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STATE OF LOUISIANA.  
EXTRA SESSION OF 1877.  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Twenty-Ninth Day's Proceedings.  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
New Orleans, Thursday, April 5, 1877.  
The House was called to order at 11:40 a. m. Present:  
Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Billien, Bowden, Barron, Brady, Brack, Berry, Bell, Briggs, Cokerham, Carless, Cressy, Daryles, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Gaskins, Gilchrist, Hammond, Hill, Kelly, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Kidd, Lyons, Leads, Lamar, Leonard, Lea, Leonard of Orleans, Martin, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Rylant, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne, Young of East Baton Rouge.  
Sixty-five members and a quorum present.  
Prayer was offered by the Reverend Dr. Percival.  
The Journal of April 4 was amended and approved.  
Mr. Hammond offered the following:  
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO ADD USINE DIE

HOUSE BUSINESS RESUMED.  
After joint session the roll of the House was called, as follows:  
Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Billien, Bowden, Barron, Brady, Brack, Berry, Bell, Briggs, Cokerham, Carless, Cressy, Daryles, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Gaskins, Gilchrist, Hammond, Hill, Kelly, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Kidd, Lyons, Leads, Lamar, Leonard, Lea, Leonard of Orleans, Martin, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Rylant, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne, Young of East Baton Rouge.  
Sixty-six members and a quorum.  
The following message was received from the Senate:  
SENATE CHAMBER,  
State of Louisiana,  
New Orleans, April 5, 1877.  
To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:  
I am directed by the Senate to inform your honorable body that the Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate has this day signed and approved the bill No. 122, an act to supply assessment rolls and to make new assessments for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six and previous years, where the assessments have been lost, destroyed or placed beyond the control of the tax collector, and to request the signature of the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the same.  
Also, to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in and adopted the conference committee report on House bill No. 122, an act to supply assessment rolls and to make new assessments for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six and previous years, where the assessments have been lost, destroyed or placed beyond the control of the tax collector, and to request the signature of the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the same.  
Respectfully,  
JOHN CLEGG,  
Secretary.

Senate bill No. 103, "An act to amend act No. 125, entitled 'An act to carry into effect the purposes of the donation by the United States of public lands for the benefit of agricultural and mechanical arts, and to establish an agricultural and mechanical college in the State of Louisiana and legalize donations to such institutions,' approved April 1, 1874," etc.  
This bill being the unfinished business of March 25 was taken up in its order on the proposed calendar on its third reading, pending a call for the yeas and nays on final passage.  
The call for the yeas and nays being withdrawn, the bill was passed and its title adopted.  
Senate bill No. 137, "An act to amend and reenact act No. 11 of the acts of 1873, entitled 'An act declaring a crime to usurp a public office, and providing for the punishment of such offense; providing that if any public officer shall adhere to or recognize any usurper, his office shall be forfeited and considered abandoned, and directing and regulating legal proceedings to have such abandonment and forfeiture declared; authorizing the Governor to declare such forfeiture and abandonment in certain cases, and to remove such officers and to fill the vacancies so made by appointment;' to authorize the Governor to suspend from office any officer offending against the provisions of this act."  
The bill was read, and under a suspension of the rules, was passed by its second reading and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.  
Senate bill No. 140, "An act to amend and reenact sections 19 and 21 of an act entitled an act to regulate Public Education in the State of Louisiana, to provide a revenue for the same," etc., approved March 29th, 1877.  
The bill was read and under a suspension of the rules was passed by its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Public Education.  
On motion the House adjourned.  
PETER J. TREZEVANT,  
Chief Clerk.

Mr. Allain, of the Senate, nominated the Hon. T. W. Caldwell.  
Mr. Ryland, of the House, nominated the Hon. W. W. Carlous, of Webster.  
Mr. Stewart, of the House, nominated the Hon. H. C. Warmoth.  
There being no further nominations the roll of the Senate was called with the following result:  
Senator Kelly voted for the Hon. R. L. Gibson—1 vote.  
Senators Allain and Grover voted for the Hon. T. W. Caldwell—2 votes.  
Senators Breaux, Ellis, Eustis, Garland, Perkins, Richardson, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne, Young of East Baton Rouge, voted for the Hon. T. B. Lyons—29 votes.  
The roll of the House was called, when Speaker Bush, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Billien, Bowden, Barron, Brady, Brack, Berry, Bell, Briggs, Cokerham, Carless, Cressy, Daryles, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Gaskins, Gilchrist, Hammond, Hill, Kelly, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Kidd, Lyons, Leads, Lamar, Leonard, Lea, Leonard of Orleans, Martin, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Rylant, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne, Young of East Baton Rouge, voted for the Hon. B. F. Jones—13 votes.  
Messrs. Bowden, Barron, Berry, Carless, Huntington, Hammond, Lyons, Newsom, Rylant, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, and Young of Claiborne voted for the Hon. B. F. Jones—13 votes.  
Messrs. Cressy, Delavigne, Fitzpatrick, Kennedy, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Lamar, McGehee, Rolle, Smart, Tremoulet and Toler voted for the Hon. Randall L. Gibson—12 votes.  
Messrs. Bridger, Bell, Cokerham, Duke, Dupree, Gaskins, Gilchrist, Kelly of Winn, Kelly, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Kidd, Lyons, Leads, Lamar, Leonard, Lea, Leonard of Orleans, Martin, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Rylant, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne, and Young of East Baton Rouge.  
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SENATE CHAMBER, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
New Orleans, April 5, 1877.  
To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:  
I am directed by the Senate to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in House bill No. 315, joint resolution to secure professional aid in rebuilding the capitol at Baton Rouge, destroyed by fire in December, 1862.  
Also, that the Senate has finally passed Senate joint resolution No. 4, requesting the Senators and Representatives of Louisiana in Congress to urge upon the Federal Government the adoption of means to remove the obstructions of the commerce of the Louisiana in Congress.  
Also, that the Senate concurs in House concurrent resolution to appoint a committee from both houses to visit Louisiana, and to report on the condition of the State, and the President of the Senate has appointed as such committee Senators Eustis and Wheeler.  
Respectfully,  
JOHN CLEGG,  
Secretary.

olution just received from the House of Representatives:  
Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, on the 5th day of April, 1877, That a joint committee of the two Houses be composed of three members of the House and two members of the Senate to be appointed by the respective presiding officers of each to wait upon the distinguished gentlemen who have been selected by the President of the United States to visit Louisiana, and to extend to them the hospitality of the State, and afford them all possible facilities to enable them to fully understand the popular feeling and the actual condition of affairs connected with the established government of this State.  
The President of the Senate appointed upon the committee created by the resolution, Senators Eustis and Wheeler, and the Secretary was instructed to notify the House of Representatives.  
Mr. Steven obtained unanimous consent to take up House bill No. 315, entitled "Joint resolution to secure congressional aid in rebuilding the capitol at Baton Rouge, destroyed by fire in December, 1862."  
House bill No. 315 was read the first time.  
On motion of Mr. Steven, the constitutional rule was suspended and the bill read the second time.  
On motion of Mr. Steven, the bill was ordered read a third time. The constitutional rule was suspended, the bill read a third time and finally passed. The title was adopted and notice of concurrence ordered sent to the House.  
Mr. Texada submitted the following report:  
ROOMS COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.  
"That a joint committee of the two Houses be composed of three members of the House and two members of the Senate to be appointed by the respective presiding officers of each to wait upon the distinguished gentlemen who have been selected by the President of the United States to visit Louisiana, and to extend to them the hospitality of the State, and afford them all possible facilities to enable them to fully understand the popular feeling and the actual condition of affairs connected with the established government of this State."  
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 session for a United States Senator.  
JOINT SESSION.  
The joint session was called to order by the Hon. Louis A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
The roll of the Senate was called when the following Senators answered to their names:  
Messrs. Allain, Boatner, Breaux, Duroc, Ellis, Eustis, Garland, George, Goode, Grover, Kelly, Perkins, Richardson, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne, and Young of East Baton Rouge—62.  
The President of the joint assembly then declared the object of this joint assembly was to ballot for a United States Senator for the term commencing March 4, 1877.  
The Secretary of the Senate read the names of the candidates, to wit:  
Hon. B. F. Jones, of Orleans, Hon. Randall L. Gibson, of Orleans, Hon. D. F. Lewis, of Orleans, Hon. James Lewis, of Orleans, Hon. E. C. Billings, of Orleans, Hon. Robert Richardson, of Ouachita, Hon. James L. Cole, of West Baton Rouge, and Paul Waterman, of Orleans.  
Senator Allain withdrew the nomination of Jas. L. Cole, of West Baton Rouge.  
Representative Steele withdrew the nomination of Hon. Robert Richardson, of Ouachita.  
Representative Sartin withdrew the nomination of Hon. E. C. Billings, of Orleans.  
Representative B. F. Jones nominated the Hon. Thomas B. Lyons, of East Feliciana.  
Representative Rylant nominated Hon. W. W. Carlous, of Webster.  
The rolls of the respective branches of the General Assembly were then called, with the following result:  
Senators Breaux, Ellis, Eustis, Garland, Perkins, Richardson, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne, and Young of East Baton Rouge, voted for Hon. B. F. Jones—26 votes.  
Senators Allain and Grover and Representative Boutin voted for the Hon. T. W. Caldwell—3 votes.  
Representative Stewart voted for Hon. H. C. Warmoth—1 vote.  
Representative Sartin voted blank.  
Total number of votes cast, 31; necessary to a choice, 16.  
The President declared that as no one of the candidates had received a majority of the votes cast in joint assembly, there was no election.  
On motion of Mr. Robertson, the joint assembly adjourned and the Senate withdrew to its own chamber.  
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On a call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names:  
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OFFICIAL.  
LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.  
PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.  
EXTRA SESSION OF 1877.  
No. 55.] AN ACT

Relative to the compensation and fees of the Criminal Sheriff for the parish of Orleans, and to repeal all laws inconsistent herewith.  
SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Criminal Sheriff for the parish of Orleans shall be entitled to demand and receive for the keeping and maintenance of every prisoner confined in the Parish Prison of said parish, forty cents a day, which shall be in full for all expenses attending the same, including medicine, blankets, clothing, turkeys' fees, fuel, brooms, brooms, soap, etc., and cost of transportation of convicts to the penitentiary, it being understood, except for the fees above established, that the city of New Orleans shall be liable only for the payment of lights and repairs of said building, upon estimates to be made by the Administrator of Water Works and Public Buildings, provided that if the Common Council of the said city of New Orleans shall not cause the bills of the said criminal sheriff to be paid in full, within thirty days after they shall be rendered as herein provided, then the said criminal sheriff shall be entitled to charge and receive forty cents per day instead of forty cents for the keeping and maintenance of each prisoner charged for in said bill or bills.  
SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the criminal sheriff shall be entitled to receive for his services as sheriff of the criminal courts the fees as now established by law.  
SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the city of New Orleans shall pay the criminal sheriff monthly for his fees as aforesaid, on bills to be rendered by him, giving the date, number and title of suit, and his charges in detail, to be certified by the clerk and judge of the court in which the services are performed, provided such certificate and approval shall be only prima facie proof of the correctness of said bills.  
SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That no fees and costs, nor any other compensation other than those heretofore specified, shall be claimed by or allowed the criminal sheriff under any pretense.  
SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this act be and are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.  
(Signed) LOUIS BUSH,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
(Signed) LOUIS A. WILTZ,  
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
Approved April 7, 1877.  
(Signed) FRANCIS T. NICHOLS,  
Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy:  
WILL A. STROSS,  
Secretary of State.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO ADD USINE DIE  
Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana shall adjourn sine die at 11 o'clock p. m. on Friday, the 6th inst.  
The resolution lies over under the rules.  
Mr. Voorhies offered the following resolution:  
Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the House be directed to issue his report to the House, and the Contingent Expense Fund of the House, to the chairman of the Committee on Enrollments and Enrollment of the House, and to the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses for the same amount, for extra compensation for the regular and extra sessions of the General Assembly for the year 1877.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick moved to postpone the further consideration of the resolution until 12 m. April 6th.  
The motion to postpone was lost.  
On the motion to adopt the resolution Mr. Berry called for the yeas and nays, as follows:  
Yeas—Messrs. Aldige, Bridger, Billien, Barron, Carless, Cressy, Daryles, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Gaskins, Gilchrist, Hammond, Hill, Kelly, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Kidd, Lyons, Leads, Lamar, Leonard, Lea, Leonard of Orleans, Martin, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Rylant, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne, and Young of East Baton Rouge—29.  
The resolution was adopted.

House bill No. 815, joint resolution to secure congressional aid for rebuilding the capitol at Baton Rouge, destroyed by fire in December, 1862.  
The bill was taken up as engrossed and under a suspension of the rules was read a third time and passed. The title was adopted.  
House bill No. 260, "An act to repeal act No. 155, approved July 24, 1874; to provide for the appointment of registrars of voters and clerks of registration throughout the State; to fix their compensation and define their powers and duties; to provide for keeping a registry of legal voters; to define the duties of certain officers; to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions of this act, and to provide for a new registration of voters throughout the State."  
The bill was taken up as the unfinished business of April 4, pending the motion of Mr. Voorhies to lay upon the table the motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick to amend section 5 by striking out in line 31 the word "three" and inserting the word "five" in lieu thereof.  
The motion to lay upon the table was withdrawn.  
The motion to amend was lost, and the section was adopted as amended.  
Sections 1 and 11 were adopted.  
Mr. Stagg moved to amend section 15 by striking out in lines 3 and 4 the words "having more than one Representative," and inserting at the end of line 7 the words "except in the parish of St. Landry he shall have two clerks."  
A rising vote was taken on the amendment, resulting as follows: Yeas 17, nays 33.  
No quorum voting, the roll of the House was called, as follows:  
Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Billien, Bowden, Barron, Brady, Brack, Berry, Bell, Briggs, Cokerham, Carless, Cressy, Daryles, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Gaskins, Gilchrist, Hammond, Hill, Kelly, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Kidd, Lyons, Leads, Lamar, Leonard, Lea, Leonard of Orleans, Martin, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Rylant, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne, and Young of East Baton Rouge—62.  
On the motion to amend a rising vote was taken, with the following result: Yeas 24; nays 33.  
The motion to amend was lost.  
The bill was taken up as engrossed, and on the motion to suspend the rules to put the bill on its third reading the yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Sartin, with the following result:  
Yeas—Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Billien, Bowden, Barron, Brady, Brack, Berry, Bell, Briggs, Cokerham, Carless, Cressy, Daryles, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Gaskins, Gilchrist, Hammond, Hill, Kelly, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Kidd, Lyons, Leads, Lamar, Leonard, Lea, Leonard of Orleans, Martin, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Rylant, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne, and Young of East Baton Rouge—62.  
The bill was read a third time and passed; the title was adopted.

Thirtieth Day's Proceedings.  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
New Orleans, Friday, April 6, 1877.  
The House was called to order at 11:30 o'clock a. m. Present:  
Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Beard, Billien, Bowden, Barron, Brady, Brack, Berry, Bell, Briggs, Cokerham, Carless, Cressy, Daryles, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Gaskins, Gilchrist, Hammond, Hill, Kelly, Kelly of Orleans, Kernechan, Kidd, Lyons, Leads, Lamar, Leonard, Lea, Leonard of Orleans, Martin, Means, McGehee, Newsom, Nunez, Porter, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Rylant, Sandford, Stubs, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne, and Young of East Baton Rouge.  
Sixty-four members and a quorum.  
Hon. T. A. Bouton, of Catahoula, presented himself at the Speaker's desk, took the constitutional oath of office and was seated.  
Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Percival, of the Episcopal Church.  
RESOLUTIONS, ETC.  
Mr. McGehee offered the following concurrent resolution:  
Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a joint committee of the two Houses, to be composed of three members of the House and two of the Senate, be appointed by the respective presiding officers of each, to wait upon the distinguished gentlemen who have been selected by the President of the United States to visit Louisiana, and to extend to them the hospitality of the State, and afford them all possible facilities to enable them to fully understand the popular feeling and the actual condition of affairs connected with the established government of this State.  
Under a suspension of the rules, the concurrent resolution was taken up and unanimously adopted.  
Mr. McGehee moved a reconsideration of the vote on the adoption of the resolution, and on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.  
Mr. Hammond called up his resolution relative to adjournment sine die, and on the motion of Mr. Kidd the further consideration of the same was postponed until to-morrow, Saturday, April 7th.  
Mr. Young, of Claiborne, offered the following CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.  
Whereas, the loss of property to the people of this State, resulting from the late sectional war, which was not destroyed, has left our State in such an impoverished condition as to render it fully understood and popular feeling, and the actual condition of affairs connected with the established government of this State.  
Under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.  
Mr. Kernechan offered a concurrent resolution relative to the extra compensation heretofore allowed to the chairmen of certain committees of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.  
Under a suspension of the rules the resolution was taken up.  
The motion of Mr. Kelly to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary was lost by a rising vote of 28 yeas to 38 nays.  
The concurrent resolution was so amended as to become a joint resolution, and as such, under a suspension of the constitutional rules was passed by its second reading becoming House bill No. 324, joint resolution, relative to the extra compensation heretofore allowed to the chairmen of certain committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives.  
The bill was placed upon the calendar.

HOUSE BUSINESS RESUMED.  
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The President of the joint assembly then declared the object of this joint assembly was to ballot for a United States Senator for the term commencing March 4, 1877.  
The Secretary of the Senate read the names of the candidates, to wit:  
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THE NEW ORLEANS  
Sanitary Excavating Co.,  
(Incorporated by an act of the Legislature, with exclusive privilege of EMPTYING VAULTS, PRIVIES, SINKS, ETC.)  
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