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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Official Report of Debates.

TUESDAY, 19th Feb., 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Hon. J. G. Breed, President protem, presiding.

The President submitted a memorial from the General Council of the City of New Orleans, which, on motion of Mr. Hereford, was referred to the Committee on Insurance.

He also submitted a Report from Adjutant General Kostler, which was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Mr. Philips, on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported the bill to abrogate all laws fixing the rate of conventional interest.

He also reported on behalf of the same Committee the bill authorizing the liquidation of the City Bank, with an amendment. It was taken up and passed.

Mr. Philips, on behalf of the Committee on Parishes, also reported favorably to an act for the reorganization of a fire company.

He also reported on behalf of the Committee on Internal Improvements, against the act of the National Improvement Bank of the State, which, on his motion, was made the order of the day for Thursday, next.

Mr. Philips introduced an act for the relief of W. J. A. Arnet, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Chandon introduced an act for the relief of J. E. Davenport. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hereford, on behalf of the Committee on Federal Relations, offered a substitute for the act, authorizing the Governor to procure a suitable block of marble to be placed in the Washington Monument. The substitute authorizes the Governor to procure a block of stone from the quarry forming part of the Louisiana Monument, to be placed in the Monument, if it was found to be in accordance with the Constitution of the Union.

Mr. Lock moved to strike out the words, "if it can be lawfully done," and insert, "if it be better to do so," which he thought would move a sufficient title.

Mr. Robertson opposed the motion, as he thought it would be better to have the question of the propriety of the State intended to procure a block of marble, in the picture.

Mr. Duncan thought the idea that any portion of the Union would be willing to make the offer, gave us a high position to occupy. We should not be in a position to make the offer, if we thought it would be a matter of doubtful propriety. I would then prefer that the block should be procured in the usual way.

Mr. Hereford, in reply to Mr. Lock, said that the Committee had thought it well to leave the matter to the Governor, as it was a matter of taste, and he thought it would be better to have the block procured by the Governor, than to have it procured by the Legislature.

Mr. Lock said, if the motion, as it was too long for the Union under the Constitution, which he would move as a substitute.

Mr. Robertson opposed the motion, as he thought it would be better to have the Governor intended to procure a block of marble for