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Vance, J. C., Bossier, Twenty-first Senatorial District.
Webb, I. P., Bienville.
Wells, H. P., Richland.
White, J. G., Rapides, Eighteenth Senatorial District.
Williams, R. B., Grant.
Williams, E., Terrebonne.
Young, D., Concordia.
Young, R. T., East Baton Rouge.
Total 104.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of the Twelfth Senatorial District, the Convention proceeded to the election of the following officers, to wit:

Assistant Secretary, Journal Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeeper and Assistant Doorkeeper.

On motion of Mr. McGloin, of the Thirteenth Representative District, parish of Orleans, the Convention proceeded to elect the officers by a rising vote.

Mr. Robertson nominated Ben. Prescott, of St. Landry, for Assistant Secretary, and on motion of Mr. Allain, of the Fourteenth Senatorial District, he was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Robertson nominated E. W. Halsey, of Orleans, for Journal Clerk, and on motion of Mr. Mentz, of St. Mary, he was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Kelly, of the Third Representative District, parish of Orleans, nominated Thomas McIntyre, of Orleans, for Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. Allain nominated J. H. Lawler. On a rising vote Mr. McIntyre received (89) eighty-nine votes, Mr. Lawler received (18) eighteen votes, and Mr. McIntyre was declared elected.

Mr. Robertson nominated Robert J. Barrow, of West Baton Rouge, for Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and on motion of Mr. Allain he was elected by acclamation.

Mr. McGloin nominated Charles M. Ilsley, of Orleans, for Doorkeeper, and he was elected by acclamation.

Mr. McGloin nominated A. Vedrenne for Assistant Doorkeeper, and he was elected by acclamation.

On motion of Mr. Robertson the compensation of officers of the Convention was fixed at the following rates, to wit:

Secretary, five dollars per day.
Assistant Secretary, four dollars per day.
Journal Clerk, four dollars per day.
Sergeant-at-Arms, four dollars per day.
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, three dollars per day.
Doorkeeper, two dollars and fifty cents per day.
Assistant Doorkeeper, two dollars per day.

The President announced the following committees:

On Rules—Hon. Louis A. Wiltz, President ex-officio, Messrs. Robertson, Nutt, Vance, Kelly, LeGardeur, Cunningham, Lyons, Estopinal and Demas.

On Committees—Hon. Louis A. Wiltz, President ex-officio, Messrs. T. P. Poche, Richardson, Breaux, F. L. Claiborne, Lagan, Todd, Stringfellow, Pardee and Pinchback.

Mr. Land, of Caddo, introduced the following resolution, to wit:

Be it resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State be requested to furnish for the information of the Convention the following statements:

1. A statement of the annual assessed value for taxation of all the property, real and personal, in the several parishes of the State, since the adoption of the constitution of 1868.
2. The amount of taxes collected and uncollected during said period in the several parishes of the State.
3. A statement of the number of acres of land forfeited or adjudicated to the State for the non-payment of taxes during said period in the several parishes of the State.
4. A statement of the number of city or town lots forfeited or adjudicated to the State for the non-payment of taxes during said period in the several cities and towns in the State.
5. A statement of the annual disbursements of the revenues of the State during said period, and for what purposes or on what account disbursed.
6. A statement of the annual cost to the State of the collection of taxes during said period in the several parishes.
7. A statement of the number and amount of bonds or other evidences of debt issued by the State during said period and for what purposes and on what account.

On motion of Mr. Land the rules were suspended and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Hough introduced the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the constitution of the United State is the supreme law of the land; all the judges and State officers are bound to take an oath to support the same; that while the members of this Convention are not officers of the State in a legal sense, yet as nothing that they may incorporate in a constitution for the State of Louisiana in conflict with the constitution of the United States would be binding on the people, it is proper and right that the members of this Convention should be under the obligation of an oath to support that instrument. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of this Convention proceed at once to take an oath to support the constitution of the United States, according to the best of their knowledge and understanding, and that the oath be administered to them by the President of the Convention.

The Convention refused to suspend the rules, and the resolution lies over.

Mr. Forman, of the Sixth Senatorial District, introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of seven on the judiciary, seven on the Legislature, seven on the executive departments, seven on preamble and bill of rights, seven on elective franchise and registration, seven on the limitation of the legislative power, seven on taxation and debt.

On motion to suspend the rules to consider the resolutions, the Convention refused by a rising vote of 14 yeas to 80 nays.

On motion of Mr. Lyons the rules were suspended, and the resolution referred to the Committee on Committees.

On motion of Mr. Poche the Committee on Committees was granted leave to withdraw and sit during the session of the Convention.

[Mr. Lyons in the chair.]

Mr. Kidd introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of thirteen on the bonded debt of the State, whose duty it shall be to carefully examine said debt, and report what portion of the same is fraudulent or invalid for any reason whatever. Said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, and to sit during the sessions of this Convention.

On motion the rules were suspended and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Committees.

Mr. McGloin called up the resolution introduced by him yesterday and laid over under the rules, and on motion it was referred to the Committee on Rules.

On motion of Mr. Parlange, of Pointe Coupee, the Sergeant-at-Arms was directed to place a chain across St. Louis street.

Mr. Chaffe, of Orleans, moved to reconsider the vote by which Mr. Parlange's resolution was adopted, as he regarded it legally unnecessary to obtain permission from the city authorities.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham, the reading of yesterday's journal was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. McGloin, the Convention took a recess until 1 o'clock p. m.

At 1 o'clock p. m. Mr. Lyons called the Convention to order—a quorum present.

Mr. Warmoth presented the petition of W. B. Kemp contesting the seat of D. Kemp, sitting member, and asked that it be referred to the proper committee when appointed. So ordered.

Mr. White offered the following form of oath, to wit:

You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will support the constitution of the United States; that you will honestly and faithfully discharge your duty as a Delegate to this Convention for the purpose of framing a new constitution for the State of Louisiana, and that the Chief Justice (or) any one of the Associate Justices (shall) administer the said oath of office.

Mr. White asked that the rules be suspended.

Pending the question to suspend the rules, Mr. Robertson made the point of order that a simple motion did not require the suspension of the rules.

The Chair decided the point of order not well taken, and the Convention refused to suspend the rules.

The resolution lies over.

Mr. Brian, of Winn, now announced Mr. J. F. Marshall, of the Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, and Mr. S. L. Elam, of Catahoula, and they were recorded present.

Mr. Blanchard, of Caddo, introduced the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the President of the Convention be authorized to make arrangements looking to the opening of the morning sessions of the Convention with prayer, and to that end that he be requested to invite the clergy of the city to attend, one each day, at the hour of the assembling of the Convention.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Stevenson of Iberville offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, There is today a feeling of apprehension and alarm on the part of the colored citizens of this State with regard to the intended action of this Convention, it is deemed proper, in advance of any official action of this body to dissipate their minds of any such apprehensions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That there is no intention whatever entertained by this body of impairing or restricting the political, civil or religious rights of any class of the citizens of this State, but on the contrary the intention is to defend and perpetuate every and all rights now guaranteed them by this State and by the constitution of the United States.

A motion to suspend the rules was lost, and the resolution lies over.

Mr. Breen, of Orleans, offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be required to compile a list of the articles of stationery, the various blanks and the necessary printing for the use of this Convention during its session, and shall provide copies thereof to any one upon application. Sealed proposals for furnishing the same shall be referred to a committee of five, who will award the contract to the lowest bona fide bidder.

The Convention refused to suspend the rules, and the resolution lies over.

On motion of Mr. Allain the Convention adjourned to 12 o'clock to-morrow.

WM. H. HARRIS,
Secretary of the Convention.

Third Day's Proceedings.

WEDNESDAY, April 23, 1879.

The Convention was called to order at 12 o'clock m.

Present—The Hon. Louis A. Wiltz and Messrs. Allain, Augustin, Babcock, Baskin, Benham, Bienvenu, Blanchard, Bobie, Bolton, Bourgeois, Breaux, Breen, Bridger, Brian, Bulow, Burton, Byrne, Caffrey, Cahen, Carey, Chaffe, Chiapella, Claiborne, Collins, Colvin, Cunningham, Davenport, Davidson of Claiborne, Davidson of Iberville, Davis, Denis, Dickerson, Edwards, Elam, Estopinal, Faulk, Favrot, Fontelieu, Forman, Gardner, George, Girard, Gla, Gowers, Grimes, Havard, Henry of Cameron, Henry of Natchitoches, Herron, Hough, Howell, Jastremski, Jenkins, Joffrion, Kelly, Kemp, Kennedy, Kernochan, Kirkman, Knoblock, Lagan, Lanaux, Land, Landry, Leake, LeGardeur, Jr., Loan, Long, Lott, Luckett, Lyons, Marks, Marshall, Mathews, Mentz, Millard, Moreland, Moore of Lafourche, Moore of St. Landry, Munday, McConnell, McGloin, Noguez, Nutt, Ogden, Olivier, Ott, Pardee, Parlange, Phelps, Pinchback, Poche, Ponder, Reid, Richardson, Roach, Robertson, Self, Semmes, Simon, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Stagg, Stamps, Steele, Stevenson, Stewart, Stille, Stringfellow, Strovick, Sutherlin, Thompson, Todd, Vance, Webb, Wells, White, Williams of Grant, Williams of Terrebonne, Young of Concordia, Young of East Baton Rouge.

One hundred and eighteen members and a quorum present.

Mr. Robertson moved that the Convention do now proceed to the election of a Printer, whose compensation for work actually done shall be the same as now allowed by the present contract of the State with the present State Printer.

Mr. Steele offered the following as a substitute:

Whereas, this Convention being fully impressed with the necessity for strict economy in all branches of the State government, still recognizes the importance of giving the widest publicity to all acts of this body, to the end that the whole people may be fully informed as to all our proceedings; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all such printing as shall be ordered by this Convention shall be adjudicated to the lowest bidder, after due notice.

Mr. Pardee moved that the motion and substitute be referred to the Committee on Printing, when appointed.

Mr. Robertson moved that the motion to refer be laid upon the table, on which Mr. Pardee called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Augustin, Baskin, Bell, Bienvenu, Blanchard, Bobie, Bolton, Bourgeois, Breaux, Breen, Bridger, Brian, Bulger, Burton, Byrne, Caffrey, Carey, Chiapella, Claiborne, Collins, Colvin, Cunningham, Davenport, Davidson of Claiborne, Denis, Dillard, Edwards, Estopinal, Faulk, Favrot, Forman, George, Girard, Gowers, Grimes, Gueringer, Havard, Henry of Natchitoches, Herron, Howell, Jastremski, Jenkins, Joffrion, Kelly, Kemp, Kennedy, Kernochan, Kidd, Kirkman, Knoblock, Lagan, Lanaux, Land, Leake, LeGardeur, Jr., Long, Lott, Luckett, Lyons, Marks, Marshall, Millard, Moreland, Moore of Lafourche, Moore of St. Landry, Munday, McConnell, McGloin, Nutt, Ogden, Olivier, Ott, Phelps, Poche, Ponder, Reid, Richardson, Robertson, Self, Semmes, Simon, Smith of Jackson, Stagg, Stille, Stone, Stringfellow, Sutherlin, Thompson, Todd, Vance, Webb, Williams of Grant, Young of East Baton Rouge—92.

Nays—Allain, Babcock, Benham, Bulow, Cahen, Davidson of Iberville, Dickerson, Fontelieu, Gardner, Gla, Henry of Cameron, Hough, Landry, Loan, Mathews, Mentz, Noguez, Pardee, Pinchback, Roach, Smith of St. Mary, Stamps, Steele, Stevenson, Stewart, Warmoth, Williams of Terrebonne, Young of Concordia—28.

The motion to lay upon the table prevailed.

Mr. Robertson moved that the substitute offered by Mr. Steele be laid on the table.

On this motion Mr. Steele called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Augustin, Baskin, Bell, Bienvenu, Blanchard, Bolton, Bourgeois, Breen, Bridger, Brian, Bulger, Burton, Byrne, Caffrey, Carey, Chaffe, Chiapella, Claiborne, Collins, Colvin, Cunningham, Davenport, Davidson of Claiborne, Davis, Denis, Dillard, Edwards, Elam, Estopinal, Faulk, Favrot, Gaskins, George, Girard, Gowers, Grimes, Gueringer, Havard, Henry of Natchitoches, Herron, Howell, Jastremski, Jenkins, Joffrion, Kelly, Kemp, Kennedy, Kernochan, Kidd, Kirkman, Knoblock, Lagan, Lanaux, Land, Leake, LeGardeur, Jr., Long, Lott, Luckett, Lyons, Marks, Marshall, Millard, Moreland, Moore of Lafourche, Moore of St. Landry, Munday, McConnell, McGloin, Nutt, Ogden, Olivier, Ott, Phelps, Ponder, Reid, Richardson, Robertson, Self, Semmes, Simon, Smith of St. Mary, Stagg, Stamps, Steele, Stevenson, Stewart, Stille, Stringfellow, Strovick, Sutherlin, Thompson, Todd, Vance, Webb, Wells, Williams of Grant, Williams of Terrebonne, Young of Concordia, Young of East Baton Rouge—98.

Nays—Messrs. Allain, Babcock, Bourgeois, Bulow, Cahen, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Dickerson, Fontelieu, Gardner, Gla, Henry of Cameron, Hough, Landry, Loan, Mentz, Mathews, Noguez, Pardee, Parlange, Pinchback, Roach, Smith of St. Mary, Stamps, Steele, Stevenson, Stewart, Strovich, Warmoth, Williams of Terrebonne, Young of Concordia—31.

The motion to lay upon the table prevailed, and the motion to elect a Printer was carried.

Nominations being in order, Mr. Robertson nominated James H. Cosgrove, of Natchitoches, and Mr. Demas nominated Charles Lasseigne.

The roll was called with the following result:

J. H. Cosgrove	100
Chas. Lasseigne	15
L. E. Bentley	1
Mrs. Nicholson	1
H. C. Sidney	2
Mr. Shanks	1
Mr. Dixon	1
Mr. Pinchback	1
Total	122

Mr. Cosgrove was declared elected.

Mr. Robertson offered the following motion:

I move that the President be authorized to appoint six porters, who shall each receive $1 per day, and ten pages, who shall each receive seventy-five cents per day during the session of this Convention.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEES.

Mr. Poche, chairman, in behalf of the Committee on Committees, presented the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, April 23, 1879.

To the President and Members of the State Convention:

Your Committee on the Recommendation of Necessary Committees beg leave to submit the accompanying resolution and report.

F. P. POCHE, Chairman.

On motion the resolution was taken up and, after various amendments, was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the following standing committees be appointed by the President of this Convention, to consider such proposed articles of a new constitution as may be referred to them respectively, and all matters pertaining to the several titles of said new constitution, as indicated by the respective names of said committees, to wit:

A Committee on the Distribution of the Powers of Government, to be composed of nine members.

A Committee on Legislative Department, composed of fifteen members.

A Committee on Executive Department, composed of nine members.

A Committee on the Judiciary Department, composed of fifteen members.

A Committee on Impeachment and Removals from Office, composed of seven members.

A Committee on General Provisions, composed of nine members.

A Committee on Amendments to the New Constitution, composed of seven members.

A Committee on Bill of Rights, composed of fifteen members.

A Committee on Agriculture and Statistics, composed of nine members.

A Committee on Limitations, composed of thirteen members.

A Committee on Elective Franchise, composed of thirteen members.

A Committee on Public Education, composed of thirteen members.

A Committee on Schedule to the Constitution, composed of seven members.

A Committee on Finance, composed of fifteen members.

A Committee on Apportionment, composed of thirteen members.

A Committee on Federal Relations, composed of eleven members.

A Committee on Militia, composed of seven members.

A Committee on Health, Quarantine and State Medicine, composed of eleven members.

A Committee on Taxation, Equalization and Exemption, composed of fifteen members.

A Committee on Homesteads and Other Exemptions, composed of thirteen members.

A Committee on Final Revision of the Constitution, to be composed of one member from each of the above named committees, to be chosen by the same.

The President shall also appoint the following named standing committees:

A Committee on Enrollment, composed of nine members.

A Committee on Contingent Expenses, composed of nine members.

A Committee on Contested Elections of Delegates, composed of nine members, and to be relieved May 15, 1879, from further service.

A Committee on Printing and Publishing, composed of seven members.

A Committee on Parochial Affairs and Boundaries, composed of nine members.

A Committee on Rules, of which the President shall be *ex officio* chairman, composed of five members.

A Committee on Internal Improvements, composed of thirteen members.

A Committee on Corporations and Corporate Rights, composed of eleven members.

A Committee on State Lands, to be composed of nine members.

Previous to the adoption of the above report a committee on Finance, Taxation and Public Debt was proposed by Mr. Ogden, composed of fifteen members, in lieu of a separate Committee on Taxation and Finance.

The motion was laid upon the table.

Mr. Chiapella proposed a Committee on City Affairs, composed of nine members.

By a rising vote of 74 yeas to 25 nays the motion was laid upon the table.

Mr. Bell proposed a Committee on the Debt and Government of the city of New Orleans, to be composed of thirteen members.

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Byrne proposed a Committee on Assessment of State and City Property, to be composed of seven members.

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Noguez proposed a Committee on Levees and Overflowed Lands, to be composed of five members.

The motion was laid upon the table.

Mr. Poche, chairman of Committee on Resolution Relative to State Debt, offered by Mr. Kidd, April 22, presented the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, April 22, 1879.

To the President and Members of the State Convention:

Your Committee on the Recommendation of Necessary Committees, to whom was referred a resolution calling for the appointment of a special committee of thirteen for the purpose of investigating the bonded debt of the State, beg leave to report said resolution for action by the Convention for the reason that your committee, understanding that their mission consisted in recommending only standing committees, they consider the subject matter of said resolution to be beyond the scope of their authority.

F. P. POCHE,
Chairman of Committee.

The report was adopted.

The resolution was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of thirteen on the bonded debt of the State, whose duty it shall be to carefully examine said debt and report what portion of the same is fraudulent or invalid, for any reason whatever. Said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, and to sit during the sessions of this Convention.

On the motion of Mr. Blanchard the resolution was amended by inserting the words "and floating" after the word "bonded."

Mr. Mathews moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Lott moved that the resolution be amended by inserting "fifteen" in the place of "thirteen."

Carried.

Mr. Lagan moved that the committee be made a special committee.

The motion was declared out of order.

On the motion of Mr. Moore, of St. Landry, the resolution was further amended by inserting the words, "three from each congressional district," in lieu of "fifteen."

On the motion of Mr. Kidd, the resolution was adopted as amended, reading as follows:

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee to be composed of (3) three delegates from each congressional district, on the bonded and floating debt of the State, whose duty it shall be to carefully examine said debt and report what portion of the same is fraudulent and invalid from any reason whatever. Said committee shall have the power to send for persons and papers, and to sit during the session of the Convention.

Mr. Mathews offered a resolution relative to lands donated by the general government for school purposes, which lies over, under the rules.

Mr. Knoblock offered a resolution in regard to cases pending in the courts in which members of the Convention are counsel. Lies over.

On the motion of Mr. Robertson permission was granted to the Committee on Rules to withdraw to complete their report.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson his resolution offered on the twenty-second was taken up and read.

Mr. Land offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That there is no intention whatever entertained by this body of impairing or restricting the political, civil or religious rights of any class of citizens of this State on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude; but on the contrary the intention is to defend and maintain the rights of the colored citizens as guaranteed by the constitution of the United States and of this State, under the new constitution about to be framed.

Mr. Cunningham moved that the resolution and substitute be referred to the Committee on Bill of Rights.

Mr. Poche moved as an amendment that they be referred to the Committee on Elective Franchise.

Mr. McConnell moved that the motion of Mr. Cunningham be amended by adding the words, "that the committee report at the earliest practicable moment."

The amendment was accepted by Mr. Cunningham.

Mr. Poche having withdrawn his motion to refer to the Committee on Elective Franchise, Mr. Robertson moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Convention.

The question was put as follows:

"Shall the resolution of Mr. Stevenson and the substitute of Mr. Land be referred to the Committee on Bill of Rights?"

On this motion the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Augustin, Baskin, Bienvenu, Blanchard, Breaux, Breen, Bridger, Brian, Caffrey, Carey, Chaffe, Chiapella, Cunningham, Davis, Edwards, George, Girard, Havard, Jenkins, Kelly, Kennedy, Kidd, Kirkman, Land, LeGardeur, Jr., Loan, Luckett, Marshall, Millard, Moreland, Moore of St. Landry, McConnell, McGloin, Nutt, Ogden, Olivier, Ott, Ponder, Reid, Robertson, Smith of Jackson, Stagg, Stone, Stringfellow, Sutherlin, Vance, Williams of Grant—48.

Nays—Messrs. Allain, Babcock, Bell, Benham, Bobie, Bolton, Bourgeois, Bulger, Bulow, Burton, Byrne, Cahen, Claiborne, Collins, Colvin, Davenport, Davidson of Claiborne, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Denis, Dickerson, Dillard, Elam, Estopinal, Faulk, Favrot, Fontelieu, Forman, Gardner, Gaskins, Gla, Gowers, Grimes, Gueringer, Henry of Cameron, Henry of Natchitoches, Herron, Hough, Howell, Jastremski, Joffrion, Kemp, Kernochan, King, Knoblock, Lagan, Lanaux, Landry, Leake, Loan, Long, Lyons, Marks, Mathews, Mentz, Moore of Lafourche, Munday, Noguez, Pardee, Parlange, Phelps, Pinchback, Poche, Richardson, Roach, Self, Semmes, Simon, Smith of St. Mary, Stamps, Steele, Stevenson, Stewart, Stille, Strovich, Thompson, Todd, Warmoth, Watkins, Webb, Wells, White, Williams of Terrebonne, Young of Concordia, Young of East Baton Rouge—86.

The motion to refer was lost.

The question recurring upon the substitute offered by Mr. Land, it was read, and the yeas and nays being called for, it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Augustin, Baskin, Bell, Bienvenu, Blanchard, Bolton, Breaux, Breen, Bridger, Brian, Bulger, Burton, Caffrey, Carey, Chaffe, Chiapella, Collins, Cunningham, Davidson of Claiborne, Davis, Dillard, Edwards, Elam, Faulk, Forman, Gaskins, George, Girard, Gowers, Havard, Henry of Cameron, Henry of Natchitoches, Jenkins, Joffrion, Kelly, Kemp, Kennedy, Kernochan, Kidd, King, Kirkman, Knoblock, Lagan, Lanaux, Land, Leake, LeGardeur Jr., Lott, Luckett, Lyons, Marks, Marshall, Millard, Moreland, Moore of Lafourche, Moore of St. Landry, Munday, McGloin, Nutt, Ogden, Olivier, Ott, Phelps, Ponder, Richardson, Robertson, Self, Semmes, Smith of Jackson, Stagg, Stille, Stone, Stringfellow, Sutherlin, Thompson, Todd, Vance, Webb, Wells, Williams of Grant—79.

Nays—Messrs. Allain, Babcock, Benham, Bobie, Bourgeois, Bulow, Claiborne, Davenport, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Denis, Dickerson, Estopinal, Favrot, Fontelieu, Gardner, Gla, Gueringer, Herron, Hough, Howell, Jastremski, Landry, Loan, Long, Mathews, Mentz, McConnell, Noguez, Pardee, Parlange, Pinchback, Poche, Roach, Simon, Smith of St. Mary, Stamps, Steele, Stevenson, Stewart, Strovich, Warmoth, Watkins, Williams of Terrebonne, Young of Concordia, Young of East Baton Rouge—49.

Mr. Robertson moved that the vote just taken be reconsidered, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Mr. Robertson—for the chairman—on behalf of the Committee on Rules, presented a report, and asked leave that it be taken up at the present time.

On the motion of Mr. Semmes the further consideration of the report was postponed until to-morrow, and it was ordered to be printed in the journal:

RULES OF ORDER.

COMMENCEMENT OF DAILY SESSION.

Duties of Presiding Officer on Commencement of Daily Session.

RULE 1.—The presiding officer shall take the chair every day, at the hour to which the Convention shall have adjourned on the previous day, and immediately call the members to order. If a quorum shall be in attendance he shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention, to the end that any mistake may be corrected that shall be made in the entries.

A quorum shall consist of a majority of all the members elected to the Convention.

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

Parliamentary Duties of the Presiding Officer.

RULE 2.—It shall be the duty of the President to preserve order, decide questions of order, prevent personal reflections, confine members in debate to the question, and, when two or more members arise at the same time, decide who shall be first heard; but an appeal in all such cases shall lie to the Convention, and a member called to order may extenuate or justify.

RULE 3.—He shall declare all votes; but if any member rises to doubt a vote, the President shall order a call of the names of the members voting in the affirmative and in the negative without any further debate.

RULE 4.—He shall rise to put a question, but may state it while sitting.

How Questions Shall Be Put.

RULE 5.—Before putting any debatable question, the President shall ask: "Are you ready for the question?" When, if it is evident that no member wishes to speak, the question shall be distinctly put in this form, to wit: "As many of you as are of the opinion that (as the question may be) say aye;" and, after the affirmative voice is expressed: "As many as are of contrary opinion say no." If the President doubt, or if a division be called for, the Convention shall divide. Those in the affirmative of the question shall rise from their seats, and their number be counted by the Secretary, and afterward those in the negative. The President shall then rise and state the decision of the Convention.

Correction of Journal.

RULE 6.—The President shall have the right to examine and correct the journal before it is read. He shall have a general direction of the hall. He shall have a right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

President's Signature Required.

RULE 7.—All ordinances, addresses and resolutions shall be signed by the President, and all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the Convention, shall be under his hand and seal, attested by the Secretary.

Committees—How Raised.

RULE 8.—All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention, in which case they shall be elected by the Convention, by ballot or otherwise, as may be ordered by the Convention in each particular case.

Clearing the Lobby.

RULE 9.—In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, the President or presiding officer shall have power to order the same to be cleared.

Exceptionable Words, etc.

RULE 10.—If a member be called to order by another for words spoken, the exceptionable words shall immediately be taken down in writing, that the presiding officer may be better able to judge of the matter.

Absent Members.

RULE 11.—No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention without leave of the Convention first obtained. And in case a less number than a quorum of the Convention shall convene, they are hereby authorized to send the Sergeant-at-Arms, or any person or persons by them authorized, for any or all absent members, as the majority of such members present shall agree, at the expense of such absent members, respectively, unless such excuse for non-attendance shall be made as the Convention, when a quorum is convened, shall judge sufficient, and in that case the expense shall be paid out of the contingent fund. And this rule shall apply to each day of the session, after the hour has arrived to which the Convention stood adjourned.

Adjournment.

RULE 12.—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, excepting when, on the call for the previous question, the main question shall have been ordered to be now put, or when a member has the floor, and shall be decided without debate.

RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE.

Members Shall Address the Chair.

RULE 13.—When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Convention, or call for the yeas and nays, or call a member to order through the President, or answer any question propounded to him, by his consent, in debate through the President, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to "Mr. President."

Calling to Order.

RULE 14.—If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order; in which case, the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if the decision be against him, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.

Recognition of Members.

RULE 15.—When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the one who is first to speak.

Personalities.

RULE 16.—The motives of members shall not be criticised or called in question in debate. A member present shall not be addressed or mentioned by his name. Allusions to the social status, condition, or infirmities of a member are forbidden as personalities, and against order and decorum.

Number and Length of Speeches.

RULE 17.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than half an hour on each occasion, without leave of the Convention, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken; but the mover of any proposition shall have the right to open and close the debate, even after the main question shall have been ordered, and in case the proposition comes from any committee, then the member making the report from the committee shall have the right to open and close the debate in like manner.

Visiting Secretary's Desk.

RULE 18.—While the yeas and nays are being called, or votes are being counted, no member shall visit the Secretary's desk.

Respect to the Chair.

RULE 19.—While the President is putting any question or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of or cross the hall. While a member is speaking none shall pass between him and the Chair or entertain audible private discourse near him.

Interested Voting—Absentees.

RULE 20.—No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately interested, nor in any case where he was not within the bar of the Convention when the question was put; and when any member shall ask leave to vote, the President shall propound to him the question: "Were you within the bar before the last name was called?"

Voting and Explanation of Votes.

RULE 21.—Every member who shall be in the Convention when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Convention for reasons assigned shall excuse him. No member shall be allowed to make any explanation of a vote he is about to give, or ask to be excused from voting, after the Secretary, under order of the Convention, shall have commenced calling the yeas and nays; each member shall be allowed two minutes to explain said vote; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to put in a separate list the names of absentees in every call of the yeas and nays.

Rising Vote.

RULE 22.—Upon a division and count of the Convention, no member without the bar shall be counted.

Motions—How Put.

RULE 23.—When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debated. Motions comprised in more than fifteen words shall be written before being offered.

Motions, etc., To Be Written and Signed.

RULE 24.—Every motion, except for adjournment and like brief motion, shall be reduced to writing by the member introducing the same, and each member shall attach his name to every ordinance, resolution, amendment, order, report or motion presented by him before it shall be received by the Chair or read by the Secretary.

Withdrawal of Motions.

Any motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision, amendment, or ordering the yeas and nays, except a motion to reconsider, which shall not be withdrawn without leave of the Convention.

Visitors.

RULE 25.—No person shall be admitted within the bar but members and officers of the general or State government, and others hereinafter named, unless upon invitation of the President of the Convention. The President shall, at the request of any ten members, clear the hall of all persons except members and employees of the Convention.

Division of Question.

RULE 26.—By consent of the Convention a question may be divided before it is put, but such question shall comprehend points so distinct and entire that one of them being taken away, the other may stand entire. When a question is divided, after the question on the first number, the second is open to debate and amendment. But if the motion be to strike out and insert, it shall not be in order to move for a division of the question; but the rejection of a motion to strike out and insert one proposition shall not prevent a motion to strike out and insert a different proposition; nor prevent a subsequent motion simply to strike out; nor shall the rejection of a motion simply to strike out prevent a subsequent motion to strike out and insert.

Order of Business.

RULE 27.—When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but—

1. To adjourn;
2. To lie on the table;
3. For the previous question;
4. To postpone to a day certain;
5. To commit;
6. To amend; or
7. To postpone indefinitely;

Which several motions have precedence in the order in which they are arranged, and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day at the same stage of the motion or proposition. A motion to strike out the enacting words of a motion shall have precedence of a motion to amend, and, if carried, shall be considered as equivalent to its rejection.

The Previous Question.

RULE 28.—The previous question shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" It shall only be admitted when seconded by a majority of the members present, and, when carried, its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and to bring the Convention to a direct vote:

1. Upon the pending amendment, and so on back to the first amendment offered;
2. Upon amendments reported by a committee, if any; and
3. Upon the main question.

On a motion for the previous question, and prior to the seconding of the same, a call of the Convention shall be in order; but after a majority shall have seconded such motion, no call shall be in order prior to a decision of the main question. On a motion for the previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order arising, after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate. After a call for the previous question has been sustained by the Convention, the question shall be put and determined in order as above without debate on either amendments or the main question, except as provided for in rule 16.

Division of Question.

RULE 29.—Any member may call for a division of a question when the same will admit of it.

Irrelevant Amendments and Substitutes.

RULE 30.—No new motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment, or as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

Reconsideration.

RULE 31.—When a proposition or ordinance intended to become a part of the new constitution has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof, at any time, any vote to lay on the table a motion to reconsider notwithstanding.

Members Must Vote.

RULE 32.—Every member present when a question is put to vote shall give his vote, unless the Convention shall excuse him, or unless he has a direct interest in the question.

Papers—When to be Read.

RULE 33.—When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, the Convention shall determine whether said paper shall be read or not, and the question shall be decided without debate by a rising vote.

Unfinished Business—Speeches on Limited.

RULE 34.—If a pending question be not disposed of, owing to an adjournment of the Convention, and be acted on during the succeeding day, no member who has spoken twice on the preceding day shall be allowed to speak again without leave.

Reference.

RULE 35.—When motions are made for the reference of a subject to a select and standing committee the question for the reference to a standing committee shall be first put.

Notice of Presence.

RULE 36.—Any member entering the Convention after the calling of the roll shall immediately notify the Secretary of his presence by sending his name to the desk, and have his name inscribed upon the journal.

Three Readings.

RULE 37.—Every ordinance and proposition