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SENATE.

Seventeenth Day's Session.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 25, 1876.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at twelve oclock M., the Hon. C. C. Antoine, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, in the chair.

On call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names:

Present—Messrs. Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Detiege, George, Goode, Gla, Greene, Grover, Harper, Kelso, Kelly, Landry, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, Weber, Wharton, White, Whitney, Young—27.

Absent—Allain, Chadbourn, Dumont, Eustis, Herwig, Maicot, Pollard, Stamps, Twitchell—9.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Bryant.

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Burch presented a memorial from certain taxpayers of the parish of Orleans recommending legislation on the protection of life and property. Also, relative to the pardoning of criminals, etc.

On motion of Senator Wharton the reading of the petition was dispensed with, ordered printed in pamphlet form, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

The following Senators gave notice that at some future day they would introduce the following bills:

By Senator Gla:

Of a bill to be entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act authorizing the sale of property by tax collectors for delinquent taxes, and providing for the redemption of the same; and requiring the Auditor of Public Accounts to make title in the name of the State and regulating the proceedings under the same; prohibiting the issuing of injunctions in certain cases, and fixing the time of prescription of action of nullity of titles of tax scales and for other purposes.

By Senator Landry:

Of a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Judge R. Prosper Landry, of the parish of Ascension.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS NOTICE.

By Senator Whitney:

Senate bill No. 68, an act entitled an act to establish an insurance department in the State; to define the powers and duties of the insurance commissioners; to declare a standard of legal safety in insurance companies, associations and agents, and prescribing the penalties for violations of the provisions of this act, and fixing salaries and fees, and how they shall be paid.

The constitutional rules being suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Senate, the bill was placed on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Anderson:

Senate bill No. 69, entitled an act to repeal act No. 40 of 1869, entitled an act to provide for carrying into effect article 132 of the constitution of the State, and to repeal the same provisions as embodied in the Revised Statutes.

The constitutional rules being suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Senate, the bill was placed upon its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

By Senator Anderson:

Senate bill No. 70, entitled an act to repeal act No. 51, acts of 1873; repealing and re-enacting sections 2180, 2187 and 2188 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana; and also to repeal and re-enact said sections 2180, 2187 and 2188, and also sections 2186, 2192 and 2198 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana.

The constitutional rules being suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Senate, the bill was placed upon its second reading and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Wharton:

Senate bill No. 71, an act to incorporate the Humane Society of the State of Louisiana, defining its duties and granting certain powers and privileges to the same.

The constitutional rules being suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Senate, the bill was placed on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Being Senator Twitchell's to motion reconsider the vote whereby Senate bill No. 67 was finally passed and adopted, Senator Twitchell withdrew the motion.

On motion of Senator White the report of the Committee on Judiciary on Senate bill No. 28, entitled an act to authorize and require the employment of shorthand reporters to report testimony in appealable civil causes before the district courts of the parish of Orleans; to authorize the appointment of such experts in other district courts of the State in certain cases; fixing the fees of said experts, and repealing all laws giving to clerks of courts compensation for testimony taken by such experts, reported favorably, was adopted.

Senator Twitchell offered the following amendment to the bill:

In the last line of section two insert the word "all" before the word "parties."

Adopted.

The bill then passed its second reading.

On motion of Senator White, the bill was considered engrossed.

On motion of Senator White, the constitutional rules were suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Senate, the bill was read the third time and finally passed and title adopted.

On motion of Senator Young, the report of the Committee on Judiciary on Senate bill No. 56, substitute for Senate bills Nos. 3, 18 and 32, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 3410 of the Revised Statutes, reported favorably, was taken up and adopted.

The bill passed its second reading.

On motion of Senator Young, the bill was considered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Young, the constitutional rule was suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill was read the second time and adopted.

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

Senator Wharton obtained unanimous consent to introduce Senate bill No. 72, entitled an act to create a special levee district in the parishes of Pointe Coupee and Iberville.

The constitutional rules being suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Senate, the bill was placed upon its second reading and referred to the Committee on Lands and Levees.

Senator Young moved that House bill No. 73 of last session be taken up.

On a call of Senator Whitney, the Senate went into executive session.

The executive session having been raised, on a call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names:

Present—Messrs. Alexander, Allain, Blunt, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Dumont, George, Goode, Gla, Greene, Grover, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Kelly, Landry, Masicot, Ogden, Pollard, Robertson, Stamps, Steven, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, White, Whitney, Young—31.

Absent—Messrs. Anderson, Blackburn, Breaux, Detiege, Eustis—5.

Senator Stamps made the point of order that there was nothing before the Senate.

The President (Senator Burch in the chair) ruled the point not well taken, on the ground that the motion of Senator Young to take up House bill No. 73 of last session was before the Senate when the executive session was called.

Senator Wharton made the point of order that the motion to take up is out of order, because the bill is in possession of the Finance Committee, and not in possession of the Senate.

The President ruled the point well taken.

Senator Young then moved that the chairman of the Committee on Finance be instructed to report back to the Senate to-morrow House bill No. 73 of last session.

The President ruled the motion out of order, on the ground that the bill being still in possession of the ex-chairman of the committee, it would be unjust to call upon the present chairman to produce that which he never received.

[The President of the Senate resumed the chair.]

Senator Pollard moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow at twelve o'clock M.

Senator White called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Alexander, Burch, Cage, Detiege, Grover, Harper, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, Sypher—11.

Nays—Allain, Blunt, Brewster, George, Goode, Greene, Ogden, Robertson, Stamps, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, White, Whitney, Young—15.

Absent—Anderson, Blackburn, Breaux, Chadbourn, Dumont, Eustis, Gla, Herwig, Kelly, Steven—10.

And the Senate refused to adjourn.

Senator White called up the report of the Committee on Judiciary on the following:

Senate bill No. 8, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend article 644 of the Code of Practice, approved twenty-third of April, 1872, being act No. 17 of the session of 1874, by the following substitutes, entitled Senate bills Nos. 54 and 55, viz:

Senate bill No. 54 (substitute for Senate bill No. 8), an act to amend and re-enact article 1992 of the Revised Civil Code.

Senate bill No. 55 (substitute for Senate bill No. 8), an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend article 644 of the Code of Practice, approved April 23, 1872, being act No. 17 of the session of 1874.

Senator Masicot objected.

The President ruled that action on reports of committees lying over was in order.

Senator Chadbourn called for executive session.

Executive session having been raised, on a call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names:

Present—Messrs. Allain, Anderson, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Cage, Chadbourn, Detiege, George, Goode, Gla, Harper, Landry, Ogden, Pollard, Robertson, Stamps, Twitchell, Weber, White, Whitney—22.

Absent—Messrs. Alexander, Blackburn, Dumont, Eustis, Greene, Grover, Herwig, Kelso, Kelly, Masicot, Steven, Sypher, Wharton, Young—14.

Senator Allain made the point of order that all bills, resolutions and reports of committees from the last session shall be resumed and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place.

The President (Senator Ogden in the chair) ruled the point of order not well taken and having no connection with the subject matter before the Senate.

Senator White moved that Senate bills Nos. 54 and 55, offered by the committee as substitutes for Senate bill No. 8, be printed in the journal, and that they be made the special order of the day for Saturday next, immediately after the morning hour, as follows:

Senate bill No. 54:

An act to amend and re-enact article 1992 of the Revised Civil Code.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That article 1992 of the Revised Civil Code be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: "There are also rights which are merely personal that can not be made liable to the payment of debts, and therefore no contract respecting them comes within the provision of this section; these are the rights of personal servitude of use and habitation of usufruct of the estate of a minor child to the income of dotal property, to money due for the salary of an office, or wages or recompense for personal services; the linen and clothes belonging to the debtor or his wife; his bed or those of his family; his arms and military accoutrements; the tools and instrument, and books, sewing machines necessary for the exercise of his or her calling trade or profession, by which he or she makes a living; the household and kitchen furniture, to the value of six hundred dollars; provided their household and kitchen furniture be held, not to apply to the lessor's lien and privilege."

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all laws inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Senate bill No. 55:

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend article 644 of the Code of Practice, approved April 23, 1872, being act No. 17 of the session of 1874.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That act No. 17 of the session of 1874, approved February 20, 1874, entitled an act to amend article 644 of the Code of Practice, be so amended and re-enacted as to read as follows: "The sheriff or constable can not seize the linen and clothes belonging to the debtor or his wife, nor his bed, nor those of his family, nor his arms and military accoutrements, nor the tools and instruments and books, sewing machines necessary for the exercise of his or her calling, trade or profession by which he or she makes a living; nor shall he in any case seize the rights or personal servitude of use and habitation of usufruct to the estate of a minor child, nor the income of dotal property, nor money due for the salary of an officer, nor wages, nor recompense for personal services, nor household and kitchen furniture to the value of six hundred dollars; provided, that the foregoing exemption of six hundred dollars be held not to apply to the lessor's lien and privilege, excepting the foregoing enumerated articles, viz: The linen and clothes belonging to the debtor or his wife, nor his bed, nor those of his family, nor his arms and military accoutrements, nor the tools, and instruments and books, sewing machines necessary for the exercise of his or her calling, trade or profession, by which he or she makes a living."

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all laws inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Senator Chadbourn called up Senate bill No. 32.

Senator Burch made the point of order that Senate bill No. 32 was already disposed of.

The President ruled the point well taken.

Senator Chadbourn called up Senate bill No. 18.

Senator Burch made the same point as in the case of Senate bill No. 32.

The President ruled the point well taken.

On motion of Senator Twitchell the Senate voted to adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 M.

P. E. BECHTEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Nineteenth Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, January 27, 1876.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Hon. E. D. Estilette, Speaker, in the chair.

On the call of the roll the following members answered to their names, to wit:

Speaker Estilette, and Messrs. Aldige, Armstead, Booth, Byrne, Burkhardt, Bayley, Bower, Butler, Baker, Beasley, Billiu, Brice, Carville, Collins, Cousin, Carloss, Dupre, DeBlanc, Dugas, Davidson, Dickenson, Demas, Delhommer, Dunn, Edwards of Tangipahoa, Edwards of Richland, Elliott, Guichard, Grant, Gracien, Gilmore, Hill of Ascension, Hubeau, Hill of Ouachita, Honore, Hammond, Hunsaker, Jeffries, Jourdan, Johnson of Caddo, Johnson of Lafourche, Jones of Lincoln, Jones of Pointe Coupee, Koontz, Kummel, Keeting, Kelly, Keyes, Kidd, Lane, Luckett, Lowell, Lafargue, Maginnis, Meredith, Mitchell, Matthews of Franklin, Martin, Murrell, Milon, Matthews of Tensas, McCollam, McAlpine, Nunez, Pascal, Parker, Piles, Pipes, Roman, Richardson, Randall, Ray, Raby, Smith, Sutton, Self, Snaer, Sartain, Soner, Seeman, Sibilski, Schenck, Stafford, Stewart, Schuler, Thomas, Voorhies, Vidrine, Walker, Wiltz, Wilson, Woods of Ouachita, Woods of West Baton Rouge, Walters, Wells, Webb, Yorke, Young—99.

On motion of Mr. Gracien, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and on motion of Mr. Wood, of West Baton Rouge, their adoption was deferred until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Wood, of West Baton Rouge, the minutes of Monday were adopted.

Mr. Demas arose to a question of privilege, during which he was called to order by Mr. Dupre, who objected to the remarks of Mr. Demas, which were as follows, to wit:

It is true that I have often made points of order, and that the Speaker did rule against me, when the chair knew I was right.

And asked that Mr. Demas be required to apologize to the Speaker and the House.

Whereupon Mr. Demas retracted that assertion and made an apology to the Speaker and the House.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Kidd submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent and adopted:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the following named gentlemen be and they are hereby elected to the several positions named, to wit: Peter J. Trezevant, Chief Clerk; Oscar Arroyo, assistant clerk; Benjamin R. Coleman, minute clerk; J. T. Pecot, assistant minute clerk; John K. Overton, chief enrollment clerk; Edward Flood, Sergeant-at-arms; C. W. Johnson, assistant sergeant-at-arms; William R. Sutherland, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Joseph P. Churchill, postmaster; J. F. McMullen, doorkeeper.

Resolved, further, That the per diem and salaries of the above named, and all other regular officers, or appointees of the House, shall receive their pay as though they were elected or appointed at the beginning of this session.

Mr. Grant submitted the following resolution, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Pipes it was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions at once visit all the charitable and public institutions of the State, and report to this House at as early a day as possible.

Mr. Matthews, of Tensas, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That whenever any standing or special committee shall make a report to this House, whether by bill or otherwise, such report shall be in writing, and signed by the chairman or a member acting as chairman of the committee reporting; provided that this shall not prevent other members of the committee from submitting reports.

Mr. Bower submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appriations be, and the same is hereby instructed and required to report to this House at the earliest practical moment the number and names of every State officer and the assistants of said officers and their respective salaries (which officers' salaries have not been created and fixed by the constitution of the State), with the view of abolishing all such offices as are not essential to the efficient administration of the State government, and with the further view of such a reduction of all salaries as is demanded by the present impoverished condition of the State.

Mr. Vidrine submitted the following resolution, which was also adopted:

Resolved, That the special committee appointed by the House to investigate the books and accounts of the Superintendent of Public Education shall be increased to eight members.

Mr. Hahn submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, There are many complaints in this community as to the irregular, illegal and unjust manner in which warrants drawn on the State treasury are paid by the State Treasurer, and the unfair discrimination which he displays between the holders of State warrants; be it

Resolved, That a committee of three members of this House be appointed to investigate this matter, and to ascertain all particulars thereof, and especially what brokers or persons are unjustly preferred in this business with the State Treasurer; that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to use all compulsory process, and that it be directed to make a report as soon as practicable.

Mr. Kummel called up House resolution regulating the mileage of traveling committees of the House introduced by him on the twenty-fourth instant.

On motion of Mr. Blaffer, the same was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Charitable and public institutions.

Mr. Mitchell called up the resolution, by him introduced yesterday, for the appointment of clerks for certain select committees, and upon its adoption he called for the previous question.

The Speaker then put the question, "Shall the main question be now put?" which was carried in the affirmative; and upon the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Demas called for the yeas and nays, which resulted as follows, to wit:

Yeas—Aldige, Booth, Byrne, Burkhardt, Bayley, Blaffer, Bower, Beasley, Billiu Brice, Carville, Collins, Cousin, Carloss Dupre, DeBlanc, Dugas, Delhommer Dunn, Edwards of Tangipahoa, Edward of Richland, Elliott, Grant, Gilmore, Hammond, Jeffries, Johnson of Lafourche, Jones of Lincoln, Koontz, Kummel, Keeting, Kelly, Kidd, Luckett, Levise, Lafargue, Maginnis, Meredith, Mitchell, Matthews of Franklin, Martin, McCollam, McAlpine, Nunez, Parker, Pascal, Pipes, Roman, Richardson, Ridgeley, Smith, Self, Seeman, Sibliski, Schenck, Stafford, Schuler, Voorhies, Vidrine, Walker, Wiltz, Wilson, Woods of West Baton Rouge, Wells, Webb, Yorke, Young—67.

Nays—Armstead, Butler, Baker, Davidson, Dewees, Dickenson, Demas, Gracien, Hill of Ascension, Hahn, Hubeau, Hill of Ouachita, Jourdain, Johnson of Caddo, Keyes, Murrell, Milon, Piles, Ray, Raby, Sutton, Soner, Sartain, Stewart, Thomas, Woods of Ouachita—27.

So the resolution was adopted.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

The hereinafter named members respectively gave notice of their intention to introduce at some future day the following entitled bills:

Mr. Matthews, of Tensas:

An act fixing the salaries of the Mayor and each Administrator of the city of New Orleans, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith.

Mr. Butler:

An act appropriating $5000 for the purpose of cleaning out Bayou McCall, in the parish of Ascension.

Mr. Bayley:

An act relative to the recording of births, deaths and marriages in the parish of Orleans; designating the president of the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana as recorder, and empowering the Board of Health to enforce this act by ordinance or other suitable regulations.

Mr. Kummel:

An act to protect the health of the city of New Orleans, to locate the stock landings and slaughterhouses; and to provide for the inspection of animals slaughtered and sold for food in the city of New Orleans, and to repeal certain acts.

Mr. Byrne:

An act relative to notaries public, their powers and duties, and prescribing penalties; to create the office of parish notary, prescribe his powers and duties, and prescribing penalties, and to repeal acts inconsistent herewith.

Mr. Self:

An act entitled an act to determine the manner of electing police jurors.

Mr. Hammond:

An act to punish certain acts; to declare the same misdemeanors; to protect the inhabitants of towns and cities in their rights of way, and to prevent the encroachments of railroad companies.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 26, 1876.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House Representatives:

I am directed by the Senate to ask the concurrence of your honorable body in the passage of the following, viz:

Senate bill No. 13, an act to provide for the revival of judgments when the defendant has changed his domicile.

Senate bill No. 67, an act relative to apportioning the State, etc.

Also, concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee on city affairs.

P. E. BECHTEL, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Keeting, the rules were suspended, and the House took up Senate bill entitled an act apportioning the State into senatorial districts, and fixing the number of Representatives to be elected from each parish and representative district in the State, and designating in what senatorial districts Senators are to be.

Which underwent its first and second readings by its title, when, on motion of Mr. Demas, the further consideration of this bill was postponed, and it was made the special order of the day for to-morrow immediately after reading of the minutes, and ordered to be printed in the minutes, which bill is as follows:

An act apportioning the State into Senatorial districts, and fixing the number of Representatives to be elected from each parish and representative district in the State, and designating in what senatorial districts Senators are to be elected at the next general election, and designating the representative number of population, and repealing all laws, or parts of laws, contrary to or in conflict with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That in compliance with requirements of articles twenty, twenty-one, twenty-nine, thirty, and other provisions of the constitution to apportion the State into senatorial districts, and to fix the number of representatives for each parish, it is hereby provided that the State shall be divided into the following senatorial districts, with the number of Senators hereinafter designated to each district.

First—The first senatorial district shall be composed of the first, second and third wards of the city of New Orleans, and shall be entitled to three Senators.

Second—The second senatorial district shall be composed of the fourth, fifth and sixth wards of the city of New Orleans, and shall be entitled to two Senators.

Third—The third senatorial district shall be composed of the seventh, eighth and ninth wards of the city of New Orleans and the parish of St. Bernard, and shall be entitled to two Senators.

Fourth—The fourth senatorial district shall be composed of the tenth and eleventh wards of the city of New Orleans, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Fifth—The fifth senatorial district shall be composed of the fifteenth ward of the city of New Orleans (Orleans right bank) and the parish of Plaquemines, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Sixth—The sixth senatorial district shall be composed of the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth wards of the city of New Orleans, and the parishes of Jefferson, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist, and shall be entitled to two Senators.

Seventh—The seventh senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Ascension and St. James, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Eighth—The eighth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Assumption, Lafourche and Terrebonne, and shall be entitled to two Senators.

Ninth—The ninth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Vermilion and St. Mary, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Tenth—The tenth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Cameron, Calcasieu, St. Landry and Lafayette, and shall be entitled to two Senators.

Eleventh—The eleventh senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Twelfth—The twelfth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Pointe Coupee, East Feliciana and West Feliciana, and shall be entitled to two Senators.

Thirteenth—The thirteenth senatorial district shall be composed of the parish of East Baton Rouge, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Fourteenth—The fourteenth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Iberia and St. Martin, and shall be entitled to two Senators.

Fifteenth—The fifteenth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Concordia and Avoyelles, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Sixteenth—The sixteenth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Tensas and Franklin, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Seventeenth—The seventeenth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Carroll, Madison, Morehouse and Richland, and shall be entitled to two Senators.

Eighteenth—The eighteenth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Ouachita and Caldwell, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Nineteenth—The nineteenth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Union, Lincoln and Jackson, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Twentieth—The twentieth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Bossier, Bienville, Claiborne and Webster, and shall be entitled to two Senators.

Twenty-first—The twenty-first senatorial district shall be composed of the parish of Caddo, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Twenty-second—The twenty-second senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of De Soto, Red River, Sabine and Natchitoches, and shall be entitled to two Senators.

Twenty-third—The twenty-third senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Rapides and Vernon, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Twenty-fourth—The twenty-fourth senatorial district shall be composed of the parishes of Catahoula, Winn and Grant, and shall be entitled to one Senator.

Thirty-six Senators in all.

That the Representatives shall be apportioned among the parishes and representative districts on the basis of one Representative to every 7448 inhabitants.

For the parish of Orleans:

First representative district, first ward—Two Representatives.

Second representative district, second ward—Two Representatives.

Third representative district, third ward—Three Representatives.

Fourth representative district, fourth ward—One Representative.

Fifth representative district, fifth ward—Two Representatives.

Sixth representative district, sixth ward—Two Representatives.

Seventh representative district, seventh ward—Three Representatives.

Eighth representative district, eighth ward—One Representative.

Ninth representative district, ninth ward—Two Representatives.

Tenth representative district, tenth ward—Three Representatives.

Eleventh representative district, eleventh ward—Two Representatives.

Twelfth representative district, twelfth ward—One Representative.

Thirteenth representative district, fifteenth ward—One Representative.

Fourteenth representative district, thirteenth, fourteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth wards—Two Representatives.

The parish of Ascension—Two Representatives.

The parish of Assumption—Two Representatives.

The parish of Avoyelles—Two Representatives.

The parish of East Baton Rouge—Three Representatives.

The parish of West Baton Rouge—One Representative.

The parish of Bienville—One Representative.

The parish of Bossier—Two Representatives.

The parish of Caddo—Three Representatives.

The parish of Calcasieu—One Representative.

The parish of Caldwell—One Representative.

The parish of Cameron—One Representative.

The parish of Carroll—Two Representatives.

The parish of Catahoula—One Representative.

The parish of Claiborne—Two Representatives.

The parish of Concordia—Two Representatives.

The parish of De Soto—Two Representatives.

The parish of East Feliciana—Two Representatives.

The parish of West Feliciana—Two Representatives.

The parish of Franklin—One Representative.

The parish of Grant—One Representative.

The parish of Iberia—Two Representatives.

The parish of Iberville—Two Representatives.

The parish of Jackson—One Representative.

The parish of Jefferson—Two Representatives.

The parish of Lafayette—One Representative.

The parish of Lafourche—Two Representatives.

The parish of Lincoln—One Representative.

The parish of Livingston—One Representative.

The parish of Madison—Two Representatives.

The parish of Morehouse—Two Representatives.

The parish of Natchitoches—Three Representatives.

The parish of Ouachita—Two Representatives.

The parish of Plaquemines—Two Representatives.

The parish of Pointe Coupee—Two Representatives.

The parish of Rapides—Three Representatives.

The parish of Red River—One Representative.

The parish of Richland—One Representative.

The parish of Sabine—One Representative.

The parish of St. Bernard—One Representative.

The parish of St. Charles—One Representative.

The parish of St. Helena—One Representative.

The parish of St. James—Three Representatives.

The parish of St. John the Baptist—One Representative.

The parish of St. Landry—Five Representatives.

The parish of St. Martin—One Representative.

The parish of St. Mary—Two Representatives.

The parish of St. Tammany—One Representative.

The parish of Tangipahoa—One Representative.

The parish of Tensas—Two Representatives.

The parish of Terrebonne—Two Representatives.

The parish of Union—Two Representatives.

The parish of Vermilion—One Representative.

The parish of Vernon—One Representative.

The parish of Washington—One Representative.

The parish of Webster—One Representative.

The parish of Winn—One Representative.

Making one hundred and twenty members.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That there shall be an election of one Senator in each of the following senatorial districts, to wit: Second, third, sixth, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, fourteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth, as laid off by this act, at the next general election in this State.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws contrary to or in conflict with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Billiu, from the Committee on Constitution, to whom was referred House bill No. 47, entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to fix the salaries of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, reported the same without action, with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hammond, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred House bill No. 22, entitled an act to regulate and provide for the printing and publication of legal and judicial advertisements in the parish of Orleans, submitted a favorable report.

Mr. Hahn, from the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill No. 44, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend and to re-enact an act granting corporate privileges to the inhabitants of the city of Baton Rouge, in the parish of East Baton Rouge, and to provide for the government of the affairs thereof, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend the several acts relative to the police and government of the city of Baton Rouge, approved April 2, 1853; and to repeal an act to provide for the government of the city of Baton Rouge, approved March 8, 1856, and to repeal all acts amendatory thereto, reported favorably on said bill by substitute entitled an act empowering the city of Baton Rouge to impose a license tax on occupations and callings, which was passed to a second reading.

Mr. Young, from the same committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 26; entitled an act to determine the mode of filling vacancies in all the parish and municipal offices in the State, for which provision is not made in the constitution, submitted a favorable report, with amendments.

The same member, from the same committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 90, entitled an act to fix the day of payment of all notes and commercial effects due on the fourth of March of each year, submitted a favorable report by substitute, entitled an act relative to the day of demand of payment and protest of promissory notes, bills of exchange and commercial paper maturing on holidays, which was passed to a second reading.

And the same member, from the same committee, asked and obtained leave to print 150 copies of House bill No. 51, entitled an act to amend and re-enact certain articles of the Civil Code therein specified.

Mr. Kidd, from the Committee on Enrollment of bills, reported correctly enrolled House joint resolution asking for an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of constructing levees on the Mississippi river in Louisiana, and for the general government to assume control of all the levees in Louisiana.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

The hereinafter named members, without previous notice given, and with the suspension of the rules first granted, respectively asked and obtained leave to introduce the following entitled bills, which underwent their first and second readings by their respective titles, and they were referred as indicated below, to wit:

Mr. Billiu:

An act to incorporate the Societe de Bienfaisance et Assistance Mutuelle de Thibodaux, and to grant the power to issue charters to subordinate associations.

Also, an act to incorporate Home Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of the town of Thibodaux, parish of Lafourche, and to provide for the organization and government of the same, and exempting from jury and militia duty the members thereof.

Mr. Booth:

An act to incorporate the Lewisburg Wharf Company.

Mr. Hill, of Ascension:

An act revising and amending the charter of Donaldsonville, and to exempt the same from payment of parish taxes and licenses, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCollam:

An act to repeal an act entitled an act creating a board of commissioners to examine and ascertain the valid outstanding indebtedness of the parish of Terrebonne, and authorizing the police jury of said parish to issue bonds to take up and fund the same, being act No. 74 of the acts of the General Assembly of 1874, approved March 23, 1874.

Mr. Webb:

An act to increase the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in the several parishes throughout the State, the parish of Orleans excepted.

Also, an act establishing justice of the peace wards in the parish of St. Landry, and conferring additional powers to the justices of the peace, increasing the number of justices of the peace and constables, and for other purposes.

Mr. Dupre:

An act to impose a license tax upon each and every insurance company not incorporated under the laws of the State and taking risks on property located in this State, or on the lives of persons residents of this State, requiring the deposit of bonds with the State Treasurer for the security of policy holders, and for other purposes.

Mr. Koontz:

An act to regulate the trial of appeals in the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana.

Also, an act to fix and determine the qualifications of sureties on appeal bonds.

Mr. Grant:

An act to re-enact section 3743 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana.

Mr. Elliott:

An act for the relief of the Seventh Street Orphans' Home of New Orleans.

Mr. Hahn:

An act to incorporate the Louisiana Humane Society; granting certain powers and privileges to the same; authorizing the organization by said society of a humanitarian police, and defining its duties and powers; providing for the maintenance and management of the same, and making transgression of duty by the officers of said society, or interference of the same, a punishable offense; directing police organizations throughout the State to aid said society, and for other purposes.

Mr. Billiu:

An act to confer the power to regulate the compensation for keeping the prisoners in parish prisons upon the respective parishes of the State other than the parish of Orleans.

Mr. Dickenson:

An act to authorize the police juries of St. James parish to fix the salaries of justices of the peace and constables defining the manner how they shall be paid and repealing all laws in conflict of this act.

All of which bills were ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Martin:

An act for the relief of Benajah Spell, one of the sureties of James Fry, late sheriff and tax collector of the parish of Lafayette.

Which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Elliott:

An act proposing amendment to article sixty-six of the constitution.

Which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Constitution; and on motion of Mr. Matthews of Tensas, was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kelly:

An act to appropriate the sum $5000 out of the general fund in the treasury, for the construction of a bridge over the Bayou Dugdamonia, and to turnpike the approaches thereto, on the mail route between Monroe and Winfield, State of Louisiana, and to provide for the disbursement of the money appropriated; also, to grant certain powers to the police jury of the parish of Winn.

Which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Matthews, of Tensas:

An act fixing the salaries of the Mayor and each Administrator of the city of New Orleans, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith.

Which was ordered to be referred to the select committee on city affairs.

BILLS INTRODUCED ACCORDING TO NOTICE AND REFERRED.

Mr. Byrne:

An act to amend and re-enact sections eleven and twelve of act No. 73, of 1872, approved April 26, 1872.

Which was ordered to be referred to the select Committee on City Affairs.

Mr. Wiltz:

An act relative to the public printing and the publication of the ordinances, advertisements, etc., of the corporation of the city of New Orleans.

Which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Booth:

An act to provide an annual pension for the surviving veterans of the war of 1812-15, who participated in the siege or battles of New Orleans in December, 1814, and January, 1815, as well as for the surviving widows of such veterans; to fix and determine the mode and cost of ascertaining who shall receive such pension, and to repeal all other laws hitherto enacted on the same subject matter.

Which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Byrne:

An act authorizing parties in injunction proceedings to bond movable effects and vessels seized under writs of fieri facias, or mesne process in the parish of Orleans, pending injunctions.

Mr. Seeman:

An act to amend and re-enact article 1591 of the Revised Civil Code of Louisiana.

Mr. Wiltz:

An act to amend act No. 47 of the statutes of 1873, entitled an act to enforce the payment of taxes due the State, providing for the seizure and sale of the property of delinquent taxpayers, and regulating the proceedings against them and against their property and tenants, approved March 14, 1873.

All of which bills were ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND PASSED.

Mr. Grant, without previous notice, and with a suspension of the rules first granted, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section thirteen of act No. 9, approved February 27, 1871, styled an act to provide for the supplying the loss of public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the courthouse in the parish of Morehouse, on the sixteenth of March, 1870.

Which underwent its several readings, and it passed.

BILLS PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Walker, ordered that 150 copies of House bill entitled an act to provide for raising a revenue for the State, the parishes, the city of New Orleans and other incorporated towns and cities, and for a poll tax and the mode of collecting the same; making the payment of a poll tax a prerequisite for voting, and for the means necessary to carry this law into effect, and for the repeal of all laws on the same subject matter, and House bill No. 23, entitled an act to provide a revenue for the State, the several parishes and municipal corporations; defining what property shall be subject to taxation; to provide a fund for the support of the public schools, and the mode of collecting and disbursing the same; to grant and collect licenses, and prescribing a poll tax; to provide for the election and qualification of officers to assess the taxable property of the State; to equalize the same, and to collect the taxes, and providing for the compensation of said officers; to define the duties and obligations of the collectors, and how they shall account for the funds collected by them; to create a lien on real estate in favor of the taxes due thereon, and the mode of securing said lien; to provide for the collection of past due taxes; to prescribe penalties in certain cases for the non-observance of this act, and to abolish all laws inconsistent herewith, be printed for the use of the House.

REPORT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE.

Mr. Wiltz, chairman of the select Committee on City Affairs, to whom was referred the following House bills, to wit:

No. 58, entitled an act to relieve the city of New Orleans, and State of Louisiana, from any charge for the registry of births, marriages and deaths occurring in said city.

No. 101, an act to provide for the uniform assessment of property in the city of New Orleans, defining the duty of the Administrator of Assessments of said city, fixing the limit of expense to be paid for said assessment, abolishing the office of State Assessor for the parish of Orleans, providing that no separate State assessment shall be made within the parish, and repealing all