

clared by the President *pro tem.* duly elected United States Senator from Florida, for the term ending March 3d, 1873.

Mr. Purman offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, That the Legislature, sitting in Joint Session, now proceed under and by virtue of the provisions of the Act of Congress of July 12th, 1866, to the election of a United States Senator for the long term, beginning March 4th, 1869.

Mr. Goss moved to lay the resolution on the table.

While this was pending, on motion of Mr. Alden, the Joint Session adjourned.

The Senate proceeded to its own Chamber, and on motion of Mr. Knight, adjourned to 4 P. M., to-day.

#### 4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President *pro tem.*, at 4 P. M.

Mr. Knight, Chairman of the Joint Committee on State Seal, offered a report, with a design for the Seal.

Mr. Purman moved to recommit the report to the Committee;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Knight asked to be relieved from further service upon the Committee;

Which was granted without objection, and the President appointed Mr. Purman in his stead.

Mr. Purman moved that the Senate meet with the Assembly in joint session at 12 M. to-morrow, for the election of a United States Senator for the long term, beginning March 4th, 1869.

A division was called for, and the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Purman, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow, at 10 A. M.

#### FRIDAY, June 19th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President *pro tem.*, at 10 A. M.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll being called, a quorum was present.

The journal was read.

Mr. Goss moved that Mr. Purman's motion of yesterday, that the Senate and Assembly meet to-day, in joint session, for the election of a United States Senator for the term beginning March 4th, 1869, with the action of the Senate upon it, be entered in the Journal;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham moved that the officers and attaches of the Senate be sworn in and required to keep the secrets of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Postmaster, Messenger, and Pages, being present, came forward and took the following oath:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, and that I will keep inviolate the secrets of the Senate. So help me God."

A message was received from the Assembly announcing the passage of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Assembly convene in joint session with the Senate, to-morrow, Friday, at 12 M., to elect a United States Senator for the long term beginning March 4th, 1869.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Senate concurred in the resolution, and a messenger was sent to inform the Assembly of the concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Purman, leave of absence was granted the Senator from the Seventeenth District, until after the next adjournment of the Senate.

A message was received from the Assembly announcing the passage of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Assembly adjourn from day to day until Florida is legally admitted into the Union.

The Senate, by a vote, refused to concur in the resolution, and a message was sent to inform the Assembly of the refusal.

Mr. Alden offered a resolution for the appointment of a Committee to investigate the facts concerning an alleged outrage upon a member of this body, referred to in the *Sentinel* of the 18th inst.

On motion of Mr. Purman, the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Purman, the Senate took a recess till five minutes to 12 M.

The Senate resumed its sitting at the specified time, and a message was sent to inform the Assembly that the Senate was ready to meet in joint session for the election of a United States Senator.

A message was received from the Assembly announcing that that body was ready to meet the Senate in joint session for choice of United States Senator.

The Senate proceeded in a body to the hall of the Assembly.

The Joint Session was called to order by the President *pro tem.* of the Senate, who stated that the object of the joint session

was the election of a Senator in Congress for the six years' term, beginning March 4th, 1869.

The rolls were called, and 20 Senators and 49 Assemblymen answered to their names.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Joint Assembly proceeded to a *viva voce* vote for United States Senator for the term beginning March 4th, 1869, and ending March 3d, 1875, with the following result :

## SENATE.

For Abijah Gilbert—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Goss, Hunt, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman and Underwood—15.

For B. D. Wright—Messrs. Atkins, Ginn, McCaskill, Weeks and Wood—5.

## ASSEMBLY.

For A. Gilbert, 33; D. B. Wright, 13; A. S. Welch, 3.

Totals—Gilbert, 48; Wright, 18; Welch, 3.

Whole number of votes—69.

Necessary to a choice—35.

Abijah Gilbert having received a majority of the votes cast, these being a majority of the whole Legislature, the President *pro tem.* declared him duly elected United States Senator from Florida, for the term beginning March 4th, 1869, and ending March 3d, 1875.

On motion of Mr. Alden, the joint session adjourned.

The Senate proceeded to its own Chamber.

Mr. Alden moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inquire whether he desired to send any communication to the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Alden, Mobley, and Pearce.

While the committee were out, the following resolution was received from the Assembly :

*Resolved*, The Senate concurring, that the Legislature adjourn from day to day, until Florida is legally admitted into the Union.

The Senate concurred in the resolution and informed the Assembly of their concurrence.

The committee sent to wait upon the Governor returned and reported that his Excellency had no formal communication to make, but would advise an adjournment to the 23d inst.

A message was received from the Assembly announcing that the Speaker had appointed a committee of conference upon adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Purman, a committee was appointed to meet

the Assembly Committee, consisting of Messrs. Purman, Goss, and Ginn.

After a brief absence, the committee reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

A message was received from the Assembly announcing that that body had adopted the following resolution :

*Resolved*, By the Assembly, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature of the State of Florida do not adjourn, but that members desiring leave of absence be granted the same, for a time not extending beyond the 7th of July, 1868.

On the question of concurrence on this resolution, a division was called for, and the Senate did concur therein.

On motion of Mr. Goss, the Senate adjourned to 4 P. M. to-day.

## FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Knight, leave of absence was granted the Sergeant-at-Arms till July 7th.

On motion of Mr. Knight, it was

*Resolved*, That the President be empowered to grant leave of absence to Senators and attaches upon their application, subject to the restrictions set forth in joint resolution.

The President *pro tem.* granted leave of absence, till July 7th, to the following gentlemen :

Messrs. Crawford, Davidson, Goss, Ginn, Hunt, Katzenberg, Knight, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood.

On motion of Mr. Knight, leave of absence till July 7th was granted the President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Senate adjourned to 12 M Tuesday, the 23d inst.

## TUESDAY, June 23d, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 12 M.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and no quorum being present,

On motion of Mr. Alden, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow, at 12 M.