinsville," approved April 6, 1873.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES S. MATHEWS, Chairman.

The report relative to house bill No. 32, was adopted and the bill was calendared.

The report relative to House bill No. 38 was ordered to be laid over, and the bill was calendared.

The report relative to House bill No. 27 was adopted and the bill considered as engrossed.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rules the bill was read the third time and finally passed, its title adopted and it was ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The special order being consideration of the following majority and minority reports of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, they were read.

COMMITTEE OF RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM, New Orleans, February 8, 1875.

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

Your Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, to whom was referred House bill No. 49, entitled an act to fix the salaries of the parish judges throughout the State, and to allow them to charge and collect fees in certain cases, beg leave to report favorably on said bill and recommend its passage.

A. B. LEVISEE.
W. F. SOUTHARD.

COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM, New Orleans, February 8, 1875.

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

I beg leave to submit the following minority report over House bill No. 49:

I disagree with the other members of the committee, and submit the accompanying substitute for the original bill, and recommend its passage.

This substitute seems to me to be more reformatory than the original bill; at the same time well rewards the services of the judges. It seems to me the original bill would be more oppressive to poor people than the present law. This substitute reduces the aggregate salaries of all parish judges in the State $28,500.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES S. MATTHEWS.

Mr. Mathews, of Tensas, moved to adopt the minority report.

Mr. Dewees, of Red River, moved to postpone their further consideration until two weeks from date.

Mr. Ray, of East Feliciana, moved to lay the motion to postpone on the table, on which the yeas and nays were demanded, with the following result:

Yeas—Speaker Hahn, Butler, Baker, Crawford, Davidson, Guichard, Hill of Ouachita, Hubeau, Jourdain, Johnson of Caddo, Keating, Levisee, Mathews of Tensas, Milon, Parker, Pipes, Randall, Raby, Ray, Sutton, Southard, Sauer, Thomas—22.

Nays—Armstead, Carville, Connaughton, Cousin, Drury, Dewees, DeLacey, Dickenson, Floyd, Grant, Hill of Ascension, Hunsaker, Honore, Johnson of De Soto, Jones of Pointe Coupee, Lane, Lowell, Marie, Poindexter, Sauer, Sartain, Tyler, Triplet, Wilson, Woods, Ward, Wright, Yorke—28.

No quorum voting.

On motion of Mr. Guichard, of St. Bernard, the House was adjourned until Wednesday, tenth instant, at twelve o'clock M.

WILLIAM VIGERS, Chief Clerk.

## THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

Twenty-Ninth Day's Session.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 8, 1875.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Hon. C. C. Antoine, Lieutenant Governor of the State and President of the Senate.

The Senators were as follows at roll-call:

Present—Messrs. Allain, Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Blunt, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Detiege, Gla, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Twitchell, Weber, Whitney, Young—22.

Absent—Messrs. Breaux, Dumont, Eustis, George, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Landry, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, Wharton, White—14.

The President announced that there was a quorum present.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The Secretary commenced to read the journal of Saturday's proceedings.

On the motion of Mr. Cage, the further reading of the journal was dispensed with.

The same was corrected and approved.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, February 8, 1875.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate in House bill No. 61, known as the appropriation bill.

WILLIAM VIGERS, Chief Clerk.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Allain:

Of a bill to be entitled an act repealing act No. 46, entitled an act incorporating the New Orleans Sanitary Excavating Company in the city of New Orleans, and granting certain rights and privileges thereto.

By Mr. Masicot:

Of a bill repealing act No. 46 of the session of 1874, entitled an act incorporating the New Orleans Sanitary Excavating Company in the city of New Orleans, and granting rights and privileges thereto, approved March 11, 1874.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Stamps, by unanimous consent, introduced the following bill:

An act to prohibit the lessees of the State Penitentiary from employing or permitting the employment of convicts outside the walls of the State Penitentiary, and declaring penalties.

On motion of Mr. Stamps the constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Penitentiaries.

Mr. Anderson, by unanimous consent, introduced the following entitled bill.

An act making constitutional warrants of the State, and all warrants issued by the State Auditor for the expenses of the year 1874, receivable in payment for all back taxes up to the year 1873, excepting school, levee and interest taxes.

The bill was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote.

The bill was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Masicot introduced the following bill, to be entitled according to notice, an act authorizing Charles T. Rollin to sue the State.

The bill was read the first time.

The constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The President directed the Secretary to take up the special order of the day.

SENATE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 24, to be entitled an act to amend the constitution of the State of Louisiana.

The bill was first ordered to be engrossed on motion of Mr. Brewster.

The vote to engross the bill was reconsidered.

The bill was ordered to be considered article by article, on motion of Mr. Brewster.

The first article was read and adopted.

The second article was read and adopted.

The third article was read and adopted.

The fourth article was read.

Mr. Young moved that the fourth article be stricken out.

[Mr. Allain in the chair].

Mr. Greene moved the following:

Strike out fourth article, and insert "that after the year 1876 the office of parish judge is hereby abolished, and all matters now entrusted to their jurisdiction shall be otherwise provided for by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Allain moved to table the motion.

Tabled.

The President, in the chair, announced the pending question to be the motion of Mr. Young to strike out.

The Senate voted to strike out article four in the bill.

Mr. Blunt moved to reconsider the vote adopting the first article.

On call of two Senators the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Senate voted to reconsider the vote adopting the first article:

Yeas—Blunt, Burch, Cage, Crozier, Greene, Herwig, Kelso, Masicot, Pollard, Twitchell, Whitney, Young—12.

Nays—Alexander, Allain, Brewster, Chadbourn, Detiege, Gla, Landry, Stamps, Weber, Wharton—10.

Absent—Anderson, Blackburn, Breaux, Dumont, Eustis, George, Grover, Harper, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, White—14.

On motion of Mr. Burch the bill was fixed as special order of the day for Wednesday next, after the morning hour.

Mr. Wharton moved to take up the following:

House bill No. 61, to be entitled an act making an appropriation for the payment of the mileage and per diem of the members, and salary of the officers and employes, and contingent expenses of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the regular session of the year 1875, and prescribing the manner in which the same shall be paid, and to authorize the negotiation of a loan for that purpose by the pledge of State warrants.

Objections being made, Mr. Wharton moved to suspend the Senate rules.

On call of the two Senators, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Senate voted to suspend the Senate rules by a two-thirds vote:

Yeas—Blunt, Brewster, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Pollard, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney, Young—16.

Nays—Alexander, Burch, Detiege, Gla, Stamps—5.

Absent—Messrs. Anderson, Allain, Blackburn, Breaux, Dumont, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Masicot, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, White—15.

The bill was taken up and read the first time.

Mr. Wharton moved that the bill be adopted on first reading.

Mr. Burch, having obtained the floor, was debating the question whether the bill could be properly considered, as his opinion was that the bill had not passed the House.

Mr. Brewster made a point of order that the Clerk of the House had announced that the bill had passed the House; that no Senator could impeach the record of the other House.

The President sustained the point of order.

[Mr. Chadbourn in the chair.]

Mr. Allain got the floor upon a question of privilege.

Mr. Cage made the point of order that Mr. Allain must state his grounds for the question of privilege.

The President, in the chair, sustained the point of order and directed Mr. Allain to confine himself to his question of privilege.

Mr. Allain moved to adjourn.

Lost.

Mr. Whitney moved the previous question on the adoption of the bill on first reading.

On call of the yeas and nays by two Senators the Senate voted to order the main question by the following vote:

Yeas—Blunt, Cage, Crozier, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—15.

Nays—Allain, Brewster, Burch, Chadbourn, Detiege, Dumont, Stamps, Young—8.

Absent—Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Breaux, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, White—13.

While Mr. Wharton was debating the motion to adopt the bill on first reading he made an allusion to the Senator from East Baton Rouge.

Mr. Burch desired the following language to be taken down as objectionable:

"'That consistency is a jewel,' but it does not encircle the brow of the Senator from East Baton Rouge."

Mr. Wharton admitted such was the language he used.

[Mr. Whitney in the chair.]

Mr. Twitchell moved to reconsider the vote to order the main question.

Reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Twitchell the constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths vote, the bill read the second time.

Mr. Twitchell moved to adopt the bill on second reading.

[The President in the chair.]

Mr. Stamps moved to strike out all that portion of the bill making the warrants receivable for taxes.

Mr. Cage moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas—Blunt, Brewster, Cage, Crozier, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—16.

Nays—Allain, Burch, Chadbourn, Detiege, Dumont, Stamps—6.

Absent—Alexander, Anderson, Breaux, Blackburn, Eustis, George, Gla, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, White—14.

The President announced the pending question to be the adoption of the bill on second reading.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, and on call of the yeas and nays, the main question was ordered by the following vote:

Yeas—Blunt, Brewster, Cage, Crozier, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney, Young—16.

Nays—Allain, Burch, Chadbourn, Detiege, Dumont, Stamps, Young—7.

Absent—Alexander, Anderson, Breaux, Blackburn, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, White—13.

On call of the yeas and nays the motion to adopt the bill on second reading was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Blunt, Brewster, Cage, Crozier, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—18.

Nays—Allain, Burch, Chadbourn, Detiege, Dumont, Stamps, Young—7.

Absent—Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Breaux, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, White—13.

The bill was read the third time and finally passed by the following vote, on call of the yeas and nays:

Yeas—Blunt, Brewster, Cage, Crozier, Gla, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney, Young—17.

Nays—Allain, Burch, Chadbourn, Detiege, Dumont, Stamps—6.

Absent—Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Breaux, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, White—13.

The title was ordered to stand as stated.

Mr. Young moved that the Senate adjourn until day after to-morrow (Wednesday).

Adopted.

The President, in the chair, then declared that the Senate stood adjourned until Wednesday, February 10, at twelve o'clock M.

## CORPORATIONS.

CHARTER.....CHARTER.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known, that on this thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, before me, [illegible], a notary public in and for the city and parish of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and sworn, personally came and appeared Samuel Manning Todd, [illegible] and represent for the LOUISIANA EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation duly organized under the laws of this State, [illegible] before me, notary, on the twenty-fifth of March, 1869, who declared that, pursuant to the above mentioned act of incorporation, three annual general meetings of the stockholders of said company were convened and held at the office of said company in this city for the purpose of voting upon certain amendments proposed to said act of incorporation; said meetings being held as follows, to wit: The first, on Monday, the ninth day of January, 1873, after thirty days' notice in the English and French languages, published in the New Orleans Daily Times and the New Orleans Daily Bee; the second on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of September, 1873, after thirty days' notice, in the English and French languages, published in the New Orleans Daily Picayune and the New Orleans Daily Bee, and the third on Monday, the fourteenth of December, 1874, after thirty days' notice, in the English and French languages, published in the New Orleans Daily Picayune and New Orleans Daily Bee—all said newspapers being published daily in the city of New Orleans.

And that, at each of said meetings, stockholders holding and owning the whole of the stock present and represented have voted for the adoption of the amendments proposed to said act of incorporation, as the whole will more