

## SENATE JOURNAL.

MONDAY, November 26th, 1860.

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 :

1st District	—James Abercrombie;
2nd	" John Chain;
4th	" William B. Jones;
5th	" T. J. Eppes;
6th	" D. C. Dawkins;
7th	" R. H. M. Davidson;
8th	" P. B. Brokaw;
10th	" Jno. Finlayson;
11th	" J. W. McQueen;
13th	" W. W. McCall;
14th	" Tillman Ingram;
15th	" Geo. W. Call;
16th	" A. S. Baldwin;
17th	" E. C. Simkins;
19th	" J. D. Starke;
20th	" James T. Magbee.

The Senators from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 14th, 17th, 19th and 20th Districts were sworn in, in due form of law, by Hon. T. J. Eppes.

A quorum present.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 1 o'clock, P. M.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

On motion, Hon. J. T. Magbee took the chair.

On motion, the Senate went into nomination of President of the Senate.

Mr. McQueen nominated T. J. Eppes.

Mr. McCall nominated J. T. Magbee.

Mr. Magbee withdrew his name.

The vote was:

For EPPES—Messrs. Abercrombie, Jones, Dawkins, Davidson, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Baldwin, Simkins, Starke and Magbee—13.

For MAGBEE—Mr. McCall—1.

BLANK—Mr. Eppes—1.

The President elect was conducted to the Chair by Messrs. Abercrombie and Finlayson.

On taking the Chair the President addressed the Senate as follows:

#### A D D R E S S :

*Senators*—I thank you for the honor of selecting me your presiding officer. I am not unconscious of its duties and great responsibilities; but I trust the kind partiality which has induced my election will not be withdrawn, and by your assistance every Rule will be observed, order maintained, and the interests of our people guarded and advanced.

We are in the midst of exciting times; times which make patriots tremble, lest their own zeal in view of our national wrongs, may either overpicture the gloom, or fail to act and depict aright its colors and its horrors. We should assemble as Brothers, and legislate as members of one great family. Events have, and are transpiring which admonish that we have met, not simply for the ordinary subjects of legislation, but the very destiny of our people, for weal or for woe, seems poised in the balance of our action. Let harmony therefore prevail; let us have no party contests here, no bickerings, no criminations or re-criminations. We are here as Senators, Floridians, Democrats, Whigs, in a word as Southerners. Let us show the world we are not divided! The sentiment of our people is united.

In our conduct here let us ever bear in mind we represent a people inferior to none upon earth. Remember that people! They are gallant, law-abiding, and invincible. They have rights! Defend them. They have honor! Guard it. They have dignity! Preserve it. They are free! Let them not by our conduct be made subservient.

Thus our State will be truthfully represented, her interests local and general guarded, and her independence maintained. The eye of your State is upon you! You have accepted the trust. Be true to its fulfillment.

With the earnest hope we may have a short and harmonious session, and that our labors will result in the permanent good of our beloved State, I again, Senators, return you my thanks for your distinguished consideration.

Mr. Call moved that the Senate go into election of officers of the Senate;

Which motion was agreed to.

Nominations being in order, Mr. McQueen nominated B. F. Parker, of Jackson county, for Secretary.

Mr. McCall nominated F. C. Barrett.

The vote was:

For PARKER—Messrs. Jones, Eppes, Dawkins, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Simpkins, Starke and Magbee—11.

For BARRETT—Messrs. Abercrombie, Davidson and McCall—3.

BLANK—Mr. Baldwin—1.

Mr. Call moved that the remaining officers to be elected shall be an Enrolling Clerk, Engrossing Clerk, Door-keeper, Sergeant-at-Arms and Messenger.

Mr. Davidson moved as an amendment to said motion, that they also elect an Assistant Secretary;

Which amendment was lost.

The motion being put to vote, was adopted.

On motion, the Senate went into the election of an Enrolling Clerk.

Mr. McQueen nominated Edward M. West.

Mr. McCall nominated F. C. Barrett.

The vote was:

For WEST—Messrs. Abercrombie, Jones, Eppes, Dawkins, Davidson, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Baldwin, Simkins, Starke and Magbee—14.

For BARRETT—W. W. McCall—1.

For Engrossing Clerk, Mr. McQueen nominated Luke Lott.

Mr. Davidson nominated Mr. H. M. Hosford.

The vote was:

For LOTT—Messrs. Jones, Eppes, Dawkins, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Baldwin, Simkins, Starke and Magbee—12.

For HOSFORD—Messrs. Abercrombie, Davidson and McCall—3.

For Door-keeper and Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. McQueen nominated John White.

The vote was:

For WHITE—Messrs. Abercrombie, Jones, Eppes, Dawkins, Davidson, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Baldwin, Simkins, Starke and Magbee—14.

BLANK—Mr. McCall—1.

For Messenger, Mr. McQueen nominated W. R. Coulter.

Mr. Davidson, nominated Edward Brown.

The vote was:

For COULTER—Messrs. Eppes, Dawkins, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Simkins, Starke and Magbee—10.

For Brown—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Jones, Davidson, McCall and Baldwin—6.

Messrs. Parker, White, West and Lott were then sworn into office.

Mr. Call moved that a committee of three be appointed to select a printer and agree upon terms, and in the meantime to have the printing of the Senate done, which motion was agreed to and Messrs. G. W. Call, W. W. McCall and James Abercrombie were appointed on said Committee.

Mr. Call gave notice that on to-morrow morning he would introduce

A bill to be entitled an act to call a Constitutional Convention for the State of Florida; also

Joint resolution in relation to the Convention; and  
Joint resolution in relation to adjournment.

Mr. Dawkins moved that a Committee be appointed to inform the Governor and the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized and is ready for business.

Which motion was agreed to, and Messrs. Dawkins, Starke and Magbee appointed said Committee.

Mr. Call moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to procure the necessary Stationery for the use of the Senate;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chain moved that the rules of the last Senate be adopted to govern the present Senate until rules be reported by a Committee appointed for that purpose;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Senate adjourned untill to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, November 27, 1860.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Senators from the 3d, 7th and 19th Districts, presented their credentials and were sworn in, by Hon. John Chain, Notary Public.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

## STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

### *On Judiciary:*

Messrs. CALL,  
DAVIDSON,  
MAGBEE,  
ROGERS,  
CHAIN.

### *On State of Commonwealth:*

Messrs. BROKAW,  
INGRAM,  
WATLINGTON,  
JONES,  
ABERCROMBIE.

### *On Federal Relations:*

Messrs. CALL,  
DAWKINS,  
McQUEEN,  
STARKE,  
BOWERS.

### *On Militia:*

Messrs. McQUEEN,  
SIMKINS,  
FINLAYSON,  
WALKER,  
DUNCAN.

### *On Elections:*

Messrs. JONES,  
BALDWIN,  
DAVIDSON,  
CHAIN,  
MAGBEE.

### *On Corporations:*

Messrs. MAGBEE,  
ROGERS,  
CHAIN,  
FINLAYSON,  
McCALL.

### *On Propositions and Grievances:*

Messrs. WATLINGTON,  
McCALL,  
WALKER,  
DAWKINS,  
DAVIDSON.

### *On Engrossed Bills:*

Messrs. INGRAM,  
MAGBEE,  
McQUEEN,  
CHAIN,  
ABERCROMBIE.

### *On Executive Department:*

Messrs. CHAIN,  
WATLINGTON,  
DUNCAN,  
BOWERS,  
ABERCROMBIE.

### *On Agriculture:*

Messrs. WALKER,  
FINLAYSON,  
INGRAM,  
SIMKINS,  
DUNCAN.

### *On Claims and Accounts:*

Messrs. BALDWIN,  
McCALL,  
ABERCROMBIE,  
STARKE,  
BROKAW.

### *On Taxation and Revenue:*

Messrs. FINLAYSON,  
INGRAM,  
JONES,  
WATLINGTON,  
BROKAW.