

JOURNAL

Of the Proceedings of the Senate of the General Assembly of Florida at the Eighth Session thereof, begun and held at the Capitol in the City of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

MONDAY, November 24th, 1856.

This being the day fixed by the Constitution for the convening of the General Assembly of this State, at 12 o'clock, M., the Senate was called to order by F. L. Villepigue, Secretary of State.

The roll was called by Districts, when the following members answered, presented their credentials and took their seats:

From the 5th District,	T. J. Eppes,
" " 7th "	Lossen G. McElvy,
" " 11th "	Wm. A. Brinson,
" " 14th "	Philip Dell,
" " 18th "	Wm. J. Keitt,
" " 21st "	James Filor.

The oath of office was administered by C. H. Austin, Justice of the Peace, to Messrs. McElvy, Dell and Keitt.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Mr. Dell, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock, M.

TUESDAY, November 25, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and confirmed.

The roll was called by Districts, when the following Senators appeared and took their seats:

From the 1st District,	John R. Brooks,
" " 2nd "	George D. Fisher,
" " 3rd "	Isaac Welch,
" " 5th "	T. J. Eppes,
" " 7th "	Lossen G. McElvy,
" " 8th "	Thompson B. Lamar,
" " 9th "	J. M. McBride,
" " 10th "	Daniel Bird,
" " 11th "	Wm. A. Brinson,
" " 13th "	Wm. Cone,
" " 14th "	Philip Dell,
" " 18th "	Wm. J. Keitt,
" " 20th "	John Eubanks,
" " 21st "	James Filor.

The oath of office was administered by T. J. Eppes, to Messrs. Brooks, Fisher, Welch, Lamar, McBride, and Eubanks.

There being a quorum present, on motion, Hon. Daniel Bird took the chair.

Nominations for President being in order, Mr. Eppes nominated Philip Dell, of Alachua.

The vote was :

For Dell—Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Welch—11.

For Blank—Messrs. Dell, Fisher, McBride—3.

Mr. Dell was conducted to the chair, and in an appropriate address returned his thanks for the honor conferred.

The Senate then proceeded to an election for Secretary.

Mr. Eppes nominated Samuel J. Perry of Madison.

The vote was as follows :

For PERRY—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Welch—12.

Blank—Messrs. Fisher, McBride—2.

For assistant Secretary.

Mr. Eppes nominated P. Henry Young.

The vote was as follows :

For Young—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brooks, Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Welch—12.

Blank—Messrs. Fisher, McBride—2.

For Engrossing Clerk, Mr. Eppes nominated N. M. Havens.

The vote was :

For Havens—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Welch—12.

Blank—Messrs. Fisher, McBride—2.

For Enrolling Clerk, Mr. Eppes nominated G. F. Hathaway.

The vote was :

For Hathaway—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Welch—12.

Blank—Messrs. Fisher, McBride—2.

For Serjeant at Arms, Mr. Eppes nominated Jesse Robertson.

The vote was :

For Robertson—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Welch—12.

Blank—Messrs. Fisher, McBride—2.

For Door Keeper and Messenger, Mr. Eppes nominated John B. Cason.

The vote was :

For Cason—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Welch—12.

Blank—Messrs. Fisher, McBride—2.

The Rev. J. McNeil Turner was unanimously selected Chaplain of the Senate, and Messrs. Filor, Keitt and Bird were appointed a Committee to inform him of his election.

Mr. Brinson nominated B. F. Allen for Printer. The vote was as follows :

For Allen—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Brooks, Bird, Cone, Eppes, Filor, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Welch, Fisher—12.

For Jones—Mr. Eubanks—1.

On motion of Mr. McElvy a Committee of three was appointed to inform the House that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

Said Committee was composed of Messrs. McElvy, Brinson and Filor, who returned and reported that the House was not organized, and asked leave to be discharged.

On motion a Committee consisting of Messrs. Lamar, Keitt and Eppes was appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him of the organization of the Senate.

Said Committee returned and reported that they had discharged their duty and that the Governor would, as soon as he received a message from the House of its organization, communicate with them in writing.

On motion the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 11 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, November 26th, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Mr. Eppes moved that the rules of last Session be adopted for the government of the Senate until otherwise ordered ;

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Hawes, the member elect from the seventeenth Senatorial District, appeared, and on motion was sworn in and took his seat.

Mr. Hawes gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act for the appointment of prosecuting attorneys in certain cases and for other purposes.

The following Message was received from the Governor and read :