

Thirtieth Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. New Orleans, La., Saturday, February 3, 1877. The House was called to order at 11:30 a. m. Present—Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. A. Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Bowden, Barron, Barrett, Billieu, Buck, Berry, Bell, Briggs, Dupree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Forrester, Gaskins, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Jones, Kennedy, Kelly, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Lyons, Leads, Lamare, Lea, Leonard, of Orleans, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Parilla, Pitts, Richardson, Spiller, Spiller, Stagg, Steele, St. Louis, Young of Claiborne, Young of East Baton Rouge.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Father Hubert of the Catholic Church. The Journal of February 2 was approved. PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS. Mr. Aldige presented the petition of the S. Mary's Catholic Orphan Boys' Asylum of the city of New Orleans, setting forth the condition and necessities of that institution and asking for an appropriation. The petition was read and referred to the Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions.

Mr. Tremoulet offered the following resolution by consent of the House: Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be and he is hereby instructed to observe, during the sessions of the House, preventing all vehicles from passing, except the cars.

A rising vote was taken on his motion, which resulted: 37 yeas, 19 nays. A roll of the House, as follows: Hon. Louis Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. A. Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Bowden, Barron, Barrett, Billieu, Buck, Berry, Bell, Briggs, Dupree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Forrester, Gaskins, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Jones, Kennedy, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Lyons, Leads, Lamare, Lea, Leonard, of Orleans, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Parilla, Pitts, Richardson, Spiller, Spiller, Stagg, Steele, St. Louis, Young of Claiborne, Young of East Baton Rouge.

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of the State of Louisiana, approved March 10, 1876. And—

Senate bill No. 28, entitled "an act making the warrants for the salaries of constitutional officers expire after the first day of January, 1877, receivable for all taxes and licenses due, and payable in the same year to the general treasury." Also to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in House amendments to Senate concurrent resolution No. 13.

Very respectfully, JOHN CLEGG, Secretary. The following named members asked and obtained leave to introduce the following entitled bills which, under a suspension of the constitutional rule, were severally passed to their respective committees and referred, to-wit: By Mr. Carriou, without previous notice given—

House bill No. 80—An act to confirm the charter of the Dorchest and Red River Plank Road Company and fixing rates of tolls. To the Committee on Corporations.

House bill No. 81, an act to amend the act entitled "An act authorizing the sale of property by tax collectors for delinquent taxpayers, 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 issuing of injunctions in certain cases, and fixing the time of prescription of actions of nullity of titles at tax sales, and for other purposes," approved March 28, 1874.

To the Committee on Ways and Means. By Mr. Bowden without previous notice— House bill No. 82—An act to amend section 706 of the Revised Statutes in relation to the payment of mileage for conveying prisoners to the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

To the committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. Berry in pursuance of previous notice— House bill No. 83—An act to abolish the licenses on all trades and professions in the State. To the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lyons, in pursuance of previous notice— House bill No. 84—An act to repeal an act entitled, "An act providing for the appointment of Public Administrators, and defining the duties of the same."

House bill No. 85—An act to amend and reenact article 339 of the Revised Code of Practice. And House bill No. 86—An act to amend and reenact article 337 of the Revised Code of Practice.

To the Committee on the Judiciary. LEAVE OF ABSENCE. On the motion of Mr. Bell, a leave of absence was granted to Mr. McGehee until Thursday, February 8th. And on the motion of Mr. Randolph, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Kernechan for one day Monday, February 5th.

The Speaker presented the following communication which was read for the information of the House: HOUSE, LA., Jan. 28, 1877. Hon. Louis Bush, Speaker of the House of Representatives, New Orleans, La. Sir—

In obedience to instructions of a mass meeting held at this place on the 24th inst, I transmit herewith proceedings, resolutions, etc., of said meeting. Respectfully, your obedient servant, DRAYTON B. HAYS, Secretary.

JOINT SESSION. At 12 o'clock m., the Senate entered the Hall of Representatives, Hon. Louis A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor, presiding, for the purpose of uniting with the House in a joint session of the General Assembly with a view to further ballot for a Senator to represent the State of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States for the term beginning March 4, 1877.

The roll of the Senate was called, when the following Senators answered to their names: Messrs. Breaux, Dumas, Goode, Grover, Kelly, Mitchell, Ogden, Perkins, Richardson, Robertson, Sandiford, Stevens, Stubbs, Texada, White, W. A. Wheeler and Zacharie.

Twenty-one Senators and a quorum of the Senate. The roll of the House was called and the following members answered to their names: Hon. Louis Bush, Speaker; Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Bowden, Barron, Barrett, Billieu, Buck, Berry, Bell, Briggs, Dupree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Forrester, Gaskins, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Jones, Kennedy, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Lyons, Leads, Lamare, Lea, Leonard, of Orleans, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Parilla, Pitts, Richardson, Spiller, Spiller, Stagg, Steele, St. Louis, Young of Claiborne, Young of East Baton Rouge.

Sixty-two members and a quorum of the House. The purpose of this joint session was announced by the presiding officer, and the nominations were read as follows: Messrs. Jones, Gibson, Wickliffe, Egan and Robertson.

There being no further nominations, the roll of the Senate was called with the following result: Mr. Robertson voted for Hon. B. F. Jonas—1 vote. Mr. Richardson voted for Hon. B. F. Jonas—1 vote.

Senators George, Stubbs, Perkins and Sandiford voted for Hon. W. B. Egan—4 votes. Senators Breaux, Dumas, Goode, Grover, Kelly, Mitchell, Ogden, Perkins, Richardson, Robertson, Sandiford, Stevens, Stubbs, Texada, White, W. A. Wheeler and Zacharie voted for Hon. A. Roberts—14 votes.

The roll of the House was called when the following members voted for the Hon. B. F. Jones: Messrs. Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Bowden, Barron, Barrett, Billieu, Buck, Berry, Bell, Briggs, Dupree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Forrester, Gaskins, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Jones, Kennedy, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Lyons, Leads, Lamare, Lea, Leonard, of Orleans, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Parilla, Pitts, Richardson, Spiller, Spiller, Stagg, Steele, St. Louis, Young of Claiborne, Young of East Baton Rouge—11.

The following members voted for the Hon. W. B. Egan: Messrs. Gaskins, Jones, Leads, Means, Randolph, Sellers, Smart, Taylor and Washburne—8 votes.

The following members voted for the Hon. W. A. Robertson: Speaker Bush and Messrs. Aldige, Bark, Bell, Billieu, Briggs, Carlos, Cressey, Delavigne, Gillespie, Kelly of Winn, Leonard, Nunez, Richardson, Spiller, Stagg, Steele, St. Louis, Young of Claiborne, Young of East Baton Rouge—12.

No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, the presiding officer declared that there had been no election, and the Senate, on the motion of Senator Perkins withdrew to its chamber.

THE SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY. The special order of the day for this day being House bill No. 85. "An act to authorize the Governor to employ a private Secretary and messenger, to fix their salaries, to provide for and regulate the clerical force in the office of the Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer and Register of the Land Office, to fix the salaries of the Assistant Attorney General and the Register of the Land Office, to provide the time and manner of paying all of said salaries, to repeal section 224 of the Revised Statutes of 1870, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

It was taken up on its second reading, and was read by section. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted. Section 6 was taken out. Section 7 was amended by striking out the word "those" and inserting "that," and striking out "Assistant Attorney General, and" The section, as amended, was adopted with the following amendments: Mr. Kernechan moved that the bill be considered as engrossed.

Mr. Bridger moved that the bill be made the special order of the day for Wednesday next, February 7th. A rising vote being taken, no quorum voted. A call of the House was ordered, and the following named members answered: Hon. L. Bush, Speaker; Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Bowden, Barron, Barrett, Billieu, Buck, Berry, Bell, Briggs, Dupree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Forrester, Gaskins, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Jones, Kennedy, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Lyons, Leads, Lamare, Lea, Leonard, of Orleans, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Parilla, Pitts, Richardson, Spiller, Spiller, Stagg, Steele, St. Louis, Young of Claiborne, Young of East Baton Rouge.

Mr. Bridger's motion was then put and carried, and the bill was made the special order of the day for Wednesday, February 7, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Eustis the report was received.

Mr. Eustis moved a suspension of the rules to consider the report at this time, and the rules were suspended. On motion of Mr. Eustis the report and accompanying resolution was adopted.

Mr. Stubbs was then sworn as Senator of the Eighteenth Senatorial District. Mr. Goode gave notice that he will move to amend the 8th Rule of the Senate, so as to give precedence to Senate and House bills and joint resolutions on third reading, over Senate and House bills and joint resolutions on second reading.

NOTICES OF BILLS. Mr. Breaux gave notice that at some future day he would introduce. An act entitled an act abolishing the office of District Attorney pro tem. Also, an act entitled an act to regulate taro on sugars for this State.

Also, an act entitled an act for the relief of tax payers in overvalued districts. ACTION ON REPORTS LYING OVER. Mr. Steven called up the following report of the Committee on Finance, and moved its adoption: ROOMS SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, New Orleans, Feb. 1, 1877.

To the Hon. President and members of the Senate of the State of Louisiana: Your committee to whom was referred Senate bill No. 81, entitled "An act to remit penalties on State taxes and to repeal all laws imposing the same," beg leave to report by substitute. Respectfully submitted, WILL STEVEN, Chairman.

Mr. Eustis demanded a reading of the original bill and its substitute. On motion of Mr. Breaux further consideration of the report was postponed until Wednesday next, February 7, 1877, and made the special order for 1 o'clock.

SENATE BILLS ON SECOND READING. Mr. Ducros called up Senate bill No. 40, entitled "An act to repeal article 317 of the Code of Practice." The bill was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Ducros, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also, Senate bill No. 41, entitled "An act to abolish quarantine and to repeal sections 322 and following sections of the Revised Statutes of this State, approved March 14, 1873, and all other acts relative thereto." The bill was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Ducros, was referred to the Committee on Public Health and Quarantine.

Mr. Ducros moved that the committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records. Mr. White offered the amendment, "provided the donee without cost to the State." Amendment accepted, and the motion was adopted as amended.

Mr. White asked, and obtained, unanimous consent to introduce the following resolution: Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to examine and report as soon as practicable whether the publication of the journals of the General Assembly in the Official Journal can legally be dispensed with under article 36 of the constitution.

On motion of Mr. White the rules were suspended and the resolution adopted. Mr. Breaux asked and obtained unanimous consent to introduce the following resolution: Resolved, That the Committee on Lands and Leases be instructed to report within five days, by bill or otherwise, measures relating to the repairing of crevasses at present existing in the levees bordering on the Mississippi river.

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Respectfully, PETER J. TREZEVANT, Chief Clerk. HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING. Mr. Demas called up House bill No. 45, substituting for House bill No. 19, entitled "An act to provide for the sale on credit and for twelve months' bond of all property offered at sheriff's and auctioneer's sales which does not bring in cash the amount required under existing laws at the first offering, and to prescribe the manner of making said record sale and to regulate the settlement thereof."

And moved that it be postponed until Thursday, February 8th, 1877, and the bill was so postponed. Mr. Zacharie asked and obtained unanimous consent to call up at this time the report of the committee in the contested election case of Falls vs. Stamps, which was the special order of the day.

Mr. Zacharie moved that it be postponed until February 17th, 1877, and it was made the special order of the day at 1 o'clock. Carried. On motion of Mr. Kelly the Senate proceeded in a body to the hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of balloting in joint assembly for a United States Senator.

JOINT ASSEMBLY. The joint assembly was called to order by the Hon. Louis A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate. On a call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names: Present—Messrs. Breaux, Ducros, Dumas, Goode, Grover, Kelly, Mitchell, Ogden, Perkins, Richardson, Robertson, Sandiford, Stevens, Stubbs, Texada and White.

Absent—Messrs. Allan, Bryant, Burch, Camp, Demas, Dumont, G. A. Harper, Landry, Stamps, Sutton, Twitchell, Wakefield, Wheeler, Young, and Zacharie—10. Prayed by Rev. Father Massardier.

Mr. Robertson rose to a personal explanation, and had read by the Secretary the telegraphed testimony of Gen. T. C. Anderson at Washington. Mr. Robertson then made the following statement: It is only because I am a member of this Senate that I deem it necessary to make an explanation with reference to the reported testimony of Hon. C. Anderson, which I had a conversation with him relative to the faithful discharge of his duties to the people of this State.

It was my duty to be impartial, and I had no conversation with him with a view to induce him to discharge his duties legally and honestly and to impress upon him that if he wanted a party to be elected, he should recommend the passage of the House Committee of 1875, of which Hon. W. A. Wheeler was a prominent member.

On motion of Mr. Eustis the reading of the journal in detail was dispensed with. SENATORS ON COMMITTEES. Mr. Goode, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary submitted the following report: To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee have had under consideration Senate bill No. 42, to unite the Louisiana State University with the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and report that the same is unnecessary, inasmuch as the said bill was duly enacted at the session of the General Assembly in the year 1876, was approved by the Governor and is now a law.

February 3, 1877. F. S. GOODE, Chairman. On motion of Mr. Goode, he was received. Mr. Goode asked a suspension of the rules to consider the report at this time, and the rules were suspended.

On motion of Mr. Goode the report was adopted. Mr. Zacharie, Chairman of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, submitted the following report: To the Hon. President and members of the Senate of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Elections and Qualifications to whom were referred the credentials of Hon. F. P. Stubbs, as Senator elect from the Eighteenth Senatorial District, at the special election held January 1, 1877, beg leave to report as follows: That we have examined the returns of said election, and found therefrom that F. P. Stubbs received 563 five hundred and ninety-five votes, there being no other candidate who received a majority of the votes cast, and that he now swears in and seated as such in this body. F. O. ZACHARIE, Chairman Committee on Elections and Qualifications of the Senate.

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Mr. Ducros moved that the committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records. Mr. White offered the amendment, "provided the donee without cost to the State." Amendment accepted, and the motion was adopted as amended.

Mr. White asked, and obtained, unanimous consent to introduce the following resolution: Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to examine and report as soon as practicable whether the publication of the journals of the General Assembly in the Official Journal can legally be dispensed with under article 36 of the constitution.

On motion of Mr. White the rules were suspended and the resolution adopted. Mr. Breaux asked and obtained unanimous consent to introduce the following resolution: Resolved, That the Committee on Lands and Leases be instructed to report within five days, by bill or otherwise, measures relating to the repairing of crevasses at present existing in the levees bordering on the Mississippi river.

On motion of Mr. Breaux the rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE. To the Honorable the Senate of Louisiana: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform your honorable body that the House is ready to proceed to ballot for United States Senator.

Respectfully, PETER J. TREZEVANT, Chief Clerk. HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING. Mr. Demas called up House bill No. 45, substituting for House bill No. 19, entitled "An act to provide for the sale on credit and for twelve months' bond of all property offered at sheriff's and auctioneer's sales which does not bring in cash the amount required under existing laws at the first offering, and to prescribe the manner of making said record sale and to regulate the settlement thereof."

And moved that it be postponed until Thursday, February 8th, 1877, and the bill was so postponed. Mr. Zacharie asked and obtained unanimous consent to call up at this time the report of the committee in the contested election case of Falls vs. Stamps, which was the special order of the day.

Mr. Zacharie moved that it be postponed until February 17th, 1877, and it was made the special order of the day at 1 o'clock. Carried. On motion of Mr. Kelly the Senate proceeded in a body to the hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of balloting in joint assembly for a United States Senator.

JOINT ASSEMBLY. The joint assembly was called to order by the Hon. Louis A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate. On a call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names: Present—Messrs. Breaux, Ducros, Dumas, Goode, Grover, Kelly, Mitchell, Ogden, Perkins, Richardson, Robertson, Sandiford, Stevens, Stubbs, Texada and White.

Absent—Messrs. Allan, Bryant, Burch, Camp, Demas, Dumont, G. A. Harper, Landry, Stamps, Sutton, Twitchell, Wakefield, Wheeler, Young, and Zacharie—10. Prayed by Rev. Father Massardier.

Mr. Robertson rose to a personal explanation, and had read by the Secretary the telegraphed testimony of Gen. T. C. Anderson at Washington. Mr. Robertson then made the following statement: It is only because I am a member of this Senate that I deem it necessary to make an explanation with reference to the reported testimony of Hon. C. Anderson, which I had a conversation with him relative to the faithful discharge of his duties to the people of this State.

It was my duty to be impartial, and I had no conversation with him with a view to induce him to discharge his duties legally and honestly and to impress upon him that if he wanted a party to be elected, he should recommend the passage of the House Committee of 1875, of which Hon. W. A. Wheeler was a prominent member.

On motion of Mr. Eustis the reading of the journal in detail was dispensed with. SENATORS ON COMMITTEES. Mr. Goode, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary submitted the following report: To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee have had under consideration Senate bill No. 42, to unite the Louisiana State University with the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and report that the same is unnecessary, inasmuch as the said bill was duly enacted at the session of the General Assembly in the year 1876, was approved by the Governor and is now a law.

February 3, 1877. F. S. GOODE, Chairman. On motion of Mr. Goode, he was received. Mr. Goode asked a suspension of the rules to consider the report at this time, and the rules were suspended.

On motion of Mr. Goode the report was adopted. Mr. Zacharie, Chairman of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, submitted the following report: To the Hon. President and members of the Senate of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Elections and Qualifications to whom were referred the credentials of Hon. F. P. Stubbs, as Senator elect from the Eighteenth Senatorial District, at the special election held January 1, 1877, beg leave to report as follows: That we have examined the returns of said election, and found therefrom that F. P. Stubbs received 563 five hundred and ninety-five votes, there being no other candidate who received a majority of the votes cast, and that he now swears in and seated as such in this body. F. O. ZACHARIE, Chairman Committee on Elections and Qualifications of the Senate.

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