Butler, Beasley, Billu, Brice, Carville, Collins, Carmouche, Cousin, Carloss, DeBlanc, Durr, Davidson, Dewees, Dickenson, Delhommer, Dunn, Edwards of Tangipahoa, Edwards of Richland, Elliott, Guichard, Gilmore, Hall, Hill of Ascension, Hill of Ouachita, Honore, Hunsaker, Jeffries, Johnson of Caddo, Koontz, Kummel, Keeting, Kelly, Keyes, Kidd, Lane, Luckett, Levisee, Maginnis, Meredith, Mitchell, Matthews of Franklin, Milon, Matthews of Tensas, McCollam, McAlpine, Magee, Nunez, Pascal, Parker, Pipes, Roman, Richardson, Randall, Ridgely, Raby, Smith, Sutton, Self, Sartain, Souer, Seeman, Sibilski, Stafford, Stewart, Scales, Schuler, Thomas, Walker, Wiltz, Wilson, Woods of Ouachita, Wells, Webb, Yorke, Young—82.

A quorum present.

The proceedings were opened with prayer, offered by Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, of Trinity Church.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and on motion of Mr. Hill, of Ascension, their further consideration was postponed till Monday.

On motion of Mr. Meredith, the minutes of Thursday were adopted as corrected.

Mr. Sibilski asked and obtained leave of absence for three days, for the following named members, to wit: Messrs. Sibilski, Levisee, McAlpine and Kummel.

COMMUNICATION.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Auditor:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Auditor's Office, New Orleans, January 29, 1876.

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

In response to the resolution of your honorable body of the twenty-fifth instant, I respectfully submit:

The General Assembly at the regular session of 1875, under act No. 17, appropriated the sum of $132,000 for the salaries of parish judges for the year 1875.

On the eighth of April of that year the honorable the Superior District Court issued an injunction, directed against the Auditor, enjoining and restraining that officer from issuing, auditing or warranting for certain claims, one of which was an item of $60,000 out of $132,000 appropriated for salaries of parish judges as above.

This left an available balance of $72,000, and my predecessor in office, with the view to equity and justice regulated payments so as to conform with the diminished available balance, and hence parish judges who heretofore received $625 and $500 respectively per quarter were paid at the rate of $312 50 per quarter, and at this date the following is a transcript from the records of this office:

Amount (not enjoined) appropriated for salaries of parish judges	$72,000 00
Warrants issued up to date, being salaries for the first, second and third quarters of 1875 at $312 50	48,821 94
Unexpended balance to credit of above appropriation	23,178 06
Amount of warrants issued as above not yet paid and outstanding	14,088 90

In conjunction with the above, I would further say, that the injunction above referred to embraced forty-five distinct items, amounting in the aggregate to $310,663 90, and was based upon the allegations that the appropriations under the said act No. 17, and other appropriation bills passed, were largely in excess of the revenue which could be obtained through the levy and collection of taxes.

The cause of that excess may be attributed to the fact that the assessment for the past year was much below that for previous years, and to large appropriations of an extraordinary character, the principal ones being:

Appropriation for taking State census	$85,000
Appropriation for payment of special sergeant-at-arms and extra porters	8,000
Appropriation for maintainance of health and quarantine	24,000
Appropriation for expenses of General Assembly, extra session of 1875	117,362
Which alone aggregate	$234,362

I will also state that the present status of these appropriations is as follows:

Amount appropriated for taking State census	$85,000 00
Amount warranted for up to date	54,346 85
Unexpended balance	$30,653 15
Amount of warrants issued as above not yet paid and outstanding	$19,739 00
Amount appropriated for payment of special sergeants-at-arms and porters	8,000 00
Amount warranted for up to date	7,879 50
Unexpended balance	$120 50
Amount of warrants issued as above, not yet paid and outstanding	None.
Amount appropriated for expense of General Assembly, extra session, 1875	$117,362 00
Amount warranted for up to date	112,411 14
Unexpended balance	$4,950 86
Amount of warrants issued as above, not yet paid and outstanding	$115 00

The above statement and an examination of the general appropriation act, will readily show that the current revenue had been exceeded, and that it was impossible to warrant for the full amounts appropriated without disregarding the constitutional amendment, the primary object of which was to prevent over appropriations and the annual accumulation of floating debt.

Very respectfully,
G. B. JOHNSON, Auditor.

Mr. Young submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, That this House has entire confidence in the judicial integrity of the Hon. James E. Trimble, judge of the Eleventh Judicial District of the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Guichard offered the following amendment thereto, to come at the close of Mr. Young's resolution:

And Judge H. R. Steele, judge of the Superior Criminal Court, parish of Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Young, the resolution and amendment were ordered to lie over under the rules.

Mr. Bower submitted a resolution for the appointment of a committee of three, to examine the book of the School Board of the city of New Orleans, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Ray moved to amend the resolution by adding at the close thereof, "with instructions to report within ten days thereof."

On motion of Mr. Bower, the resolution was adopted as amended.

Mr. Ray submitted the following preamble and resolution, which was ordered to lie over under the rules:

WHEREAS, It is currently reported that there exists in the parishes of East and West Feliciana, East Baton Rouge and St. Helena, an organized band of men styling themselves Regulators, whose sole object seems to be the persecution of and the driving out of office, of all Republican officials in the parishes, both State and parochial; and

Whereas, It is currently reported that several of the Republican officials have been threatened with violence, and, in some instances with death, unless they did resign; and in consequence sent resignations to the proper authorities, and, afterward left their homes, in order to escape further violence; and

Whereas, In justification of their violent measures, these Regulators "have declared that said officials were ignorant, incompetent, unworthy and dishonest, and that it is absolutely necessary that they be removed by violent means, and others appointed in their stead in order to secure peace and order in these parishes"; and

Whereas, Grave and serious charges have been preferred against the moral and political character of several of the State and parochial officers of the said parishes, which, if proved, would be sufficient to deprive them of the positions they now fill; and

Whereas, It is reported that these "Regulators," in the measures employed by them to carry out their ends, have placed the lives and property of citizens in jeopardy, and that the civil authorities are wholly unable to preserve law and order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker, with instructions to investigate the condition of the alleged disturbed parishes, and to investigate the charges preferred against certain officials in said parishes, with power to administer oaths and send for persons and papers, and that said committee be further instructed to report thereupon within twenty days from the passage of this resolution.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Koontz submitted the petition for the relief of the Seventh Street Asylum, which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Stafford submitted the petition praying for the relief of Patrick Lane, which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Kummel submitted the petition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, corner of Laurel and Josephine streets, New Orleans, Louisiana, praying for relief, which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate, to wit:

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 29, 1876.

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

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

Senate bill No. 9, an act to confirm and approve the act of incorporation and amendments thereto of the Hebrew Zion Congregation of the city of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Senate bill No. 56, substitute for Senate bills Nos. 3, 18 and 32, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 3310 of the Revised Statutes.

Senate bill No. 38, 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.

P. E. BECHTEL,
Secretary of the Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Young, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill No. 135, entitled an act relative to the transfer of stocks, and to amend section 313 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, submitted a favorable report.

And unfavorably, by a majority of the committee, on House bill No. 96, entitled an act to give physicians and druggists privilege on the crops of laborers and farmers for services and medicines furnished them.

Mr. Meredith, chairman of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No, 99, entitled an act to incorporate the Madison Transportation Company, submitted a favorable report.

Mr. Edwards, chairman of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, to whom was submitted House bill No. 103, entitled an act to fix the compensation of sheriffs of the several parishes of the State for the maintenance of prisoners, and abolishing turnkeys' fees, submitted an adverse report.

Mr. Kelly, from the Committee on Penitentiary, submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Penitentiary respectfully beg leave to report, that after careful examination of a resolution introduced by Mr. Murrell, of Madison, on January 17, 1876, in regard to the death of Captain Morgan, respectfully beg leave to refer the matter to the grand jury of the parish in which the alleged murder was committed.

GEORGE A. KELLY, Chairman.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the extra session of the Legislature of 1875, submitted the following report, viz:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, January 25, 1876.

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

The Committee on Contingent Expenses of the House of Representatives, appointed at the extra session of 1875, beg leave to report that there has been disbursed by them from the appropriation for mileage and per diem of members of the regular session of 1875 of the House of Representatives

	$42,066 00
Amount paid, per diem	39,837 20
Leaving undrawn balance of	$2,228 80
Appropriation, per diem, extra session	$41,340 00
Amount paid	39,527 92
Leaving undrawn balance of	$1,812 08
Appropriation of contestants, regular session	$7,172 00
Amount paid	6,376 00
Leaving undrawn balance of	$796 00
Appropriation of contestants, regular session	$6,284 00
Amount paid	6,284 00

Leaving balance due to William Crawford, $325; to John O. Quinn, $120—total $472.

Appropriation for contingent expenses	$2,000 00
Amount paid	2,000 00

Leaving due a balance of $761 75 to J. S. Rivers; $117 10 to C. T. Gauche; $50 to George Hite—total, $928 85.

The amount apportioned the House of Representatives was	$98,862 00
The amount disbursed	94,025 12
Leaving a total balance undrawn of	$4,836 88

The articles purchased and not paid for were used in part and turned over to the Secretary of State at close of extra session and receipt given. Those articles were needed and have been used during the present session. Your committee tendered payment of the amount due the Hon. E. Booth for his per diem, for regular and extra sessions of 1875, which he declined; and in writing instructed the committee to return the same to the State treasury as a donation. The same tender was made by the Hon. E. McCollam for amount of mileage and per diem due for regular session of 1875, and same instruction given your committee. Your committee could not, as the appropriations were for specific purposes, transfer from the amount of $4836 88 left undrawn, any sum to pay what was needed to make up the deficiency of $472 for mileage and per diem of contestants for extra session.

Your committee submits the report in detail of the expenditures and disbursements and all books and vouchers connected with the same herewith, and asks that the report be referred to the appropriate committee.

Respectfully submitted,
G. L. HALL, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Booth, the above report was ordered to be referred to the select committee appointed to investigate the accounts of the contingent expenses of the regular session of the Legislature of 1875.

Mr. Sibilski, chairman of the Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions, to whom was referred House bill No. 162, entitled an act for the relief of the Seventh Street Orphans' Home of New Orleans, submitted a favorable report, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, the rules were suspended, this bill underwent its second and third readings, and passed.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

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

Mr. Thomas:

An act to secure to children the benefits of elementary education.

Mr. Levisee:

An act to make judicial warrants receivable by tax collectors for State taxes.

Mr. Matthews, of Tensas:

Rule —. That all committees, when submitting reports to the House, will make the same in writing; when bills and resolutions are reported the report shall embrace their number and title, also all amendments recommended by the committee; and such reports, including bills and resolutions, shall not be acted upon the day they are reported unless by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

Mr. Nunez:

An act to provide for the election of assessors throughout the State, defining their duties, fixing their salaries, and repealing all laws, or parts of laws, in conflict therewith.

On motion of Mr. Levisee the House proceeded to the consideration of House bill No. 76, an act to amend and re-enact section one of act No. 76 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to authorize the police jury of Caddo parish to issue bonds.

The same was taken up, and the further consideration of this bill was deferred, and it was made the special order of the day for Wednesday next, at 1:30 P. M.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

The hereinafter named members, in accordance with previous notice given, respectively asked and obtained leave to introduce the hereinafter entitled bills, which underwent their first and second readings by their titles, and they were referred as indicated below, to wit:

Mr. Meredith:

An act to define and regulate the costs and fees of sheriffs throughout the State of Louisiana, the parish of Orleans excepted.

Mr. Walker:

An act to provide for and regulate the rate of licenses and taxes to be paid by insurance companies, and by private underwriters, and by agents of insurance companies domiciliated without the State of Louisiana, and for the assistance and the maintenance of the various fire departments and fire companies in the State.

Mr. Byrne:

An act relative to judicial sales and advertisements in the parish of Orleans.

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

Mr. Butler:

An act for the relief of Aaron Hill, sheriff of the parish Ascension.

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

Mr. Young:

An act proposing amendments to the constitution.

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

This being the day set apart for the consideration of 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, the same was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Hammond, the amendments reported by the Committee on Printing were adopted, and, on motion of the same member, this bill underwent its second and third readings, and it passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY—SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

Senate bill No. 9, entitled an act to confirm and approve the act of incorporation and amendments thereto of the Hebrew Zion Congregation of the city of Shreveport, Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the rules were suspended and this bill was ordered to its second reading.

Senate bill No. 56, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 3410 of the Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Young this bill underwent its second reading by its title, and was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate bill No. 38, entitled an act to authorize the employment of shorthand reporters as experts 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 the said experts and repealing all laws giving to clerks of court compensation for testimony taken by such experts.

On motion of Mr. Young the rules were suspended, this bill underwent its second reading by its title, and was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

BILLS ON THEIR SECOND READING.

No. 15, an act for the relief of the heirs of Similein La Branche.

On motion of Mr. Hahn, the rules were suspended, this bill underwent its second and third readings, and it passed.

No. 40, an act for the relief of laborers, carpenters employed during the high water in the year 1874, in the parish of St. James; also, providing for the payment for materials used in suppressing the overflow.

On motion of Mr. Hunsaker, this bill was ordered to lie over under the rules.

No. 49, an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the New Orleans Mechanics' Society, approved July 17, 1821, and the act supplemental thereto, approved March 6, 1838.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, of Tensas, the further consideration of this bill was postponed, and it was made the special order of the day for Friday at 2 P. M.

No. 106, an act for the relief of Boykin Witherspoon, of the parish of De Soto.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell this bill was ordered to lie over under the rules.

No. 137, an act to exempt the real estate within the corporation of the town of Alexandria from parish taxes, and to define the powers of the police jury in reference thereto.

On motion of Mr. Young the adverse report of the committee was adopted, and this bill was ordered to be indefinitely postponed.

No. 141, an act to incorporate the Hook and Ladder Company of East Baton Rouge.

On motion of Mr. Meredith the rules were suspended and this bill underwent its second and third readings, and it passed.

No. 142, an act to incorporate L'Equite Benevolent and Mutual Aid Association of New Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Young the adverse report of the committee was adopted and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

No. 143, an act to incorporate St. Helena Benevolent and Mutual Aid Association of New Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Matthews the adverse report of the committee was adopted, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

No. 152, an act to incorporate the Societe de Bienfaisance et de Assistance Mutuelle de Thibodaux, and to grant the power to issue charters to the subordinate associations.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, the adverse report of the committee was adopted, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

No. 153, 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 duty and militia duty the members thereof.

On motion of the same member, the first amendment proposed by the committee was adopted; and on further motion of the same member the further amendments of the committee were rejected.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, the rules were suspended and the bill underwent its second and third readings and passed.

No. 158, an act to provide an annual pension for the surviving veterans of the war of 1812 and 1815, who participated in the siege of New Orleans in December, 1814, and January, 1815, as well as the surviving widows of such veterans; to fix and determine the mode and costs of ascertaining who shall receive such pensions, and to repeal all other laws hitherto enacted on the same subject matter.

On motion of Mr. Walker, this bill was ordered to lie on the table, subject to call.

On motion, leave of absence was granted Mr. Armstead for ten days.

On motion of Mr. Booth, the House adjourned until twelve o'clock M. Monday next.

PETER J. TREZEVANT,
Chief Clerk.

THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

Twenty-first Day's Session.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 29, 1876.

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

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

Present—Messrs. Allain, Breaux, Burch, Detiege, Dumont, George, Goode, Greene, Grover, Harper, Kelso, Kelly, Ogden, Pollard, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—21.

Absent — Messrs. Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Blunt, Brewster, Cage, Chadbourn, Eustis, Gla, Herwig, Landry, Masicot, Stamps, White, Young—15.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Bryant.

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

Senator Burch, according to notice, submitted the following minority report from the Committee on Printing:

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING, New Orleans, January 29, 1876.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

As a member of the late Committee on Printing, I beg leave to dissent from the report submitted yesterday by Hon. W. Jasper Blackburn, chairman, and others of the Committee on Printing, for the reason that said bills have not been submitted for examination to the committee in any meeting, and would therefore recommend that said bills be recommitted to the Committee on Printing for further examination.

J. HENRI BURCH.

The report lies over.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS NOTICE.

By Senator Burch:

Senate bill No. 89, an act to unite the Louisiana State University, as now established and located near Alexandria, in the parish of Rapides, and the Agricultural and Mechanical College, as now established and located in the parish of St. Bernard, into one and the same institution of learning to be known and designated under the name and title of the Louisiana State University, and to establish and locate the same at Baton Rouge, in the parish of East Baton Rouge.

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

By Senator Breaux:

Senate bill No. 90, entitled an act to regulate the actual tare on sugar, and to provide a uniform system of packages, and imposing a penalty on persons violating 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 Commerce and Manufactures.

By Senator Brewster;

Senate bill No. 71, entitled an act to amend and re enact article 1035 of the Code of Practice, and to fix the terms of the parish courts.

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.

Also, Senate bill No. 92, an act to fix the terms of the district court in the Fourteenth Judicial District, and providing for the drawing and summoning of juries for said terms.

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.

Also, Senate bill No. 93, an act to amend and re-enact section three of an act entitled an act relative to the Supreme Court; and to regulate the terms thereof, the proceedings therein, appeals thereto, and processes against the sureties on appeal bonds, approved March 16, 1870.

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 Harper:

Senate bill No. 94, an act for the relief of the minor heirs of E. C. Hart, deceased, late of the parish of Caddo; to reduce their tax assessments of 1873 and 1874, and to remit penalties.

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 Finance.

By Senator Sypher:

Senate bill No. 95, an act for the relief of W. R. White.

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 Committe on Claims.

By Senator Anderson:

Senate bill No. 96, entitled an act to postpone the forced collection of back taxes, and authorizing the payment of the same within the time specified in the legal obligations of the State, city or parish, and, under certain circumstances, remitting all costs and penalties.

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 Finance.

Also, Senate bill No. 97, entitled an act for the relief of those persons whose property has been sold for taxes.

Senator Anderson moved that the constitutional rules be suspended in order to place the bill upon its second reading, with a view to reference.

The yeas and nays were called, with the following result:

Yeas—Anderson, Brewster, Burch, Chadbourn, Detiege, Dumont, Goode, Grover, Harper, Ogden, Robertson, Stamps, Steven, Sypher, Wharton, Whitney—16.

Nays—Allain, Blunt, George, Greene, Kelly, Pollard, Twitchell, Weber—8.

Absent—Alexander, Blackburn, Breaux, Cage, Eustis, Gla, Herwig, Kelso, Landry, Masicot, White, Young—12.

The Senate refused to suspend the rules and the bill lies over.

By Senator Whitney:

Senate bill No. 98, an act to protect the levees of the State of Louisiana from injury by cutting ditches across them or placing in them flumes for the purpose of irrigation.

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 Committe on Lands and Levees.

Also, Senate bill No. 99, an act entitled an act to amend and re enact section one of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Vidalia, Red River and Texas Railroad Company.

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 Railroads.

By Senator White:

Senate bill No. 100, an act to adjust, regulate and provide for the bonded debt of the city of New Orleans; to authorize the exchange of bonds of the city of New Orleans for other bonds, to be issued on the plan known as the "premium bond plan;" to adopt and give legislative sanction to the said plan, as set out in ordinances Nos. 3130 and 3233, Administration series of the city of New Orleans, approved the twenty-fifth of May and the thirty first of August, 1875; to provide a fund to meet the semi-annual paymets of the said bonds, known as premium bonds; to create a commission in the interest of creditors, and to give said commission the direction, control and management of the semi annual allotments under said premium bond plan; to limit by contract the contracting of debt by the city of New Orleans; to limit taxation for all purposes therein; and to give relief to arrear taxpayers; to provide for the exchange of said premium bonds for other bonds in a certain contingency.

The bill was read the first time, and ordered printed and calendared.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

Senator Burch called for the special order of the day, and moved its postponement for a half-hour.

Adopted.

Senator Breaux moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was ordered printed and calendared.

Senator White moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Lost.

Senator Wharton moved, as a substitute, that the constitutional rules be suspended and the bill placed on its second reading.

Adopted.

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 Finance, and ordered printed.

Senator Masicot asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator Whitney for seven days.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLING AND ENGROSSING, New Orleans, January 28, 1876.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolling and Engrossing Bills beg leave to report the following bills as having been duly engrossed, viz:

Senate bill No. 38, an act to authorize the employment of shorthand reporters as experts, to report testimony, etc.

Senate bill No. 9, an act to confirm and approve the act of incorporation, and amendments thereto, of the Hebrew Zion Congregation of the city of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Senate bill No. 56, an act to amend and re-enact section 3410 of the Revised Statutes.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. A. MASICOT, Chairman.

Lies over.

Senator Twitchell, chairman of the Committee on Corporations and Parochial Affairs, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND PAROCHIAL AFFAIRS, New Orleans, January 29, 1876.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on Corporations and Parochial Affairs report favorably on Senate bill No. 74, an act to repeal section eleven of act No. 81; to amend and re-enact sections one, two, three, seven, and the ninth paragraph of section nine; to add a twenty-first paragraph to section nine, and to amend and re-enact sections nineteen, twenty-one and twenty-eight of an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Monroe.

Also, House bill No. 14, an act to incorporate the St. Patrick's Savings Bank, and prescribing its powers and privileges, with the following amendments, viz:

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the expense of promulgating this act shall be paid by the incorporators; and that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its promulgation.

Also, Senate bill No. 23, an act to incorporate the Catholic Mutual Benevolent and Aid Association, of Baton Rouge, on which they report unfavorably, as the object of the incorprrators can be effected by a notarial act, without expense to the State.

M. H. TWITCHELL, Chairman.

The report lies over.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The Chief Clerk of the House was announced with the following message:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, January 29, 1876.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to request the concurrence of your honorable body in the following House bills, to wit:

House bill 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 expenses 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 laws or parts of laws in conflict or inconsistent with this act.

House bill No. 134, an act to suspend the collection of all drainage taxes in the city of New Orleans until January 1, 1878, and to stay all executions to enforce payment thereof until that date.

House bill No. 80, an act to organize the police of the city of New Orleans, and to create a police board therein, and limiting the costs of the same.

House bill No. 145, an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1021 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana.

House bill No. 144, an act to determine the qualification of jurors in the parishes of Vermilion, Lafayette, Iberia, St. Martin, Cameron and Calcasieu.

House bill No. 31, an act to legitimate Louise Celina Duvigneaud, Joseph Gaston Duvigneaud, Maria Therese Julia Duvigneaud, Louise Duvigneaud, Pierre Duvigneaud and Marie Julia Odette Duvigneaud, children of Joseph Duvigneaud and his wife Marie Julia Fried.

House bill No. 26, an act to determine the mode of filling vacancies in all parish and municipal offices for which provision is not made in the constitution.

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

Respectfully, etc.,
PETER J. TREZEVANT,
Chief Clerk.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Burch:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Education be and is hereby instructed to investigate whether there is a *bona fide* Agricultural and Mechanical College, under act No. 125 of the session of 1874, and whether said institution is in keeping with the act of Congress, session of 1861, and subsequent amendments, and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers.

The resolution lies over.

According to previous motion, Senator Twitchell offered the following amendment to the Senate rules:

Strike out, in line three, rule twenty-three, the words "allowed to make any," and in line four the words "explanation of a vote he is about to give or ask to be."

The amendment was adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The subject matter pending at the time of adjournment was the report of the Judiciary Committee on Senate bill No. 83, substitute for Senate bills Nos. 4 and 17.

Senator Robertson moved the adoption of the report.

Senator Breaux moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed, and that it be printed, and made the special order of the day, for Monday, January 31, at 2 P. M., and called for the previous question.

The main question was ordered.

The yeas and nays on the adoption of the motion were called with the following result:

Yeas—Allain, Anderson, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Chadbourn, Dumont, George, Greene, Harper, Herwig, Kelso, Kelly, Landry, Ogden, Robertson, Stamps, Steven, Sypher, Wharton, White, Whitney, Young—23.

Nays—Goode, Ogden, Stamps, Steven—4.

Absent—Alexander, Blackburn, Cage, Detiege, Eustis, Gla, Landry, Masicot, Pollard—9.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Senator Burch the special order of the day was taken up as follows:

Senate bill No. 54 was then taken up and read.

Senator Burch moved to recommit Senate bill No. 54 to the Committee on Judiciary.

Adopted.

Senator Breaux moved to recommit Senate bill No. 55 to the Committee on Judiciary.

Adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The Chief Clerk of the House was announced with the following message to the Senate:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, January 29, 1876.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to ask the concurrence of your honorable body in House bill No. 115, an act to change the name of the town of Brashear to Morgan City, etc.

Respectfully,
PETER J. TREZEVANT,
Chief Clerk.

Senator Sypher asked and obtained unanimous consent to call up House bill No. 115, entitled an act to change the name of the town of Brashear to "Morgan City," and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Brashear, in the parish of St. Mary, approved April 27, 1871.

The bill was read the first time.

Senator Sypher moved to suspend the constitutional rules to place bill on its second reading.

Objection being raised, the yeas and nays were called, with the following result:

Yeas—Anderson, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Chadbourn, Dumont, George, Goode, Greene, Grover, Harper, Kelso, Kelly, Landry, Ogden, Pollard, Robertson, Stamps, Steven, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, White, Young—26.

Nay—Allain—1.

Absent—Alexander, Blackburn, Cage, Detiege, Eustis, Gla, Herwig, Masicot, Whitney—9.

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

Senator Allain moved to adjourn.

The Senate refused to adjourn.

On motion of Senator Sypher, the bill was adopted on second reading.

Senator Sypher moved to suspend the constitutional rules to place the bill on its third reading and final passage.

Senator Anderson asked permission to present a petition from inhabitants of Brashear City, in opposition to the passage of the bill.

Senator Burch made the point of order that the petition, being presented out of its regular order, could not be considered.

The President ruled the point well taken.

On call of the yeas and nays the motion to suspend the constitutional rules was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Chadbourn, Dumont, Goode, Grover, Harper, Kelso, Kelly, Landry, Ogden, Pollard, Robertson, Stamps, Steven, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, White, Young—23.

Nays — Allain, Anderson, George, Greene—4.

Absent—Alexander, Blackburn, Cage, Detiege, Eustis, Gla, Herwig, Masicot, Whitney—9.

Senator Sypher moved that the bill do finally pass.

Senator White called for the reading of the bill in detail.

Senator Young moved that the further reading of the bill in detail be dispensed with.

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

Yeas—Burch, Chadbourn, Dumont, Pollard, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Young—9.

Nays—Allain, Anderson, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, George, Goode, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Kelly, Landry, Ogden, Robertson, Stamps, Steven, White—17.

Absent — Alexander, Blackburn, Cage, Detiege, Eustis, Gla, Grover, Herwig, Masicot, Whitney—10.

And the Senate refused to dispense with the further reading of the bill.

Senator Allain moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Corporations and Parochial Affairs.

Senator Stamps moved the previous question on the motion to refer.

The main question was ordered.

On the motion to refer the yeas and nays were demanded by Senator Sypher, with the following result:

Yeas—Allain, Anderson, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Chadbourn, Detiege, Dumont, George, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Kelly, Landry, Ogden, Stamps, Twitchell, Weber, Young—20.

Nays—Goode, Grover, Robertson, Steven, Sypher, Wharton, White—7.

Absent—Alexander, Blackburn, Cage, Eustis, Gla, Herwig, Masicot, Pollard, Whitney—9.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Corporations and Parochial Affairs.

SENATE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senator Robertson called up joint resolution No. 8, entitled joint resolution appointing a joint committee to investigate charges against United States Senator J. R. West, being upon its second reading.

Senator Twitchell offered the following amendment:

Strike out all the preamble, and after the word "resolved" insert "that the President of the Senate appoint a committee of three to investigate, examine and report whether or not any member of this Senate, as Senator or Representative, ever received, directly or indirectly, any valuable consideration for his vote for United States Senator, with authority to send for persons and papers,"

And moved its adoption.

On motion of Senator Robertson, the amendment was laid on the table.

Senator Burch offered the following amendment:

In line sixteen strike out the word "two" and insert "three."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Landry called for executive session.

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

Present — Allain, Anderson, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Burch, Chadbourn, Detiege, George, Goode, Greene, Grover, Harper, Kelso, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Stamps, Steven, Sypher, Twitchell, Weber, Wharton, Young—24.

Absent — Alexander, Blackburn, Cage, Dumont, Eustis, Gla, Herwig, Landry, Masicot, Pollard, White, Whitney—12.

The President of the Senate announced the following committee:

Committee to investigate outrages in certain parishes — Senators Weber, Burch, Goode, Breaux and Steven.

The question recurring upon joint resolution No. 8, Senator Wharton offered the following amendment:

In line nine after the word "the," insert the word "official."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Brewster offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words "J. R. West," and insert the words "the so-called election of Mr. Eustis."

Senator Ogden moved to lay the amendment on the table, and called for the yeas and nays, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Allain, Burch, Detiege, George, Goode, Grover, Kelly, Landry, Ogden, Robertson, Stamps, Steven, Twitchell, Wharton, White—15.

Nays—Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Greene, Harper, Kelso, Weber—7.

Absent—Alexander, Anderson, Blackburn, Cage, Chadbourn, Dumont, Eustis, Gla, Herwig, Masicot, Pollard, Sypher, Whitney, Young—14.

The amendment was laid on the table.

Senator Young moved to adjourn, and called for the yeas and nays, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Allain, Anderson, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Harper, Kelso, Landry, Stamps, Sypher, Weber, Young—12.

Nays—Burch, Detiege, George, Goode, Greene, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Twitchell, Wharton, White—13.

Absent — Alexander, Blackburn, Cage, Chadbourn, Dumont, Eustis, Gla, Herwig, Masicot, Pollard, Whitney—11.

The Senate refused to adjourn.

Senator Robertson moved that the bill be considered engrossed.

Senator Twitchell moved that the bill be referred to its appropriate committee.

Senator Robertson moved to lay Senator Twitchell's motion on the table, and called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Allain, Burch, Detiege, George, Goode, Greene, Grover, Kelly, Ogden, Robertson, Steven, Wharton, White—13.

Nays—Anderson, Blunt, Breaux, Brewster, Harper, Kelso, Landry, Stamps, Twitchell, Weber, Young—11.