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SENATE,
Monday, Feb. 11, 1850.

The Senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Present—Hon. J. B Plauche, Lieutenant Governor, President of the Senate.

Messrs. Beebe, Boudousquie, Bryce, Butler, Cade, Caulfield, Chamblin, Clark, Cole, Dunnoy, Drew, Dufour, Duncan, Gardere, Gaudet, Haralson, Moore, Peck, Philips, Ray, Richardson, Ricker, Sigur, Swayze, Taitman and Waddill.

Mr. Cade, of the Committee on Enrollments, reported;

"An act to create an additional Justice of the Peace for the parish of Washington," as correctly enrolled.

Mr. Ricker, of the Select Committee to whom was referred,

"An act to incorporate the city of Jefferson," reported favorably to said bill, and without amendment.

The bill was read for the second time and was adopted.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its third reading and passed.

Mr. Cole gave notice he would introduce

"An act to give to the Police Jury, of the parish of Lafourche Interior, the power to make its own laws regarding roads and levees in said parish."

Mr. Dufour gave notice that he would introduce,

"An act further to authorize the establishment and better government of Houses of Refuge by the Municipalities of the city of New Orleans."

Mr. Bryce of the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred,

"An act to amend an act in relation to trial of slaves;"

"An act to make appeals in criminal cases returnable to the Supreme Court, at any place at which it may be in session, and making it the duty of certain District Attorneys to attend to such cases."

And: "An act to authorize a person under arrest, charged with a bailable offence, to give security residing in any part of this State"; reported favorably to said bills, and without amendment.

On behalf of the same Committee, to whom were referred:

"An act to amend the article 990 of the Code of Practice, so as to make the obligations given at the credit sale of estates and succession property, have the effect of twelve months bonds"; and

"An act to make the printed volumes containing the statutes of the several States of the United States, *prima facie* evidence of what the laws of such States are"; Mr. Bryce reported said bills favorably, and with amendments.

On the part of the same Committee, to whom was referred:

"An act relative to proceedings in Criminal cases"; Mr. Bryce reported a substitute to said bill, which substitute bears the same title.

In accordance to the resolution adopted by the Senate, instructing the Judiciary Committee to report a bill prescribing the term of office of Notaries Public, Mr. Bryce, of the Judiciary Committee, reported:

"An act prescribing the term for which Notaries Public shall hold their office", which was read for the first time.

Mr. Dufour obtained leave to introduce, without having given notice thereof.

"An act to regulate suits by summary process between landlords and tenants"; and:

"An act providing for a trial by jury in all cases involving fees or compensations", which were read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bills were read for the second time, and were referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr Dufour presented a memorial from the Commissioners of the House of Refuge of Municipality No. Two, of the city of New Orleans, praying that certain amendments be made to the laws establishing and regulating Houses of Refuge and Workhouses in the city of New Orleans.

On motion said memorial was laid over, subject to call.

Mr. Waddill obtained leave to introduce, without having given previous notice thereof,

"An act to create an additional Notary Public in and for the parish of Avoyelles," which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its second and third readings and passed.

Mr. Moore obtained leave to introduce, without having given previous notice thereof, a resolution instructing the State Engineer to remove obstructions from Bayou L'Embarras, in the parish of St. Martin, which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said resolution was read for the second time, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Phillips obtained leave to introduce a resolution instructing the State Engineer to deaden the timber on the banks of Red River, from its mouth to the town of Shreveport, to a distance from each bank sufficient to enable the river, by the abrasion of its banks, to increase its capacity to discharge its water, which was read for the first time.

On motion the rules were suspended, said resolution underwent its second and third readings, and was finally adopted.

Mr. Phillips, of the Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom were referred "An act to authorize Martha C. Smith to erect a ferry across the Bayou Dorcheat," and the resolution in regard to swamp roads, reported favorably thereto.

On behalf of the same Committee, Mr. Phillips reported: "An act to authorize E S Jones to build a turnpike and plank road from the West Bank of Bayou Dorcheat to Shreveport," with amendments.

On the part of the same Committee, to whom were referred the "Resolutions to improve the navigation of Bayou Rouge," Mr. Phillips reported adversely to the first of said resolutions, and favorably to the second.

Mr. Phillips also, on behalf of the same Committee, reported adversely to the "Resolutions instructing the State Engineer to repair to the Bonnet Carré Crevasse."

Agreeably to notice previously given, Mr. Tatman introduced:

"An act for the relief of Charles Janson and Joseph Janson, veterans of 1814 and 1815;" which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill was taken up at its second reading and was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dufour presented a memorial signed by Simeon Minard, a veteran of 1814 and 1815, praying that a pension be allowed him, which was, on motion referred to the Committe on Claims.

The President submitted a memorial from the Council of Municipality No. 2 of the city of New Orleans, praying for the repeal of the act of the 6th April 1843, authorizing the New Orleans and Carrollton Rail Road Company to run their Cars through said Municipality.

This memorial was read.

Mr Butler, of the Committee on Claims, made the following report.

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the evidence in petition and papers of Frank Copiens, after due consideration, report unfavorably thereon, believing that relief should be asked, and from the evidences before us, obtained from the General Government as justly due him.

(Signed,) J. W BUTLER, Chairman.

Mr Barthe, also made the following report which was read:

The Committee on Claims having been instructed by the Senate to report a "general bill on pensions, providing for the recognition and payment of the same, respectfully report:

That having maturely considered the matter, they deem it inexpedient to constitute any particular persons, a Board of Commissioners to grant pensions for these reasons among others, to-wit: That it would be necessary to pay a salary to such board, and it would give occasion to the allowing of pensions from the popularity of gentlemen requesting them for their friends, rather than on account of the patriotic and deserving services of those claiming them.

Wherefore, they report unfavorable to this project and pray to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

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Mr. Ray obtained leave to introduce:

"An act to emancipate Louisa Jones," which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its second and third readings and passed.

Mr Moore obtained leave to introduce

An act to improve the navigation of Bayou Bartholomew, which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill was taken up at its second reading, and was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Clark introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee of the Senate on Contingent Expenses, are hereby authorized and required to give their warrants in favor of those engineers or surveyors that have attended before the Joint Committee on Levees at this session, and that said engineers be allowed the same per diem and mileage that a member of this body is allowed by law.

Mr. Philips obtained leave to introduce without notice,

An act for the relief of C. Chaplin, which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its second reading and was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Waddill, the Senate took up:

An act to emancipate Jean Baptiste Martin Rabelais, of the parish of Avoyelles; and

An act to emancipate Jacques Aristide Cappel of the parish of Avoyelles.

Said bills were read for the second time, and were adopted.

On motion, the rules were suspended, they underwent their third reading and passed.

Mr. Bigur obtained leave to introduce the following resolution, which was read for the first time:

Resolved, &c., That a joint committee of three of the Senate and —of the House of Representatives be appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, Mr. Livaudais, preparatory to his delivering over the office to the Treasurer elect

On motion the rules were suspended, said resolution underwent its second and third readings, and was finally adopted.

Mr. Moore, of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred:

"An act granting a pension to Vincent Lonquemare, a veteran soldier of 1814-'15, reported said bill with amendments.

Mr. Clark, of the Committee on Contingent expenses, made the following report, which was read:

The Committee on Contingent expenses, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Peck, that the Committee of Contingent expenses be instructed to report a bill providing for the payment of persons who have served as messengers to this Senate, reports that they have considered the subject and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Contingent expenses be authorized to employ two messengers during the present session of the Legislature, who shall be paid the same compensation as the messengers of the House of Representatives.

Said bill was read for the second time and adopted on motion, of Mr. Peck, and was read, adopted on amendment.

On motion of Mr. Peck the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its third reading and passed as amended.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

Second Reading Constitution.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions amending the Constitution.

Mr. Peck withdrew his additional article, offered as an amendment to said resolutions and to become article 5th thereof.

On motion of Mr. Bryce, said resolutions were recommitted to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

Mr. Drew moved, "That the Committee be instructed to amend the resolutions so that each amendment shall be embraced in a separate resolution, and numbered. 1, 2, 3, and 4, &c.; so that each amendment can be voted for or against by the people."

This motion was lost.

Mr. Peck introduced the following, which was read, and referred to the committee on amendments to the Constitution.

"*Resolved, &c.* Three-fifths of the members elect to each House concurring herein, that the following be adopted and proposed to the people, as an amendment to so much of the Constitution as fixes the salaries of Judges of the Supreme and District Courts.

1. The Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and Judges of the District Courts shall each receive a salary to be fixed by law, which shall not be increased or diminished during his term of office.

Mr. Beebe offered the following proviso, as an amendment to Mr. Peck's resolution, which was read and referred to the same committee:

Provided: That the salary of the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, shall not be fixed at a less sum than five thousand dollars per annum."

Mr. Philips, of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of citizens of the parishes of De Soto and Sabine, praying to have the retailing of ardent spirits prohibited within certain limits; reported "An act to prohibit the retailing of ardent spirits within certain limits" Which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its second and third readings and passed.

Mr. Beebe introduced the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the members of the Senate deeply sympathizing with the Hon. A. S. Herron, in the sudden death of his lady, do as a mark of respect, adjourn until 10 o'clock, A.M., to-morrow.

TUESDAY, 12th February, 1850.

The Senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Present: Hon. J. B. Plauche, Lieutenant Governor, President of the Senate. Messrs. Beebe, Boudousquie, Bryce, Butler, Cade, Caulfield, Chamblin, Clark, Cole, Dunnoy, Drew, Dufour, Duncan, Gardere, Gaudet, Haralson, Moore, Peck, Philips, Ray, Richardson, Ricker, Sigur, Swayze, Taitman, Van Wickle and Waddill, not a quorum.

The Assistant Secretary informed the House of the concurrence of the Senate in the following bills and resolutions:

An act to repeal section 19 of an act entitled, "An act to organize and define the authority, duties and functions of the Police Jury of the parish of Jefferson, and for other purposes, approved January 30, 1834"

"An act to incorporate the town of Vernon, in the parish of Jackson."

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"An act to authorize Constable's in the parish of Jefferson to execute warrants".

He also informed the House of the concurrence of the Senate, with amendments, in:

"An act relative to the election of an additional Justice of the Peace in Police Jury Ward No. 2, and Constable, in the parish of Caddo". And in—

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He also informed the House that the President of the Senate had appointed Messrs. Sigur, Moore and Phillips of said Committee on the part of the Senate.

He further requested the signature of the Speaker of the House to the enrolled bill "to create an additional Justice of the Peace for the parish of Washington."

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Mr. Layet further informed the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the "Resolution appointing a Joint Committee to examine the accounts of the State Treasurer"; and that the Speaker of the House had appointed Messrs. Scarborough, Stark, Latue, Shannon and St. Martin, of said Committee, on the part of the House.

Agreeably to notice previously given, Mr. Cole introduced:

"An act for the relief of Malburin Bourg, Sheriff of the parish of Lafourche Interior", which was read for the first time.

Mr. Philips obtained leave to introduce, without having given previous notice thereof:

"An act to incorporate the Shreveport and Texas Road Company, in the parish of Caddo", which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its 2nd reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ray, of the Committee on amendments to the Constitution, to whom were recommitted the resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution, reported substitutes to said resolutions which were laid over subject to call.

Agreeably to previous notice, Mr. Dufour introduced "An act further to authorize the establishment and better government of Houses of Refuge by the Municipalities of the City of New Orleans," which was read for the 1st time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its 2d reading, and was, on motion, referred to a select Committee composed of the delegation from Orleans.

Mr. Dufour obtained leave to introduce: "An act for the relief of Jean Baptiste Dupont and Isadore Macarty Honore, veterans of 1814-15," which was read for the 1st time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its 2d reading, and was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr Sigur obtained leave to introduce without previous notice:

'An act to allow compensation to J. W. Bisley, Esq., for professional services,' which was read for the 1st time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its 2d reading, and was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the petition in relation to sunday levees, which was referred to the Committee on Levees, was withdrawn from that Committee, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Gardere introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Elections be instructed to enquire into the expediency of enacting a Register Law, to govern elections in this State, and report thereon with the least possible delay.

Mr. Richardson, of the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported:

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Town of Providence,' which was read for the 1st time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill was taken up at its 2d reading, and

Mr. Chamblin offered a substitute therefor, bearing the same title, which was read and adopted.

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"An act for the relief of Malburin Bourg, Sheriff of the parish of Lafourche Interior", which was read for the first time.

Mr. Philips obtained leave to introduce, without having given previous notice thereof:

"An act to incorporate the Shreveport and Texas Road Company, in the parish of Caddo", which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its 2nd reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ray, of the Committee on amendments to the Constitution, to whom were recommitted the resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution, reported substitutes to said resolutions which were laid over subject to call.

Agreeably to previous notice, Mr. Dufour introduced "An act further to authorize the establishment and better government of Houses of Refuge by the Municipalities of the City of New Orleans," which was read for the 1st time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its 2d reading, and was, on motion, referred to a select Committee composed of the delegation from Orleans.

Mr. Dufour obtained leave to introduce: "An act for the relief of Jean Baptiste Dupont and Isadore Macarty Honore, veterans of 1814-15," which was read for the 1st time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its 2d reading, and was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr Sigur obtained leave to introduce without previous notice:

'An act to allow compensation to J. W. Bisley, Esq., for professional services,' which was read for the 1st time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its 2d reading, and was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the petition in relation to sunday levees, which was referred to the Committee on Levees, was withdrawn from that Committee, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Gardere introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Elections be instructed to enquire into the expediency of enacting a Register Law, to govern elections in this State, and report thereon with the least possible delay.

Mr. Richardson, of the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported:

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Town of Providence,' which was read for the 1st time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill was taken up at its 2d reading, and

Mr. Chamblin offered a substitute therefor, bearing the same title, which was read and adopted.

On motion, the rules were again suspended, said substitute underwent its 2d reading and was finally passed.

Mr. Butler, of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred:

"An act granting a pension to Vincent Lonquemare, a veteran soldier of 1814-'15, reported said bill with amendments.

Mr. Clark, of the Committee on Contingent expenses, made the following report, which was read:

The Committee on Contingent expenses, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Peck, that the Committee of Contingent expenses be instructed to report a bill providing for the payment of persons who have served as messengers to this Senate, reports that they have considered the subject and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Contingent expenses be authorized to employ two messengers during the present session of the Legislature, who shall be paid the same compensation as the messengers of the House of Representatives.

Said bill was read for the second time and adopted on motion, of Mr. Peck, and was read, adopted on amendment.

On motion of Mr. Peck the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its third reading and passed as amended.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

Second Reading Constitution.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions amending the Constitution.

Mr. Peck withdrew his additional article, offered as an amendment to said resolutions and to become article 5th thereof.

On motion of Mr. Bryce, said resolutions were recommitted to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

Mr. Drew moved, "That the Committee be instructed to amend the resolutions so that each amendment shall be embraced in a separate resolution, and numbered. 1, 2, 3, and 4, &c.; so that each amendment can be voted for or against by the people."

This motion was lost.

Mr. Peck introduced the following, which was read, and referred to the committee on amendments to the Constitution.

"*Resolved, &c.* Three-fifths of the members elect to each House concurring herein, that the following be adopted and proposed to the people, as an amendment to so much of the Constitution as fixes the salaries of Judges of the Supreme and District Courts.

1. The Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and Judges of the District Courts shall each receive a salary to be fixed by law, which shall not be increased or diminished during his term of office.

Mr. Beebe offered the following proviso, as an amendment to Mr. Peck's resolution, which was read and referred to the same committee:

Provided: That the salary of the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, shall not be fixed at a less sum than five thousand dollars per annum."

Mr. Philips, of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of citizens of the parishes of De Soto and Sabine, praying to have the retailing of ardent spirits prohibited within certain limits; reported "An act to prohibit the retailing of ardent spirits within certain limits" Which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its second and third readings and passed.

Mr. Beebe introduced the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the members of the Senate deeply sympathizing with the Hon. A. S. Herron, in the sudden death of his lady, do as a mark of respect, adjourn until 10 o'clock, A.M., to-morrow.

TUESDAY, 12th February, 1850.

The Senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Present: Hon. J. B. Plauche, Lieutenant Governor, President of the Senate. Messrs. Beebe, Boudousquie, Bryce, Butler, Cade, Caulfield, Chamblin, Clark, Cole, Dunnoy, Drew, Dufour, Duncan, Gardere, Gaudet, Haralson, Moore, Peck, Philips, Ray, Richardson, Ricker, Sigur, Swayze, Taitman, Van Wickle and Waddill, not a quorum.

The Assistant Secretary informed the House of the concurrence of the Senate in the following bills and resolutions:

An act to repeal section 19 of an act entitled, "An act to organize and define the authority, duties and functions of the Police Jury of the parish of Jefferson, and for other purposes, approved January 30, 1834"

"An act to incorporate the town of Vernon, in the parish of Jackson."

"An act to pay Isaac T. Preston."

"An act to authorize the city of Lafayette to contract for and negociate a loan or loans of money for the purpose of extinguishing the present liabilities of the said city, and providing the means for redeeming such loans".

"Resolution requesting the State Engineer to make a review and survey of the shoalsin the Ouachita, and report the expense of making the improvements required".

"Resolutions authorizing the State Engineer to repair to the parish of St Bernard, to examine the Bayou Terre aux Boeuf."

"An act to change the name of Valery Rabalais to John Valery Rabalais."

"Resolution instructing the Secretary of State to deliver to the Law Department of the University of Louisiana, one set of such law books, duplicates of which may be in the State Library."

"Resolution ordering the State Engineer to make an examination of Mud Pass, in the parish of Calcasieu".

"An act to exempt the officers and members of the Lafayette Rifle-men, a volunteer company of the city of Lafayette, from jury duty."

"An act requiring the State Engineer to level Mill Bayou, in the parish of Avoyelles."

"An act to defray the expenses of the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor"; And—

"An act to authorize Constable's in the parish of Jefferson to execute warrants".

He also informed the House of the concurrence of the Senate, with amendments, in:

"An act relative to the election of an additional Justice of the Peace in Police Jury Ward No. 2, and Constable, in the parish of Caddo". And in—

"An act to incorporate the town of Trinity", And requested the concurrence of the House in said amendments.

The Assistant Secretary also requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills and resolutions:

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"An act to emancipate Jacques Aristide Cappel, of the parish of Avoyelles."

"An act for the relief of John Justin Quere, of the parish of Orleans".

"Resolution informing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to have a tri weekly mail, by stage, established from Natchitoches by the way of Mansfield, in Sabine parish, and Mansfield, in De Soto parish, to Shreveport."

"An act to authorize the appointment of an additional Notary Public for the parish of Caddo."

"An act to create an additional Notary Public in and for the parish of Avoyelles."

"Resolution in relation to deadening the timber on Red River."

"An act to emancipate Louisa Jones."

"An act to prohibit the retailing of ardent spirits within certain limits"; and in the:

"Resolution appointing a Joint Committee to examine the State Treasurer's accounts."

He also informed the House that the President of the Senate had appointed Messrs. Sigur, Moore and Phillips of said Committee on the part of the Senate.

He further requested the signature of the Speaker of the House to the enrolled bill "to create an additional Justice of the Peace for the parish of Washington."

Mr. Lazy, Clerk of the House, requested the concurrence of the Senate in:

"An act to aid in the establishment of a Mechanics' Institute in the city of New Orleans."

"An act to amend and repeal certain sections of an act relative to the building of levees in the parish of Tensas, and to create a special fund for levee purposes, and enforce the collection of the same".

"An act for the relief of Auguste Thierry and Jeanne Cier, his legitimate wife, residents of the city of New Orleans"

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