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MONDAY, November 22nd, 1858.

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

The roll being called, the following Senators appeared and took their seats.

<i>3rd District</i> —Isaac Welch ;	<i>11th District</i> —J. W. McQueen ;
<i>5th</i> “ T. J. Eppes ;	<i>12th</i> “ W. J. J. Duncan ;
<i>6th</i> “ D. C. Dawkins ;	<i>13th</i> “ W. W. McCall ;
<i>7th</i> “ L. G. McElvy ;	<i>14th</i> “ Philip Dell ;
<i>8th</i> “ T. B. Lamar ;	<i>15th</i> “ Geo. W. Call ;
<i>9th</i> “ H. H. Walker ;	<i>17th</i> “ Geo. E. Hawes ;
<i>10th</i> “ John Finlayson ;	<i>19th</i> “ J. McR. Baker.

The Senators from 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 15th Districts, presented their credentials and were duly sworn in by E. M. West, Justice of the Peace.

There being a quorum present, Hon. Geo. E. Hawes was called to the Chair.

On motion of T. B. Lamar, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, November 23rd, 1858.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

There being a quorum present, on motion, Hon. George E. Hawes took the chair.

Senators from the 1st and 4th Senatorial Districts presented their credentials, and the oath of office was administered by E. M. West, J. P.

Nominations for President being in order, Mr. Eppes nominated Hon. John Finlayson of Jefferson.

The vote was:

For Finlayson—Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Dell,

Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—14.

Mr. Finlayson having received a constitutional majority, was declared duly elected.

Mr. Finlayson was conducted to the chair by Messrs. Eppes and Lamar, and in the following appropriate address returned his thanks for the honor conferred :

FELLOW-SENATORS :

I would be doing my feelings great injustice were I not on this occasion to tender you my sincere thanks for the honor thus conferred on me. An honor of no ordinary grade, I esteem it to be selected as the Chief Officer of such a body as this. It is with a great deal of diffidence too, that I enter upon the duties of the same, particularly fellow-Senators when I cast my eyes around and see so many Senators who are so much more competent to discharge those duties than myself. I shall however, hope, Senators, to be by you kindly indulged and assisted instead of embarrassed. And again, fellow-Senators, allow me to indulge the hope that a most kind and conciliatory spirit may pervade all our councils and deliberations.

Senators, I might say more, but with these few crude remarks, I will inform the Senate that the Chair is now prepared to entertain motions.

The Senate then proceeded to an election for Secretary.

Mr. Eppes nominated James E. Bowden of Hillsborough.

The vote was as follows :

For Bowden—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Jones, Hawes, Lamar, McElvy, Walker and Welch—13.

Mr. Bowden was declared duly elected Secretary.

For Assistant Secretary—Mr. Eppes nominated J. D. Westcott, jr.

The vote was as follows :

For Westcott—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, Walker and Welch—13.

Mr. Westcott was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary.

For Enrolling Clerk—Mr. Eppes nominated E. M. West of Leon.

The vote was :

For West—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, Walker and Welch—12.

For Blank—Mr. Duncan—1.

Mr. West was declared duly elected Enrolling Clerk.

For Engrossing Clerk—Mr. Eppes nominated Hugh Black, of Gadsden.

The vote was :

For Black—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, Walker and Welch—11.

Blank—Messrs. Duncan, McCall and Nicholson—3.

Mr. Black was declared duly elected Engrossing Clerk.

For Door Keeper—Mr. Eppes nominated John White of Jefferson.

The vote was :

For White—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, Walker and Welch—14.

Mr. White was declared duly elected Door-keeper.

For Messenger—Mr. Eppes nominated E. H. Brownell.

The vote was :

For Brownell—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Dawkins, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, Walker and Welch—13.

Blank—Messrs. Nicholson and Duncan—2.

Mr. Brownell was declared duly elected Messenger.

For Sergeant-at-Arms Mr. Eppes nominated Philip Pitman of Liberty.

The vote was :

For Pitman—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, Walker and Welch—13.

Blank—Messrs. Dawkins, Duncan, McCall and Nicholson—4.

Mr. Pitman was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

Messrs. Bowden, Westcott, West, Black, White, Brownell and Pitman were duly sworn by T. J. Eppes, Notary Public.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, a Committee of three was appointed consisting of Messrs. Eppes, Hawes and Dell, to draft Rules for the Government of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Lamar a Committee of three was appointed to select a Chaplain for the Senate consisting of Messrs. Lamar, Dell and Call.

On motion of Mr. Dell, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Dell, Call and Dawkins, was appointed to inform the House of Representatives of the organization of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the Door keeper was instructed to obtain stationery for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Lamar, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Lamar, Dell and Eppes, was appointed to act with a similar Committee of the House, to wait upon his Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two Houses are now organized and ready to receive any Communication that he may have to submit.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the Senate took a recess for twenty minutes.

At the expiration of twenty minutes the Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the roll was called and the names of the absent Senators recorded.

Mr. Dell gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Alachua and Columbia Railroad Company.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the Senator from Leon was granted leave of absence for one week.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the Sergeant-at-Arms and Door-keeper were instructed to take their seats opposite the Secretary.

Mr. Hawes gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce

A bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Abraham Dupont Zylstra.

Mr. Baker gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce the following bills :

A bill to be entitled An Act amendatory of the existing acts as to Dowers in this State;

A bill to be entitled An Act amendatory of the existing acts as to Garnishment in this State;

A bill to be entitled An Act explanatory and declaratory of the lien of Executions in this State;

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Solicitors of the different Circuits in this State to change the venue in criminal cases, under certain circumstances;

A bill to be entitled An Act to define and fix the duties of Sheriffs in this State in the sale of lands for taxes, and establish more certainly the validity of tax deeds;

A bill to be entitled An Act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts for Orange County;

A bill to be entitled An Act to fix and locate the time and place of holding the Circuit Courts in Sumter County;

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of the Volunteer Company of Capt. Hansford D. Dyches, and other Companies of of Volunteers therein named.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

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WEDNESDAY, November 24th, 1858.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The journal of the last two days was read and approved.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House was organized and ready to proceed to business.

The committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him of the organization of the Senate, reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

Mr. Dell gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to authorize actions at law, to be instituted upon all notes and contracts executed by married women.

Mr. McElvy gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce the following bills :

A bill to amend An Act to organize the County of Liberty, (which was passed at the last session.)

A bill defining the liability of endorsers of promissory notes;

A bill for the relief of John H. Keadle, of Gadsen county; and

A bill for the relief of Larkin Bell.

Mr. Eppes gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce the following bills :

An Act to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3, Sections 14 and 23, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, and Article 5th, Sec. 16, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, so as to give the election of Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Comptroller of Public Accounts and Attorney General of the State, to the people; also

An Act to be entitled an Act to amend Section 1, Clause 2, of the "Attachment Laws of this State, approved February 15th, 1834."

Mr. Eppes moved that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the committees of the Senate, the Journals and Acts of the two last sessions of the General Assembly, the Constitution of the State, and Thompson's Digest; and, that the Door-keeper be instructed to obtain the same.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Hawes introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Abraham Dupont Zylstra;

Was read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday.

Mr. Duncan gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of the Volunteer Company of Capt. Alexander Bell.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor, and read :