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EXTRA SESSION OF 1877.
SENATE.

Twenty-Fifth Day's Proceedings.
SENATE CHAMBER.
New Orleans, Saturday, March 31, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Hon. Louis A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, in the chair.

On a call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:
Messrs. Boutner, Breaux, Duroc, Ellis, Eastis, Garland, George, Goode, Kelly, Mitchell, Ogden, Perkins, Richardson, Stamps, Sutton, Twitcheil, Wakefield, Young and Wheeler—20.

On motion of Mr. Ogden the reading of the journal in detail was dispensed with.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
Mr. Goode, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report, which lies over under the rules:

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:
Your Committee on the Judiciary have had under consideration the memorial of citizens of the parish of Catahoula, requesting the General Assembly to provide for the redemption of the property of widows who do not own property to the amount of two hundred dollars, and report unfavorably thereon; because a law of that character would be null and void and of no effect, being in conflict with Art. 118 of the State Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,
G. B. GOODE, Chairman.

Mr. Eastis in the chair.
INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.
Mr. Ogden obtained unanimous consent to introduce, without previous notice, Senate bill No. 101, entitled "An act to amend and re-enact sections 19 and 20 of an act entitled 'An act to regulate public education in the State of Louisiana; to provide a revenue for the same; to impose certain penalties; to repeal sections of the Revised Statutes from section twelve hundred and seven (1217) inclusive to section twelve hundred and ninety-seven (1297) inclusive, and to repeal act No. 6 of the acts of 1870, entitled 'An act to regulate public education in the State of Louisiana and city of New Orleans, and to raise a revenue for that purpose,' approved March 26, 1877."

Walsh was read a first time and calendared.

PREFERRED CALENDAR.
House bill No. 393, entitled "An act for the relief of the taxpayers of the city of New Orleans, to absorb the floating debt, the unpaid interest coupons, school warrants and all evidences of debt and other claims against the said city, and to authorize and require the city of New Orleans to receive and indorse in full the amount of certain taxes of the city of New Orleans, due prior to the first day of January, 1877."

Walsh was read a first time.
On motion of Mr. White, the constitutional rules were suspended, the bill read a second time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
New Orleans, March 31, 1877.

To the Honorable the Senate of the State of Louisiana:
I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has passed concurrent resolution "Relative to examination of the books of the Auditor of the State of Louisiana."

Also, that the House has concurred in the amendments of the Conference Committee on Senate bill No. 101, "An act to regulate the terms of parish courts and fix the salaries of parish judges."

Also, that the House has passed finally and asks the concurrence of the Senate in the following House bill No. 227, "An act to amend and re-enact sections 1 and 2 of act No. 14, approved March 5, 1874."

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Representative Toler withdrew the name of J. D. Watkins, of Webster.
Representative Kidd nominated Hon. William Rufus Crane, of Orleans.

Representative D'Avy nominated Hon. James Lewis, of Orleans.
Representative Sartain withdrew the name of Hon. L. A. Sheldon, of Orleans.

Representative Young nominated Hon. L. G. Perkins, of East Feliciana.
The rolls of the respective branches of the General Assembly were then called, with the following result:

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Proprietor of twelve hundred dollars to pay the salary of the draughtsman of the Engineer's Department of the State of Louisiana.

On which motion Mr. George demanded the yeas and nays.

The roll being called resulted as follows:
Yeas—Messrs. Boutner, Duroc, Ellis, Eastis, Kelly, Robertson, Stamps, White and Zacharie—8.
Nays—Messrs. Breaux, Duroc, Ellis, Eastis, Garland, George, Goode, Kelly, Mitchell, Ogden, Perkins, Richardson, Stamps, Sutton, Twitcheil, Wakefield, Young and Wheeler—11.

Absent—Messrs. Allain, Bryant, Burch, Cagne, Dumont, G. H. Harper, Landry, Ogden, Richardson, Stamps, Sutton, Twitcheil, Wakefield and Young—15.

On the motion of Mr. Leods, it was ordered that the joint resolution authorizing the calendar of preferred bills shall apply to the order of the day and not to resolutions and other business of the morning hour.

Mr. Kidd offered the following concurrent resolutions:
CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS.
Whereas, This Legislature regards the opening of the Mississippi with a deep and permanent outlet to the Gulf of Mexico through Barataria Bay as a matter of great importance to not only the city of New Orleans, and the State of Louisiana, but of the whole Union, as well as the commercial interest of all civilization; therefore,

Resolved, That copies of this preamble and these resolutions be transmitted by Hon. Speaker Louis Bush and Lieutenant Governor Taylor to the National House of Representatives and to the President of the United States.

Under a suspension of the rules, the concurrent resolutions were taken up and adopted.

Mr. Stagg, chairman of the special committee to whom was referred House bill No. 211, reported as follows:
Your special committee to whom was submitted House bill No. 211 beg leave to report that they find the same radically defective.

Understanding that a new bill on the same subject matter is soon to be introduced, and in view of the fact that the bill as introduced would be best neglected by its consideration, we submit this unfavorable report.

L. STAGG, Chairman.

Mr. Billie, in a notice read at some future day he would introduce an act to exempt from taxation for five years the property of the Calcasieu Sulphur and Mining Company of Louisiana.

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To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Senate of the State of Louisiana:
Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that at a regular monthly meeting of this board, held this day, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Health do recommend the adoption and final passage of the bill of Representatives as amended by the Senate, and now pending as amended before the House, and that a copy be transmitted to your honorable body.

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A joint session of the General Assembly was held for the purpose of further balloting for a Senator to represent the State of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States for the term beginning March 4, 1877, Hon. J. B. Eastis of the Senate, presiding.

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Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Kidd, it was ordered on a rising vote of sixty yeas to nine nays, as follows:

Ordered by the House of Representatives that hereafter no member shall be entitled to speak for more than five minutes more than five minutes on any occasion.

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Mr. Stewart voted for the Hon. E. C. Billie.

Mr. Briggs, of Orleans, voted for the Hon. Duncanson F. Kenner—1.

Total vote 92, necessary to a choice 57.
No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, the presiding officer declared that there had been no election.

On motion of Mr. White, of the Senate, the joint assembly adjourned, and the Senate withdrew to its chamber.

HOUSE SESSION RESUMED.
After the joint session the roll of the House was called as follows:
Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Billie, Barbin, Barron, Bowden, Brady, Buck, Bell, Bridges, Crockett, Curran, D'Avy, Duke, Dupree, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Gaskins, Gillespie, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jones, Kennedy, Kelly of Winn, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Kidd, Lyons, Leods, Lamar, Lea, Lechevalier, Lechevalier, Lechevalier, Lechevalier,