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Journal of the Senate.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH, 1850.

The Senate met, agreeably to adjournment.

Members present:—Hon J. B. Plauche, Lieutenant-Governor, President of the Senate, in the Chair.

Messrs. Adams, Beebe, Bryce, Butler, Cade, Chambliss, Clark, Cole, Dannoy, Drew, Defour, Duncan, Gardere, Haralson, Hereford, Lacoste, Moore, Peck, Phillips, Richardson, Ricker, Sigur, Swayze, Tatman, and Waddill.

Mr. Ledoux, the Governor's Private Secretary, informed the Senate, that the Governor had approved and signed the following bills and resolutions of the Senate:—

An act allowing compensation to Jurors, in the 4th Judicial District.

An act to assess an act entitled an act to establish a work-house and house of refuge in the city of New Orleans.

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

And a resolution in relation to the Grand Levee in Pointe Coupee.

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

An act for the relief of R. M. Doughty, of the parish of Avoyelles.

An act in relation to the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad and Banking Company.

An act to take the sense of the people of the city of New Orleans, upon the re-union of the three Municipalities of said city, into one Corporation.

An act to postpone the election of Municipal officers of New Orleans, from the first Monday of April, of the year 1850, to the third Monday of the same month.

An act to allow compensation to J. H. Halsey, Esq., for professional services.

An act to restore to his civil rights, Charles A Cammasky, of the city of New Orleans.

And a resolution in regard to swamp roads.

And that the Senate had concurred in the amendments of the House in

An act to incorporate the town of Abbeville, in the parish of Vermilion.

The Assistant Secretary also informed the House of the concurrence of the Senate with amendments in

An act for the relief of Jean Brunet.

And that the Senate had concurred, without amendments, in

An act to fix and establish the boundaries between the parishes of Latourche Interior and Terrebonne.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the adoption of the report of the Committee of Conference, on the disagreement of the two Houses on the amendments adopted by the Senate, to the resolution fixing the salary of the Assistant State Engineer; and that the Senate recede from their amendments to said resolution.

Mr. Cade, of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled:—

An act granting powers and privileges to any number of persons, who shall form themselves into a Corporation, for the purpose of opening and constructing a turnpike plank road, from the town of Sarcey port, through Greenwood, in the parish of Caddo, to the Texas line.

And the Assistant Secretary requested the signature of the Speaker of the House to said bill.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, leave of absence for a few days, was granted to Mr. Caulfield.

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

An act making an appropriation to improve the Isle in Red River, at Alexandria, which was read for the first time. The rules were suspended, it was read a second time, and was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Moore, of the Committee on Public Education, to whom was referred the petition of John F. Taylor, praying for relief, reported adversely to the prayer of said petition.

Mr. Butler, of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of L. P. Brown, and Henry Bier, praying for compensation for extra work performed by them, made the following report:—

The Committee on Claims, to whom this memorial was referred, are unable to decide that this claim should of right be paid by the State; and unwilling to report adversely, beg leave to refer the same back to the Senate, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Layet, Clerk of the House, informed the Senate, of the death of the Hon. P. W. Farrar, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Duncan introduced the following resolutions, which were read and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved,—That the Senate entertaining a high respect for the character of the late Hon. Preston W. Farrar, late Speaker of the House of Representatives, will cordially unite with the House of Representatives, in paying all the honors due to the remains of the deceased.

Resolved,—That a Committee of three members of the Senate be appointed, to act in concert with a Committee of the House, to make the necessary arrangements to carry the foregoing resolution into effect; and that the said committee are hereby authorized to adopt such measures as they may deem suitable on the occasion.

Resolved,—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate will adjourn, without transacting any business.

Mr. Bryce offered the following additional resolutions, which are to be inserted after the second resolution offered by Mr. Duncan, which were read and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved,—That the Senate Chamber be clad in mourning, and that the members of the Senate of Louisiana wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days, in honor of the memory of the Honorable Preston W. Farrar, late Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana. And,

Resolved,—That the Senate of the State of Louisiana, tender to the widow of the late Preston W. Farrar, to whom the loss will be irreparable, the warm sympathies of each and every member of this body.

The President appointed on said Committee, Messrs Duncan, Sigur, and Dufour.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

Mr. Layet, Clerk of the House, informed the Senate, that the Speaker, *pro tem*, of the House, had appointed, on behalf of the House, the Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the funeral of the late Hon. P. W. Farrar, on behalf of the House:—

Messrs Lanse, Lumsden, Scarborough, Walker, and Benyeno.

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On motion the rules were suspended, said resolutions were taken up at their second reading, and were, on motion of Mr. Bryce, offered to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, with instructions to report on or before Wednesday next, 13th inst.

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Signed, J. W. BUTLER, Chairman.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened: That the sum of five hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated to Patrick Ward the same to be drawn by the warrant of the Auditor of Public accounts out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as a full compensation to the said Patrick Ward for burying the dead in the City of New Orleans, in the years 1847 and 1849.

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An act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend the charter of the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad Company, approved April 6th, 1843, was taken up at its second reading and was referred to the delegations from Orleans and Jeff-rson.

On motion of Mr. Gardere, the Senate took up the bill from the House entitled,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish Free Public Schools in the State of Louisiana.

Said bill underwent its first reading, and was, on motion of Mr. Gardere, made the special order of the day for to-morrow, immediately after reading the journal.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

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The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill of the Senate, entitled:

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On motion of Mr. Cade, the consideration of the bill was postponed till to-morrow, for which time it was made the special order of the day.

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Messrs: Adams, Bryce, Butler, Cade, Drew, Haralson, Hereford, Moore, Swayze, Tatman, Van Wickle and Waddill, voted against its adoption—13 nays.

Mr. Beebe's motion was consequently lost, and the bill not adopted.

Mr. Hereford, obtained leave to introduce, without previous notice, an Act relative to the establishment of a Branch of the Louisiana State Bank, at Baton Rouge, which was read for the first time.

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

Mr. Bryce obtained leave to introduce, without notice a

Resolution directing the State Engineer to make certain improvements on Bayou Boeuf, 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 Van Winkle obtained leave to introduce without previous notice, a

Resolution instructing the State Engineer to remove obstructions to the navigation of the Tower channel of False River, which was read for the first time.

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

Mr. Sigur obtained leave to introduce without notice

An Act to provide for the Government and Administration of the affairs of the City of New Orleans, in case the three Municipalities thereof, should be re-united into one corporation, which was read for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Dufour, the Senate took up An Act authorizing Samuel Collier to adopt David Donnelly.

Said 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. Drew obtained leave to introduce without notice a

Resolution directing the State Librarian to furnish certain books, upon the order of the District Court of the parish of Claiborne, which was read for the first time.

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

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

An act to provide for the arrest of offenders from other States or Territories, and

An act relating to the importation of passengers, and providing a fund for the relief of the pauper emigration into this State.

Reported said bills with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Dufour, said bills were taken up, they underwent their second reading, and were adopted as amended by the committee.

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

On motion of Mr. Van Wickle,

An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the State of Louisiana subject to overflows by the Mississippi river and to create a General Levee Fund, was made the special order of the day for Wednesday next, 13th March inst.

Mr. Cole obtained leave to introduce, without notice,

An act relative to securities in civil proceedings, 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 Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Gardere,

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend the charter of the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad Company, approved April 6th, 1843, was taken up at its second reading and was referred to the delegations from Orleans and Jeff-rson.

On motion of Mr. Gardere, the Senate took up the bill from the House entitled,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish Free Public Schools in the State of Louisiana.

Said bill underwent its first reading, and was, on motion of Mr. Gardere, made the special order of the day for to-morrow, immediately after reading the journal.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

Second Reading Continued.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill of the Senate, entitled:

An act to revise and amend the act entitled An act to establish free public schools in the State of Louisiana, approved 3d May, 1847, and supplying the same, approved 20th December, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Cade, the consideration of the bill was postponed till to-morrow, for which time it was made the special order of the day.

On motion of Mr. Gardere, An act making an appropriation for the support of the Internal Improvement service of the State of Louisiana, for the years 1850 and 1851, which was the special order of the day for this day, was laid over subject to call.

Mr Beebe obtained leave to introduce, without notice

An act to repeal an act entitled An act relative to public accounts in the Parish of Orleans, approved the 16th of March, 1843, 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 Judiciary.

On motion of Mr Sigur, the Senate took up at its second reading:

An act concerning the Penitentiary, pending the general revision of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Adams, it was laid over, subject to call.

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

An act to provide for the construction of a railroad from the Mississippi river to the Grand river.

Said bill was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, it underwent its 2d and 3d readings and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dufour, the Senate took up

An act to erect school houses in Municipality No 2, of the city of New Orleans.

Said bill was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill was taken up at its 2d reading, and was referred to the Committee on Public Education.

On motion of Mr. Sigur, the Senate took up at its second reading,

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

Pending the consideration of said bill, on motion of Mr. Duncan, it was laid over, subject to call.

On motion of Mr. Cade, Mr. Hereford was appointed on the Committee to audit and supervise the expenses of the Senate.

Mr. Moore, of the Committee on Public Education, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry free people of color, residing in the parish of St. Landry, praying that they be relieved from the payment of the Free School tax, reported adversely to the passage of said memorial.

On motion, the Senate sat with closed doors on executive business.

The doors being opened, on motion, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

OFFICIAL.

MONDAY, March 11, 1850.

The Senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Present: Hon. J. B. Plauche, Lieutenant Governor, President of the Senate, in the chair.

Messrs. Adams, Beebe, Bryce, Butler, Cade, Chambliss, Clark, Cole, Dannoy, Drew, Dufour, Duncan, Gardere, Gaudet, Haralson, Hereford, Moore, Richardson, Ricker, Sigur, Swayze, Tatman, Van Wickle and Waddill.

On motion of Mr. Dufour, the leave of absence was granted for a few days to Mr. Phillips, on account of illness.

Mr. Bryce obtained leave to introduce, without having given previous notice thereof, resolutions requesting amendments to the Constitution, which were read for the first time.

On motion the rules were suspended, said resolutions were taken up at their second reading, and were, on motion of Mr. Bryce, offered to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, with instructions to report on or before Wednesday next, 13th inst.

Mr. Beebe obtained leave to introduce, without previous notice.

An act supplementary to an act to establish a Board of Health in and for the parish of New Orleans, passed 16th March, 1848, which was read for the first time.

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

Mr. Clark presented a memorial from the Directors of the Louisiana Institute, residing in the parish of East Baton Rouge, praying that the bill now before the Legislature, amending the charter of said Institute, be not passed—which memorial, was, on motion, laid over subject to call.

Mr Butler obtained leave to introduce, without notice, Resolutions directing the State Engineer to report, upon propositions to the navigation of the Coushatta Chute, which were read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said resolutions were read for the second and third times, and were adopted.

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

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition and memorial of H. Paul Carriere, former State Librarian, asking from the Treasury the sum of seventeen hundred dollars, as compensation for his personal trouble in removing the State Library from New Orleans and fitting it up in Baton Rouge, after mature deliberation, beg leave to report adversely to the same, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

On behalf of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of P. J. A. Mercier, Physician to the Parish Prison of New Orleans, praying that certain compensation be allowed him for professional services.

Mr. Butler moved that the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of said memorial, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Salaries. This motion was adopted.

On the part of the said Committee on Claims, Mr. Butler reported favorably to An act for the relief of Jean Baptiste Maillet, of the parish of Avoyelles.

Said 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. Gutierez, the Governor's messenger, delivered several messages in writing from the Governor.

Mr. Soleman, Assistant Clerk of the House informed the Senate that the Speaker, *pro tem*, of the House had signed the following enrolled Bill and resolution of the House, and requested the signature of the President of the Senate, thereto, viz:

An act to attach Maurepas Island, a portion of Ascension Parish, to the Parish of Livingston. And, resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to procure the passage of a suitable law to secure the clearing out of the Raft of Red River.

Mr Butler, of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred An act for the relief of Patrick Ward, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims to whom this bill was referred, after mature deliberation, beg leave to report back to the Senate the same, with an expression of our conviction that relief should be granted to the petitioner, but are not prepared to recommend that it should be offered by the State: We therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Signed, J. W. BUTLER, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Beebe, said Bill, which is as follows, was taken up and read for the second time:

An act for the relief of Patrick Ward.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly, convened: That the sum of five hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated to Patrick Ward the same to be drawn by the warrant of the Auditor of Public accounts out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as a full compensation to the said Patrick Ward for burying the dead in the City of New Orleans, in the years 1847 and 1849.

Mr. Beebe moved that the foregoing Bill be adopted:

Mr. Swayze, called for the yeas and nays, on this motion:

Mr. Plauche, in the chair.

Messrs: Beebe, Clark, Dannoy, Defour, Gardere, Gaudet and Ricker, voted in favor of its adoption—7 yeas.

Messrs: Adams, Bryce, Butler, Cade, Drew, Haralson, Hereford, Moore, Swayze, Tatman, Van Wickle and