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OF THE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

SENATE.

Thirty-Fifth Day's Session.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 17, 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.

Present—Messrs. Allain, Blackburn, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Gla, Harper, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Young—20.

Absent—Alexander, Anderson, Detiege, Dumont, Eustis, George, Greene, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Kelso, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, White, Whitney—16.

The President announced that there was a quorum present.

Prayer by the chaplain.

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

On the motion of Mr. Allain, the further reading of the journal was dispensed with, and the same corrected and approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Executive Department, New Orleans, February 17, 1875.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I transmit herewith, for the information of the General Assembly, the report of the board of administrators of the Louisiana Insane Asylum for the year 1874, with accompanying documents.

Also the report of the commissioners of the New Orleans Park for the year 1874.

WILLIAM P. KELLOGG, Governor.

The accompanying communications to the above message were ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Mr. Anderson, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, New Orleans, February 17, 1875.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judiciary beg leave to report favorably on House bill No. 35, entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to increase the salary of the district attorney of the Tenth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS C. ANDERSON, Chairman.

Mr. Wharton, chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, New Orleans, February 17, 1875.

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

Your committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 68, entitled an act supplemental to act No. 3, approved January 24, 1874, to provide for the testing, at the instance of any taxpayer, in the courts of this State, the legality and validity of any items of the State indebtedness, the legality and validity of which may have been or may be hereafter questioned; to prohibit the board of liquidation under said act No. 3 of 1874 from funding the questionable and doubtful obligations of the State named or designated in this act until the same shall have been finally declared legal and valid by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana, and to provide the necessary means for carrying the provisions of this act into effect, have duly considered the same, and beg leave to report favorably thereon, and recommend its passage.

W. W. WHARTON, Chairman;
M. H. TWITCHELL,
E. F. HERWIG,
J. A. MASICOT.

Mr. Brewster, chairman of the Committee on Public Education, submitted a report relative to the board of control of the Louisiana State Agricultural and Mechanical College.

On motion of Mr. Burch the report was recommitted to the same committee.

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

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND PAROCHIAL AFFAIRS, New Orleans, February 17, 1875.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Corporations beg leave to report favorably on Senate bill No. 83, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections two, six and fourteen of an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Plaquemine, in the parish of Iberville.

Respectfully submitted,
M. H. TWITCHELL, Chairman.

Mr. Cage, chairman of the Committee on Parks and Public Buildings, submitted the following:

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS, New Orleans, February 17, 1875.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your committee have the honor to report House bill No. 67, favorably with the following amendments: Strike out in sections one and three, three hundred, and insert two hundred and fifty with interest.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. CAGE, Chairman;
M. H. TWITCHELL.
WILLIAM HARPER.
THOMAS C. ANDERSON.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Gla:

Of a bill to be entitled an act to divide the parish of Carroll into police jury wards, fix the boundaries of the same, designate the voting places therein, and provide for the election and organization of the police jury of said parish, and define their powers and duties, and the powers and duties of their officers, and fixing the salaries of said police jurors and officers.

By Mr. Brewster:

Of a bill to be entitled an act directing the clerks of district courts throughout the State, except the parish of Orleans, to record the proceedings or proces verbal of coroners' inquests; providing penalties for non-compliance thereto, and fixing the fee of recording said proceedings; duties of parish coroners, of any person acting in that capacity; penalty for non-compliance thereto, and mode of collecting said penalties, and how the fines collected shall be disposed.

By Mr. Breaux:

Of a bill to be entitled an act to appropriate the sum of $625 for the payment of quarter salary ending December, 1873, of A. Bouenchaud, parish judge of Point Coupee parish.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Sypher, by unanimous consent, introduced the following bill, to be entitled an act to donate and transfer to the United States certain lots or parcels of land for the use of the United States.

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 Public Lands and Levees.

RESOLUTIONS LYING OVER.

Mr. Blackburn called up the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The doctrine or political theory that "to the victors belong the spoils," is the only safe party rule, and does not at all necessarily imply corruption or venality, because if a party is right its principles are worthy to be upheld and preserved by an equal and proper distribution of its patronage among its members, a contrary course being not only individually unjust to those who strive and toil for party success, but demoralizing both to the successful party itself and to the body politic in general, and therefore never should be indulged where competent and worthy men may be found to fill the offices and places of emolument and honor accruing under a triumph of their party; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense and sentiment of this Senate that all the appointive offices in this State should be given to true and worthy and competent Republicans, and that the Republican Senators should in all cases be advised with and consulted in regard to all appointments in their respective senatorial districts; that we will not countenance any other policy on the part of our Republican Governor, to sustain and uphold whom we have suffered and risked so much, and trust he will at once see the justice of our position, and readily and cheerfully accord with us.

Resolved further, That it is of the first importance to the continued success and harmony of the Republican party of Louisiana, and is demanded by the strict rule both of political and moral justice, that all the patronage of the Customhouse at New Orleans should not only be meted out to true and competent members of the Republican party, but the distribution should also be as equally as possible distributed among the party throughout the State, each parish being entitled to some consideration and recognition in the premises; that the best places should invariably be accorded the oldest and most uniformly faithful and competent members of the party; and with this view of political equity and justice, we express it as our sense of right and propriety that our Republican Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States should be heard and consulted in regard to the proper distribution of this Customhouse patronage, and also in regard to all other appointments affecting our prosperity and destiny as members of the great Republican party and as American citizens.

While the foregoing resolution was being debated by Mr. Blunt, the following words were taken down, on motion of Mr. Burch, as objectionable words:

"Pets of his Excellency."

At one o'clock Mr. Stamps called up the special order of the day.

Mr. Blunt moved to postpone the special order of the day for twenty minutes.

Postponed.

While Mr. Blackburn was debating, Mr. Burch made the point of order that the resolutions were before the Senate, not colored men.

The President did not decide that Mr. Blackburn, was out of order, but directed the Senator to confine his remarks to the subject.

[Mr. Allain in the chair.]

Mr. Blunt moved the previous question, which was duly seconded.

Mr. Burch made the point of order, that each Senator was allowed two minutes to explain his vote.

Mr. Allain, in the chair, sustained the point of order.

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

The Senate ordered the main question by the following vote:

Yeas—Blackburn, Breaux, Blunt, Brewster, Crozier, Gla, Greene, Harper, Landry, Masicot, Weber—11.

Nays—Allain, Burch, Chadbourn, Cage, Detiege, Stamps, Wharton, Whitney—8.

Absent—Alexander, Anderson, Cage, Dumont, Eustis, George, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Kelso, Ogden, Pollard, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, Twitchell, White—17.

Under operation of the previous question, the Senate voted to adopt the resolution by the following vote:

Yeas—Blackburn, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Crozier, Gla, Greene, Harper, Masicot, Weber, Whitney—11.

Nays—Allain, Burch, Chadbourn, Cage, Detiege, Landry, Stamps, Young—8.

Absent—Alexander, Anderson, Dumont, Eustis, George, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Kelso, Ogden, Pollard, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, Twitchell, Wharton, White.—17.

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

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

Present—Alexander, Anderson, Allain, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Detiege, Dumont, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Stamps, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney, Young—24.

Absent—Blackburn, Eustis, George, Gla, Herwig, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Pollard, Robertson, Steven, White—12

The President announced a quorum present.

Mr. Stamps called Senate bill No. 46, to be entitled an act entitled an act to establish an Insurance Inspection Department in this State; to define the powers and duties of the insurance commissioner; to declare a standard of legal safety in insurance, and the obligations and requirements of insurance companies, associations and agents, and prescribing the penalties for violations of the provisions of this act; and fixing salary and fees and how the same shall be paid.

The bill was taken up section by section.

The first section was read and adopted.

The second section was read.

Mr. Whitney moved to strike out the word "two" and insert the word "one."

Adopted.

The section was then adopted as amended.

The third section was then read.

Mr. Whitney moved to add after the word "rooms," in line seven, the words "in the State House."

Mr. Blunt moved that the bill be postponed until to-morrow immediately after reading the minutes.

Mr. Wharton moved to postpone the bill until Friday at one o'clock.

Mr. Young moved to table the motion to postpone until Friddy.

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

The Senate voted to table by the following vote:

Yeas—Alexander, Blunt, Breaux, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Gla, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Landry, Pollard, Stamps, Twitchell, Whitney, Young—16.

Nays—Allain, Brewster, Burch, Dumont, Sypher, Weber, Wharton—7.

Absent—Anderson, Blackburn, Detiege, Eustis, George, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Masicot, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, White—13.

Mr. Allain, in the chair, decided the question recurred on the motion of Mr. Blunt.

Mr. Blunt moved the previous question.

Main question ordered.

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

The Senate voted to postpone till to-morrow, after the reading of the minutes, by the following vote:

Yeas—Alexander, Allain, Blunt, Breaux, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Dumont, Gla, Harper, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Twitchell, Weber, Whitney—18.

Nays—Brewster, Burch, Sypher, Wharton, Young—5.

Absent—Anderson, Blackburn, Detiege, Eustis, George, Greene, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, White—13.

By unanimous consent Mr. Cage called up Senate bill No. 35, an act to provide for the taking of the State census.

Mr. Burch moved the following amendment to the title of the bill, and that title be made to read as follows:

Senate bill No. 35, an act to provide for the taking of the State census for the year 1875, as provided for in article twenty, title two, legislative department, of the constitution of this State, and to make an appropriation to pay the expenses of the same.

The amendment was adopted to the title, and the title was adopted as amended.

The bill was considered as engrossed.

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

Yeas—Allain, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Crozier, Dumont, Gla, Greene, Harper, Landry, Pollard, Stamps, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Whitney, Young—19.

Nays—Alexander, Blunt, Masicot, Wharton—4.

Absent—Anderson, Blackburn, Eustis, George, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Kelso, George, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, White—13.

The title was ordered to stand as stated.

Mr. Harper, by unanimous consent, called up the following:

House bill No. 35, a bill entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to increase the salary of the district attorney of the Tenth Judicial District of the State of Louisian.

The bill was adopted on second reading.

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

Mr. Wharton called, by unanimous consent, Senate bill No. 18, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal act No. 69 of 1873, entitled an act relative to fees and emoluments of the Auditor of Public Accounts, and to repeal section three of act No. 21 of 1872, and for other purposes.

The bill being engrossed, was read the third time.

Mr. Cage moved the previous question.

The main question was ordered.

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

The Senate voted to adopt the bill by the following vote:

Yeas—Alexander, Blunt, Brewster, Cage, Gla, Green, Harper, Herwig, Masicot, Pollard, Stamps, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney, Young—16.

Nays—Allain, Burch, Chadbourn, Crozier—4.

Absent—Anderson, Blackburn, Breaux, Detiege, Dumont, Eustis, George, Grover, Kelly, Kelso, Landry, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Weber, White—16.

The title was ordered to stand.

Mr. Sypher moved that the Senate now adjourn till to-morrow at 12 M.

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

Yeas—Allain, Burch, Harper, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—8.

Nays—Blunt, Brewster, Cage, Crozier, Chadbourn, Gla, Greene, Herwig, Masicot, Pollard, Young—11.

Absent—Alexander, Anderson, Breaux, Blackburn, Detiege, Dumont, Eustis, Grover, George, Kelly, Kelso, Landry, Ogden, Robertson, Stamps, Steven, White—17.

Mr. Blunt obtained unanimous consent, and the following entitled bill was taken up:

Senate bill No. 61, to be entitled an act to punish persons who shall be guilty of discharging firearms in any city or town in this State.

The bill being on second reading was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Blunt moved that the constitutional rule be suspended.

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

The Senate voted to suspend the constitutional rule by the following four fifths vote:

Yeas—Allain, Blunt, Burch, Cage, Crozier, Gla, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Landry, Pollard, Stamps, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—17.

Nays—Brewster, Chadbourn, Young—3.

Absent—Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Breaux, Detiege, Dumont, Eustis, George, Grover, Herwig, Kelly, Masicot, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, White—16.

The bill was read the third time and finally passed. Its title was then adopted.

Mr. Whitney moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow (Thursday).

Adopted.

The President, in the chair, then declared the Senate stood adjourned until Thursday, February 17, at twelve o'clock M.

P. E. BECHTEL, Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thirty-sixth Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, February 18, 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, Cousin, Connaughton, Drury, Davidson, Dewees, DeLacey, Dickenson, Demas, Floyd, Grant, Guichard, Gracien, Hill of Ascension, Hill of Ouachita, Hubeau, Honore, Hunsaker, Jourdain, Johnson of Caddo, Johnson of De Soto, Jones of Pointe Coupee, Keating, Lane, Levisee, Mathews of Tensas, Murrell, Milon, Marie, Martinet, Parker, Poindexter, Pierson, Piles, Randall, Ridgely, Richards, Raby, Rochon, Stewart, Sutton, Sartain, Snaer, Souer, Tyler, Triplet, Thomas, Wilson, Wright, Yorke—55.

Fifty-five members present and a quorum.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

The journal was corrected so as to state that Mr. Floyd, of St. Helena, voted in the negative on the final passage of the appropriation bill; also, that on motion of Mr. Souer, of Avoyelles, House bills Nos. 36 and 44 were taken from the committee of the whole and placed on the calendar; also, in House bill No. 104, the appropriation bill, strike out in section two all after the word "thereof" to the word "and," and insert the amendment offered by Mr. Pierson, of Natchitoches.

The journal as corrected was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received:

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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 bill:

Senate bill No. 97, appropriating gas for the use of the General Assembly.

Respectfully,
P. E. BECHTEL, Secretary of the Senate.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Murrell, of Madison, moved that the rules be suspended so that the following unfinished business be considered at this time.

Carried.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, that William Ward, a member from the parish of Grant, having violated the proprieties of this House by disorderly conduct, and by resisting the authority of the Speaker, and offering violence on this floor, is hereby expelled.

When the House last met the motion was to adopt the resolution, on which the yeas and nays were called, and no quorum voting the House was adjourned.

The roll was called on its adoption with the following result:

Yeas—Speaker Hahn, Armstead, Butler, Baker, Connaughton, Cousin, Drury, DeLacey, Dewees, Dickenson, Demas, Floyd, Guichard, Grant, Gracien, Hill of Ouachita, Hubeau, Honore, Hunsaker, Jourdain, Johnson of Caddo, Johnson of DeSoto, Jones of Pointe Coupee, Keating, Lane, Lowell, Levisee, Mathews of Tensas, Milon, Murrell, Marie, Martinet, Pierson, Poindexter, Piles, Ridgely, Ray, Raby, Rochon, Richards, Stewert, Snaer, Souer, Tyler, Triplet, Thomas, Wilson Wright, Yorke—49.

Nays—Carville, Crawford, Davidson, Hill of Ascension, Parker, Randall, Sutton, Southard, Sartain—9.

Two-thirds of a quorom of the House voting in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted, and Mr. William Ward, Representative of the parish of Grant, was declared as being expelled as a member of the House of Representatives, and his name was ordered to stricken from the roll of the House.

[Mr. Souer, of Avoyelles, in the chair.]

Mr. Sartain, of Carroll, presented a petition from Peter Heno, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ray, of East Feliciana, offered the following resolution, which was read, under a suspension of the rules:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, That James E. Trimble, judge of the Eleventh Judicial District, be, and that he is hereby impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors in office.

Also,

Resolved, That a committee of five members of this House be named by the Speaker to proceed to the Senate of Louisiana, and at the bar thereof, to announce that this House doth impeach James E. Trimble, judge of the Eleventh Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, of high crimes and misdemeanors in office, and demand that the Senate take order for the trial of said Trimble, and for his appearance at the bar of the Senate to answer the impeachment of this House.

Also.

Resolved, That a committee of five members be named by the Speaker to prepare particular charges against James E. Trimble, judge of the Eleventh Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, impeached by this House of high crimes and misdemeanors in office, and that such committee have power to send for persons and papers.

I impeach Judge Trimble for issuing at Homer, on the twenty-fourth of October last, a writ unknown to the law, with the intent and purpose of forcible interference with the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States in the Eleventh Judicial District. I impeach him for the issue at Vienna, on the fifth of November last, of an order of his Eleventh District Court, directing the arrest for contempt of Edgar Selye, deputy United States marshal, and B. H. Hodgson, lieutenant Seventh United States Cavalry; said order including statements as of facts known to said Trimble to be false, and said Selye and Hodgson having, as said Trimble well knew, committed no contempt of said court, and this for the purpose, as I allege, of forcible interference with said Selye and Hodgson in the performance of their duties as officers of the United States and for the protection of notorious offenders against the laws of the United States; I impeach him for charging the grand jury of the parish of Jackson at the November term of 1874, to find true bills against United States Commissioner Jewett and Deputy United States Marshal Selye for the crime of kidnapping one L. G. Sholars, at Vernon, in said parish on the twenty-ninth of October preceding; for allowing said grand jury to find such bills and for the issue of warrants for the arrest of those officers on said charge, said Trimble well knowing the removal of said Sholars from the parish of Jackson to have been a lawful arrest by said Selye upon a warrant of said commissioner, and this for the purpose of protecting criminals and of oppressing faithful officers of the law for the lawful discharge of their duties.

J. W. HARRISON.

Subscribed and sworn before me this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1875.

P. G. DESLONDE, Secretary of State.

Mr. Ray, of East Feliciana, moved to adopt the resolution, on which the yeas and nays were ordered, resulting as follows, viz.:

Yeas—Butler, Crawford, Connaughton, Cousin, Dewees, DeLacey, Dickenson, Demas, Floyd, Gracien, Hubeau, Hunsaker, Johnson of Caddo, Johnson of DeSoto, Keating, Lane, Martinet, Murrell, Milon, Poindexter, Piles, Parker, Randall, Ridgely, Ray, Raby, Stewart, Sutton, Southard, Snaer, Sartain, Souer, Tyler, Triplet, Wilson, Woods, Wright—37.

Nays—Speaker Hahn, Armstead, Baker, Carville, Drury, Davidson, Guichard, Grant, Hill of Ascension, Hill of Ouachita, Honore, Jourdain, Jones of Pointe Coupee, Levisee, Mathews of Tensas, Marie, Pierson, Richards, Rochon, Thomas, Yorke—21.

Carried.

Mr. Ray, of East Feliciana, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House adopted the resolutions relative to the impeachment of Judge Trimble, and also moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Carried.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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

Your Committee beg leave to report as having been duly engrossed the following:

House bill No. 104, an act making an appropriation of $156,000 out of the general funds in the State treasury during the year 1875 for the payment of the mileage and per diem of members, salaries of officers and employes and contingent expenses of the General Assembly of Louisiana for the regular session of 1875; directing the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue warrants to the chairman of the Contingent Expenses Committee of the House and to the chairman of the Committee on Auditing and Supervising the Accounts of the Senate on the Treasurer, and making such warrants receivable for State licenses; directing the Treasurer of the State to receive such warrants in settlement with tax collectors, and to provide for the disbursement of the amount appropriated.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY DEMAS, Chairman.

The order of the day was postponed for a half hour.

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

Resolved, That the Committees on Registration and Canals and Drainage be and are hereby authorized to have their reports printed.

[The Speaker resumed the chair.]

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 provide for the assessment and collection of taxes in this State, and to repeal any and all laws now in force having any reference to the same subject matter.

By Mr. Sartain, of Carroll:

A bill to relieve Wilson Ferguson of his State taxes on his plantation, which has been overflowed by the Mississippi, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Claims submitted the following reports, which were received and adopted, and the bills referred to were referred to the committee of the whole:

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS, New Orleans, February 15, 1875.

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

Your committee to whom was referred House bill No. 33, entitled an act appropriating to Mrs. Susan Smith, widow of the late William Smith, Representative from the parish of Pointe Coupee, the sum of $1000, being in full of all her claim on behalf of her deceased husband, would beg leave to report that having examined the same, would recommend its reference to the committee of the whole.

J. ROSS STEWART, Chairman;
W. G. LANE,
E. D. TRIPLET.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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

Your committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 48, entitled an act for the relief of L. W. Baker, parish judge of Bossier parish, would respectfully state that it appears in evidence that the two quarters ending on the thirty-first day of December, 1873, Judge Baker was not paid his salary as parish judge; the Auditor refusing to warrant on the Treasurer on the ground that the appropriation had been exhausted, and your committee, recognizing the justice of this claim, and believing that other claims of a similar nature will be presented, would recommend that this bill be referred to the committee of the whole.

J. ROSS STEWART, Chairman;
W. G. LANE,
E. D. TRIPLET.

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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

Your Committee on Judiciary having had under consideration House bill No. 5, being an act to amend the Civil Code by abolishing article 196 of the same, with leave of your honorable body report favorably by substitute and recommend the passage of the bill.

C. W. LOWELL, Chairman;
L. J. SOUER.
A. B. LEVISEE.
E. W. DEWEES.

House bill No. 105, substitute for House bill No 5, an act to amend and re-enact article 916 of the Civil Code, was read.

The constitutional rules being suspended the bill was placed on its second reading and calendared.

The same committee reported favorably on House bill No. 45, an act to amend and re-enact section one of an act entitled an act to authorize the police jury of the parish of Caddo to issue bonds.

The report was adopted, the bill ordered to be engrossed, and placed on the calendar for a third reading.

The same committee reported unfavorably on the passage of House bill No. 61, an act to define the jurisdiction of parish judges, and for other purposes.

The report was adopted.

The same committee made an unfavorable report on House bill No. 85, an act to authorize Elizabeth Brown to adopt Albert Blanchard as her son and heir, etc.

The report was adopted.

The same committee, favorably on House bill No. 82, an act prescribing the mode of appointment to, and determining the mode of filling vacancies in, and providing for the suspension and removal from offices created by law or established by the constitution of this State, except in such cases as in the said constitution are otherwise provided for; fixing the term at which all offices created by law shall expire; prescribing and defining the duty of the Governor, Secretary of State and Secretary of the Senate in relation thereto, and providing for nomination and election by the Senate in certain cases.

The report of the committee was adopted, and the bill was calendared.

[Mr. Keating, of Caddo, in the chair.]

The order of the day was postponed until 3 P. M.

The Committee on Banks and Banking submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND BANKING, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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

Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred House bill No. 52, entitled an act to incorporate the Southern Savings Bank of New Orleans, after careful consideration, respectfully report favorably and recommend that the bill be passed.

Very respectfully,
S. R. PILES, Chairman;
ROBERT F. GUICHARD,
WILLIAM CRAWFORD,
L. J. SOUER.

On motion of Mr. Hunsaker, of St. James, House bill No. 52, reported by the committee, was made the special order of the day for Tuesday next, at 2 P. M., and its printing was ordered.

The Committee on Federal Relations submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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

Your committee having had under consideration joint resolution No. 94, instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to secure an appropriation of $50,000 for the cleaning of Bayous Terrebonne and Little Caillou, beg leave to report that they find prompt aid in this direction to be a matter of urgent necessity; that the drainage of the lands referred to in the resolution would not only protect crops of the value of hundreds of thousands of dollars now exposed to destruction, but also reclaim and render fit for cultivation a large area of most valuable land, in a section the best adapted to sugar culture, and the majority of the inhabitants of which have always been loyal to the general government.

Also that parochial and State authorities are utterly unable to afford the desired relief at the present time, nor does your committee see any prospect for said relief from such sources in the immediate future; that the object is a most proper one for the exercise of the beneficence of the general government, as it would, through an appreciable increase of production and revenue, benefit the country at large.

Wherefore your committee beg leave to report back joint resolution No. 94, and to recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,
CAIN SARTAIN, Chairman;
ISAAC SUTTON,
J. J. JOHNSON,
P. JONES YORKE.

The bill was considered as engrossed, and placed on the calendar for a third reading.

The Committee on Militia submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the bill referred to was made the special order of the day for Tuesday, twenty-third instant, at 1:30 P. M., on motion of Mr. Ray, of East Feliciana:

COMMITTEE ON MILITIA, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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

Your committee, to who was referred House bill No. 65, entitled an act to organize, arm and equip a uniformed militia, approved April 5, 1870, would beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and report favorably, recommending the passage of the same.

JOHN DE LACY, Chairman;
L. J. SOUER,
R. R. RAY,
HENRY DEMAS.

The Committee on Public Health and Quarantine submitted the following majority and minority reports, which were received and their consideration was postponed until to-morrow on motion or Mr. Hill, of Ascension:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND QUARANTINE, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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

Your Committee on Public Health and Quarantine to whom was referred House bill No. 1, an act to repeal an act entitled act No. 31, to abolish private markets in the city of New Orleans, passed at the session of 1874, beg leave to submit the following report, that after consulting the Board of Health as to the propriety of closing the private markets if obnoxious to the public health, have come to the conclusion that the public health is not endangered thereby, and respectfully recommend that the bill No. 1 do pass.

F. R. WRIGHT, Chairman;
A. E. MILON,
G. H. HILL.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND QUARANTINE, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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

The undersigned members of your Committee on Health and Quarantine, to whom was referred House bill No. 1, entitled an act to repeal act No. 31, abolishing private markets in the city of New Orleans, beg leave to differ from the majority of said committee and recommend that said bill do not pass.

A. B. LEVISEE.

The same committee also submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND QUARANTINE, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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

Your Committee on Public Health and Quarantine, to whom was referred House bill No. 88, entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act incorporating the New Orleans Sanitary Excavating Company in the city of New Orleans, granting rights and privileges thereto, after considering the same, do recommend that the said bill No. 88 do pass.

F. R. WRIGHT, Chairman;
A. B. LEVISEE,
A. E. MILON,
G. H. HILL.

House bill No. 88, reported by the committee, was considered as engrossed.

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

The Committee on Retrenchment and Reform submitted the following report, which was received:

COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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

Your Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, whose duty it was made by resolution of the House to examine the books of the Committee on Contingent Expenses for the session of 1874, beg leave to say that pursuant to the instructions of the resolution, they did, through their chairman, call on the Hon. David Young, late chairman of said Committee on Contingent Expenses, informing him, the said Young, of the resolution of this House, and the duty required of this committee, and requiring him to place in the hands of your committee the books, vouchers and accounts of the said Committee on Contingent Expenses, to which the said David Young, ex-chairman of said Committee on Contingent Expenses, replied that the books and papers called for were at Vidalia, in the parish of Concordia, and could not be produced the present session.

Your committee having no means of making the required investigation, report these facts and ask for further instructions.

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. LEVISEE, Chairman;
W. F. SOUTHARD,
ROBERT F. GUICHARD,
J. B. JOURDAIN.

The same committee also submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM, New Orleans, February 18, 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. 84, entitled an act to remove officers for drunkenness while in office, beg leave to return said bill and to say that in the opinion of your committee the bill is unconstitutional in this, that it provides for removing high officials from office in a manner different from that provided by the constitution, and that it is therefore not advisable to pass said bill.

A. B. LEVISEE, Chairman.

The Committee on Parochial Affairs submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL AFFAIRS, New Orleans, February 18, 1875.

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

Your Committee on Parochial Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 77, entitled an act to change the boundaries of the parish of St. Bernard, beg leave to report thereon favorably.

Very respectfully,
L. A. SNAER, Chairman.

House bill No. 77, reported by the committee was considered as engrossed.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Under previous notices the following entitled bills were introduced, by Mr. Floyd, of St. Helena:

House bill No. 106, an act entitled an act to repeal an act providing an annual pension for the surviving veterans and widows of veterans of the war of 1812 and 1814, and providing the manner of ascertaining who are such veterans and widows of veterans, approved April 1, 1873.

Read first time.

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

Also, House bill No. 107, an act appropriating the sum of $6745, amount due to S. K. Daniels for services as public school teacher, for the years 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873 and 1874.

Read first time.

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

Also, House bill No. 108, an act chartering the Amite City and Clinton Railroad Company, defining the powers and duties of said company, and authorizing the company to issue its bonds and to mortgage the property of the company to secure the payment thereof, and authorizing the sale, lease or consolidation of said railroad.

Read first time.

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