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THURSDAY, February 7th, 1850.

The Senate met agreeably to adjournment.
Present:—J. B. Plaucne, Lieutenant Governor, President of the Senate.

Messrs Adams, Bebee, Boudousquié, Bryce, Butler, Cade, Caulfield, Chamblins, Clark, Cole, Dauney, Drew, Dufour, Duncan, Gardere, Gaudet, Haralson, Moore, Peck, Phillips, Ray, Richardson, Ricker, Sigur, Swayze, Tatman, Van Wickle and Waddill, voted for its adoption.

The President submitted the following communication, which was read:

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

DEAR SIR:—Accompanying this note you will receive a copy of the report of the Commissioners appointed to consolidate and revise the Statutes and Codes of the State.

You will please lay this same before the Senate for such action as may be deemed proper.

The various works referred to in the report are deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

Respectfully yours &c.,
WM. W. KING.

On motion, the report above referred to, was ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The President also submitted a letter from Mrs Eliza Boscacciatti, returning thanks to the Senate, for the use of the Senate Chamber, granted to her some days since which letter was read.

Agreeably to notice previously given, Mr. Waddill introduced:

"An act to improve the thoroughfares across the Mississippi swamp." And

"An act for the relief of M. Doughty, of the Parish of Avoyelles," which were read for the first time.

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

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

"An act to authorize the appointment of an additional Notary Public for the Parish of Caddo," which was read for the first time.

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

Mr. Phillips also obtained leave to introduce a Resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to use their best efforts to have a tri-weekly mail by wagge, established, from Natchitoches by the way of Mansny in the Parish of Sabine and Mansfield in De Soto Parish, to Shreveport,' 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. Butler, of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred "An act for the relief of Francois Vienne," reported favorably to said Bill.

On behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of O. D. Stillman, reported,

"An act for the relief of O. D. Stillman," which was read for the first time.

On the part of said Committee on Claims, to whom were referred:

"An act for the relief of Joseph M Cucullu."

"An act for the relief of J. H. Cunningham," and

"An act for the relief of A. O. LeBeau, Assessor for the Parish of Pointe Coupee, for the years 1847 and 1848."

Mr Butler reported severely to said bills, and moved that the Committee be discharged from their further consideration.

This motion was granted.

On motion of Mr Van Wickle, the Bill for the relief of A. O. LeBeau, was laid over subject to call.

Mr. Van Wickle presented a memorial from residents of the Parish of Point Coupee, praying that an appropriation for the construction of an Embankment below Bayou Sarah for the purpose of closing Bayous Stark and Midelle, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Roads and Levees.

Agreeably to previous notice, Mr. Bryce, introduced:

"An act to create a Board of Engineers for the State of Louisiana," which was read for the first time.

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

Agreeably to notice previously given, Mr. Bryce also introduced

"An act to take the sense of the good people of this State, as to the necessity and expediency of calling a Convention to amend the Constitution of the State," which was read for the first time, and on motion ordered to be printed and laid over subject to call.

Mr. Lavet, Clerk of the House, informed the Senate of the concurrence of the House in

An act for the relief of A. J. Isaacks.

An act for the relief of Clement Eunet, a veteran of 1814 and 1815; and in the

Resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint three additional Notaries Public in and for the Parish of Natchitoches, one of whom shall hold his office in the Coushatta Ward.

The Clerk of the House also requested the signature of the President of the Senate to the enrolled bill, entitled

An act to authorize the several municipalities of the city of New Orleans to levy taxes upon capital.

He further requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following bills

An act for the relief of A. Mitaud.

An act for the relief of Eli Chance, Redmond Carter and Ambro Eance, veterans of 1814 and 1815.

An act for the relief of Joseph Laril, Francois Ducoign and Ed. Mallus, t m e.

An act for the relief of Athanase Armand and Hypolite Gauthier, veterans of 1814 and 1815.

An act for the relief of Alexander S. Blackburn for services rendered the State during the invasion by the British, in 1814-'15.

An act relative to the election of an additional Justice of the Peace, in Police Jury Ward No. 2, and a Constable in the Parish of Caddo.

An act for the relief of Talbot A. Routon.

An act for the relief of Charles G. Brown.

An act to pay Isaac T. Preston.

An act to incorporate the town of Trinity.

An act to divide the 7th and 9th Police Jury Wards in the Parish of Concordia; and in

An act to amend an act entitled An act to incorporate the Louisiana Institute for the instruction of youth, approved March 15, 1827.

Agreeably to previous notice, Mr. Gardere, introduced

An act granting a pension to Vincent Lessassier, a veteran soldier of 1814 and 1815, which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill was read for the second time, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Gardere, in accordance to previous notice, also introduced

An act to amend the act entitled An act to regulate elections in the Parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, approved January 25, 1847

Which was read for the first time.

Mr. Gardere, of the Committee on Enrollments, reported

An act for the relief of the widow of Pierre David, of Pointe Coupee.

An act in reference to the Bank of Louisiana, and

An act to change the time of holding Courts in the 13th Judicial District, as correctly enrolled, and the Assistant Secretary requested the signature of the Speaker of the House to said bill.

He further requested the concurrence of the House in the

Resolution appointing a Joint Committee to examine and report on the condition of the Insane Asylum, at Jackson, and inform the House that the President of the Senate had appointed Messrs. Phillips, Chamblins and Dufour, of said Committee, on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Dufour presented a memorial, signed by I. P. Bureau and H. Bier, Clerks in the office of the Mayor of New Orleans, praying that compensation be allowed them for extra labor performed in making duplicate copies of the assessment rolls for nine representative districts, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Agreeably to previous notice, Mr. Ray introduced

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

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

An act to authorize the Clerks of the District Courts to approve and homologate tableaux of distribution and accounts rendered by administrators, curators and syndics, which were read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bills underwent their second readings and were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, one hundred copies of the Report of the Board of Currency, and of the Report of the Secretary of State, on the State Library, were ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Cade, the Senate took up the substitute reported by the Committee on Internal Improvements to the Resolution instructing the State Engineer to make surveys on Bayou Vermillion, and to erect Locks and Dams, said Bayou, which substitute is entitled

An act to improve Bayou Vermillion.

The substitute was read, amended, and adopted as amended.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said substitute was read for the third time and passed as amended.

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

Resolved, That the Committee on Contingent Expenses be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the necessity of providing a fire-engine, hose, buckets, &c., for the use of the State House.

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

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill prescribing the term for which Notaries Public hold their office.

Mr. Gardere, of the Committee on Enrollments, reported an act to authorize the Municipalities of the city of New Orleans to levy taxes upon capital, as correctly enrolled. The President signed the same, and the Assistant Secretary informed the House thereof.

Mr. Drew obtained leave to introduce without giving previous notice thereof,

An act to appropriate money for the improvement of Pontoon's Bayou, in the parish of Bossier, 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 Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Waddill, the Senate took up, at its second reading, the bill entitled,

An act to establish a ferry across the Atchafalaya river, on the parish of Avoyelles, and for other purposes.

The following, which is the 1st section of said bill, was read:

Section 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That from and after the ninth day of March next, (the expiration of the present charter,) Joseph J. B. Firet, of the parish of Avoyelles, his heirs and assigns, shall have and enjoy the exclusive right of establishing a ferry across the Atchafalaya river, on both sides, at the mouth of the bayou Des Glaise, for the space of ten years.

Mr. Waddill moved that this 1st section be adopted, and called for the yeas and nays on said motion.

Mr. Planche in the Chair.

Messrs. Beebe, Bryce, Butler, Cade, Caulfield, Chamblins, Cole, Dauney, Drew, Dufour, Duncan, Gardere, Gaudet, Haralson, Moore, Peck, Phillips, Ray, Richardson, Ricker, Sigur, Swayze, Tatman and Waddill, voted for its adoption—20 yeas.

And Messrs. Adams, Clark, Dufour, Duncan, Haralson and Van Wickle, voted against it—6 nays.

Said 1st section was consequently adopted.

The following, the 6th article was read:

Art. 6th. An election shall be holden on the 4th Monday in April, 1850, and every eighth 4th Monday thereafter, for a Chief Justice and one Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; and an election shall be holden on the fourth Monday of April, 1858, and every eighth year thereafter, for two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

On motion, the foregoing article was amended, by striking out after the words: "*4th Monday in April*" the words "1862," and inserting in their stead the words "1858," after the words "*and every*" the word "*eighth*," and substituting the word "*fourth*," also by striking out after the words "*Monday in April*" the words "1850," and substituting "1850," and in lieu of the word "*eighth*" the word "*fourth*."

On the motion to adopt the sixth article,

Mr. Planche, in the chair.

Messrs. Beebe, Bryce, Butler, Cade, Caulfield, Chamblins, Cole, Dauney, Drew, Dufour, Duncan, Gardere, Gaudet, Haralson, Moore, Peck, Phillips, Ray, Richardson, Sigur, Swayze, Tatman, Van Wickle and Waddill, voted in favor of its adoption—23 yeas.

And Messrs. Adams, Butler and Moore, voted against it—3 nays.

Said 6th article was consequently adopted.

The following, the 6th article was read:

Art. 6th. An election shall be holden on the 4th Monday in April, 1854, and every eighth year thereafter, for a Chief Justice and one Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; and an election shall be holden on the fourth Monday of April, 1858, and every eighth year thereafter, for two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

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