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Thirty-sixth Day's Session. SENATE CHAMBER. NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY 17, 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. Alexander, Allain, Blackburn, Blunt, Brewster, Burch, Cagg, Dumont, George, Greene, Grover, Harper, Kelo, Kelly, Ogdin, Stamps, Stamps, Twichell, White, Young—20.

Absent—Messrs. Anderson, Breaux, Chadbourne, Detiege, Eustis, Gila, Grover, Herwig, Landry, Masciot, Pollard, Robertson, Sypher, Weber, Wharton, Whitney—15. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Dardis.

The journal was read, corrected and approved. PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS. Senator Allain presented a memorial from the police jury of West Baton Rouge, praying for the passage of certain laws.

Senator Breaux presented a petition from the citizens of Pointe Coupee, relative to the improvement of False river. Referred to the Committee on Canals, Drainage and Inland Navigation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Senator Stamps, from the Committee on Claims, made the following report: COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS. NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY 17, 1876.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate: Your Committee on Claims report favorably on the following bill, viz: Senate bill No. 118, an act for the relief of Lucien Montegut, of the parish of St. Charles.

Senate bill No. 73, an act for the relief of R. Prosper Landry, of Ascension parish. House bill No. 242, for the relief of the heirs of Elizabeth Bowman, deceased, of the parish of Iberville.

House bill No. 15, for the relief of the heirs of Similien Labranche. Report without action on Senate bill No. 69, for the relief of Messrs. Hebert and Leiber.

Report favorably on the petition H. Von Werthern, and that it be recommended to the Committee on Finance with the request to embody the items in the appropriation bill.

Very respectfully, T. B. STAMPS, Chairman. THE REPORT LIES OVER. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

By Senator Chadbourne: Senate bill No. 157, entitled an act defining the election precincts; directing how the number of polls or voting places in each precinct and the places of holding the election in each precinct shall be established, and how the appointment of commissioners for each poll or voting place shall be made, who shall preside at the voting or polling places, and imposing a penalty for the non-attendance of commissioners.

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 Registration and Election.

By Senator Allain: Senate bill No. 153, entitled an act to provide for the working of public roads and bridges in the parish of West Baton Rouge; to empower the police jury of said parish to pass laws and regulations relative thereto, and to provide for the enforcement of the same by criminal prosecution.

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.

Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, witnesses are entitled to their pay; therefore, be it Resolved, That the sum due each of the witnesses be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, when such appropriation shall have been made.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE. The Chief Clerk of the House was announced with the following message: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY 17, 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 entitled bill, viz: No. 79, an act to establish an institution for the instruction of the blind in New Orleans.

No. 266, an act relative to privileges for taxes, and to restrict such privileges and mortgages to the property taxed, and to repeal all acts in conflict with this act. No. 386, an act to fix and establish a return day for appeals to the Supreme Court of the State from the courts of the parish of Tangipahoa.

No. 390, joint resolution memorializing the national Congress to grant the aid of the national government in building the jail and other public buildings in the parish of Terrebonne, that were destroyed by the troops of the United States.

Also Senate bill No. 139, an act to provide for the appointment at future elections of one additional justice of the peace and one additional constable for ward four, parish of Caddo.

Also House bill No. 320, an act to amend and re-enact section ten of an act entitled "An act to amend the act incorporating the town of Thibodaux, La." M. H. TWICHELL, Chairman.

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By Senator Alexander: Senate bill No. 159, entitled an act for the better protection of the interest tax fund, and to provide for the manner of paying interest on bonds issued under act No. 3 of 1874, and defining the duties of the State Treasurer and Fiscal Agent in certain cases.

The bill was calendered for a second reading. By Senator Harper: Senate bill No. 160, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Greenwood, in the parish of Caddo.

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 Corporations and Parochial Affairs.

By Senator Twichell: Senate bill No. 161, entitled an act to regulate the rate of conventional interest and the mode of contracting the same.

On motion of Senator Grover the bill as amended was adopted as a whole. On motion of Senator Grover the bill was considered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Grover the constitutional rules were suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Senate, the bill was placed on its third reading and final passage, its title was adopted and it was ordered to be sent to the House for concurrence.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY. The special order of the day, being House bill No. 14, was called up.

On motion of Senator Chadbourne the bill was finally passed, its title adopted, and notice of concurrence was ordered to be sent to the House.

Senator Sypher, from the Committee on Finance, asked and obtained unanimous consent to make the following report: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY 17, 1876.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate: Your Committee on Finance having had under consideration House bill No. 166, an act to repeal an act entitled an act creating a new fund for the purpose of ascertaining 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, I report the same favorably, by direction of the committee, with the following amendment:

Provided nothing in this act shall be so construed as to effect the validity of bonds already issued.

House bill No. 94, an act to provide the mode by which the several funds in the treasury shall be ascertained, by direction of the committee, and report the same unfavorably, because it is not in order.

Senate bill No. 153, an act making all valid Auditor's warrants issued for services rendered the State for the years 1873 and 1874, and for the year 1875, a valid fund for those years by direction of the committee, I report the same favorably, and recommend that it do pass.

Also, on Senate bill No. 106, an act for the relief of B. Witherspoon, of De Soto parish, by direction of the committee, I report the same favorably and recommend that it do pass.

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