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THURSDAY, MARCH 7th, 1850.

The House met at 9 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

On the roll being called, a quorum was present and answered to their names.

Mr. Larue informed the House of the illness of the Speaker, and moved that the House proceed to the election of a Speaker, *pro. tem.*; which motion was adopted.

Mr. Lewis nominated Mr Moise.

On the Roll being called, it appeared that

Messrs Abney, Arceneaux, Auch, Amacker, Anderson, Bettis, Bailey, Bailey, Boundey, Barbie, Coco, Caldwell, Camenge, Carney, Connelly, Deverges, Dreux, Elam, Foster, George, Gasquet, Gosselin, Gill, Humble, Herron, Haynes, Hunt, Hodgeth, Harper, Jackson, Jones, Lamadon, Leeds, Larue, Lewis, Le Roy, Landry, Livingston, Lanaux, Lebeau, Marcey, Monaz an Morrow, McCranie, McMichael, Moore, Marks, Ougatte, Perkins, Rivers, Ramage, Ragent, Ronquillo, Richardson, Stark, Stanton, Sargeant, Scarborough, Shannon, Watts, Walker, Wilson and Wilder—60 voted for Mr. Moise, and scattering, 11 votes.

Consequently Mr. Moise was elected Speaker pro tempore of the House.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the same.

Mr. Marks presented a petition from Rebecca Coleman, asking to be emancipate her slave;—Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Blake presented a petition from certain citizens of Plaquemine, in relation to the works of the State at the entrance of Bayou Plaquemine.

On motion, the same was referred to a special committee of three members.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Blake, Connelly and Watts

Mr. Herron introduced an act for the relief of W. Blanchard, ex-Sheriff of the parish of West-Baton Rouge.

The same was read for a first time.

Mr Elam introduced the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, the Legislature, at its sessions in the years 1847 and 1848, released Adam Adams and Henry J. Adams, and their securities, from two judgments rendered against them in favor of the State, for five hundred dollars in each case—and judgments were rendered upon two bonds executed by said parties for their appearance at the District Court in the parishes of Washington and St Tammany, upon a charge of Larceny—and, as a consequence of said release, the Sheriffs and Clerks of said parishes, and the witnesses in said prosecutions, were prevented from recovering their fees,

Therefore be it Resolved, That C. P. Bailey, who was then Sheriff of the parish of Washington; Abr-ham Pool, Sheriff of the parish of St. Tammany; Hardy Richardson, Clerk of Washington; Wesley Mallory, Clerk of St. Tammany, and all the witnesses in both of said cases whose names are to be made out by the Clerks of said Courts, and attested to by the Judge of the District Court for that District, shall be paid by the State Treasurer, upon the warrant of the Auditor of Public Accounts.

On motion, the same was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By a message from the Senate, through their Assistant Secretary, Mr. St. C. Davis, the House was informed of the concurrence of the Senate in the bill of the House entitled—

An act to provide for the making of roads and Levees on the Atakapas Canal, in the parish of Assumption.

By the same message the signature of the Speaker was requested to the following enrolled bills and resolutions of the Senate:

Resolution in relation to the Grand Levee in the parish of Point Coupee.

An act for the relief of E Lafferty, J. N. Elliott, J. L. Comstock, C. S. Leckie and W. H Drinkgrave.

An act to amend the act of March 5, 1841, to establish a workhouse in Lafayette.

An act allowing compensation to Jurors in the Fourth Judicial District.

By the same message, the House was informed of the concurrence of the Senate to the bill of the House entitled an act to confirm the proceedings of Bythel Haynes, late Liquidator of the Clinton and Port Hudson Rail Road Company, with amendments, and asked the concurrence of the House in said amendments.

By the same message, the concurrence of the House was requested to the following entitled bills of the Senate:

An act to provide for the eventual cancellment of the bonds of the State, issued for the use of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana.

An act to fix the salary of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

By the same message, the House was informed that the President of the Senate had signed the following bills of the House:

An act to change the terms of the District Court in the Fourth Judicial District.

An Act for the relief of Jurors in the parish of Catahoula.

An act relative to the Seventh and Ninth Police Jury Wards of the parish of Concordia.

An act for the relief of D. O'Bryan.

The House then took up the following entitled bills, which were, on motion, referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

An act to provide for the improvement of the Atakapas Canal, in the parish of Assumption.

An act for an appropriation for $50,000 for the Monroe and Mississippi Road.

An act for the relief of John Barker.

The House then took up the bill entitled—

An act to define the boundary line between the parishes of Rapides, St. Landry and Calcasieu.

On motion, the same was placed on the calendar, on a second reading.

The House then took up the bills entitled—

An act for the relief of Armand C. Vallett, in the parish of Lafayette.

An act for the relief of Simon Machund.

On motion, the same were referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

Mr Bouny, on behalf of the Committee of Enrollment, reported the following bills of the Senate as duly enrolled:

An act to incorporate the city of Jefferson.

An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred for the State Library.

Resolution in relation to the Grand Levee, in the parish of Pointe Coupee.

An act allowing compensation to Jurors in the Fourth Judicial District.

An act for the relief of E Lafarty, J. N. Elliot, L. C mstock, C. S. Leckie and Wm. H. Drinkgrave.

An act to amend the act of March 5th, 1841, to establish a Workhouse in Lafayette.

The Speaker having signed the same, the Clerk was directed to request the signature of the President of the Senate thereto.

E. Bouny, on behalf of the Committee of Enrollment, reports that he has submitted to the Governor, for his approval and signature, the following bills and resolutions, enrolled:

1. An act, changing the time of holding the terms of the District Court in and for the parish of Caddo.

3. Resolution granting leave of absence to Judge D. A Randall.

4. An act to allow Police Jurors in the parish of Rapides mileage.

5. An act for the relief of the heirs of the late John Nixon.

6. Resolution instructing the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress, to procure a weekly mail between Donaldsonville and New Orleans, &c.

7. An act for the relief of Samuel Anderson, late sheriff of the parish of Madison.

8. An act to provide for the appointment of an additional notary public in the parish of Calcasieu.

9. Resolution instructing the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress to procure a semi-weekly mail between Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Richmond, Louisiana.

10. An act to create a notary public for the parish of Livingston.

11. An act authorizing notaries to perform the marriage ceremony in the parish of West Feliciana.

An act to fix the return day for appeals to the Supreme Court for the Florida parishes.

By a message from the Governor, through Mr. Gutierez, the House was informed that he had this day signed and approved the following bill

An act to incorporate the town of Trinity.

An act to establish and regulate the duties of the pilots of the Atchafalaya Bay and River.

Special order of the day.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to resume the consideration of the Nashville Convention resolutions,

Mr Herron in the chair.

After some time the Committee rose and reported through their Chairman, Mr. Herron, that they had under consideration the above resolutions, and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, in preference to any other business.

On motion said report was adopted.

The House then adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On the roll being called, a quorum was present and answered to their names.

Mr. Lewsden announced the death of the Hon. F. W. Ferrar.

Mr. Larue offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved unanimously, That this House has heard with the most heartfelt sorrow the announcement of the death of the Hon. Preston W Farrar, late the Speaker ; that his death has deprived the State of the services of an able and patriotic citizen, society of a high-minded, generous and honorable gentleman, the House of a liberal, impartial and beloved presiding officer, his friends of a dear and generous friend, and his bereaved family of the blessings attending the presence of the devoted husband and the kind father.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere condolence to the family of the deceased, in this hour of their bereavement, and mingle our grief with their for the irreparable loss we think they have suffered.

Resolved, That the hall of this House shall be decked in drapery of mourning, and the members shall wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, in public token of respect and sorrow.

Resolved, That the Senate be informed of the death of the Speaker of this House, that a committee of five members on the part of the Senate be appointed, that the Clerk transmit a copy of these resolutions to his family, and that the House do now adjourn until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The President announced as said committee, Messrs Wilson, Lamsden, Scarborough, Watts and Berwens.

By a message from the Governor through Mr. Lindsay, his Private Secretary, the House was informed that he had signed and approved the following bills and resolutions:

An act to create a Notary Public for the parish of Livingston.

An act authorizing Notaries to perform the marriage ceremony in the parish of West Feliciana.

An act for the relief of Athanase Armand and Hypolite Gauthier, veterans of 1814 and '15

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