

SENATE—April 16.—The whole day was occupied in the discussion of the School bill, many Senators taking part in the debate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Fifty-three members answered to their names at the call of the roll.

The first business taken up was the Revenue bill, and after a short discussion it was adopted with the amendments recommended by the Finance Committee.

A very interesting report was submitted by Mr. Shields, on behalf of the Internal Improvement Committee, recommending the prosecution of public works in various parts of the State, for which the sum of \$95,000 and an additional sum of \$25,000 are proposed to be appropriated, for the purchase of slaves, boats and machinery, for the internal improvement service, towards defraying the expenses of that department for the current year. The report was accompanied by a bill which was made the order of the day for Tuesday.

Mr. Benit, from the special committee to whom it was referred, reported without amendment, a bill requiring the election of municipal officers by the councils of each municipality *viva voce*. Report adopted.

Mr. Porter, from the Committee on Claims, reported a bill for the relief of W. R. Lee, late sheriff of the parish of Rapides. Read once.

Mr. Jones, from a special committee, reported without amendment the bill supplementary to an act reincorporating the city of Lafayette; also the same member from the same committee reported without amendment the bill to incorporate the town of Freeport, in the parish of Jefferson.

Mr. Smith introduced a bill relative to the opening of streets in the city of New Orleans. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Ogden, of Orleans, introduced a bill relative to the New Orleans Navigation Company. Referred to a special committee.

Mr. Ogden, of Rapides, introduced a bill to establish a State seminary of learning. Referred to a special committee composed of seven members.

Mr. Fisher introduced a bill amending the act regulating elections throughout the State except New Orleans and Jefferson.

The Senate's bill relative to the liquidation of certain banks was read twice and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Senate's bill to authorize a special term of court in the parish of Madison, in the 10th Judicial District, was read three times and passed.

The Senate's substitute for the bill fixing the compensation and payment of all public officers of the State, was read once.

Several other bills from the Senate underwent their first reading.

The bill fixing the time of holding the term of court in the parish of Concordia, was called up by Mr. Bryan, who offered a substitute, which was read three times and passed.

Mr. Cassard called up the bill supplementary to an act relative to the appointment of gaugers for the city of New Orleans. After a short discussion, the bill was postponed until Wednesday next.

Mr. Relf called up the bill to repeal a certain act relative to the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad Company. It gave rise to a long discussion.