

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
TALLAHASSEE, July 17, 1868. }

TO THE SENATE:

I hereby withdraw the nomination of Thomas N. Bell, to be Assessor of Taxes for Hamilton county, and nominate Moses L. Duncan for the same office.

Very respectfully, &c.,  
HARRISON REED, Governor.

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TO THE SENATE:

I hereby nominate the following named persons for the offices severally designated, viz.:

Wm. Lee Apthorp, to be County Judge for Hillsborough county.

Mathew P. Lyons, to be Clerk of the Court of Hillsborough county.

Henry Albury, to be Sheriff of Hillsborough county.

James R. Hay, to be Assessor of Taxes for Hillsborough county.

Henry Albury, to be Collector of Revenue for Hillsborough county.

Very respectfully, &c.,  
HARRISON REED, Governor.

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TO THE SENATE:

I hereby nominate the following named persons for the offices severally designated, viz.:

Allen O. Quinn, to be County Judge for Taylor county.

Charles F. O'Harra, to be Clerk of Court for Taylor county.

Hezekiah Wilder, to be Sheriff for Taylor county.

Alderman Simmons, to be Assessor of Taxes for Taylor county.

William Merit, to be Collector of Revenue for Taylor county.

Very Respectfully, &c.,  
HARRISON REED, Governor.

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TO THE SENATE:

I hereby nominate the following named persons for the offices severally designated, viz.:

David R. Townsend, to be County Judge for Lafayette county.

John C. Ponchier, to be Clerk of Court for Lafayette county.

William D. Sears, to be Sheriff for Lafayette County.

John Gornto, to be Assessor of Taxes for Lafayette county.

William Edwards, to be Collector of Revenue for Lafayette county.  
Very respectfully, &c.,  
HARRISON REED, Governor.

The nominations of to-day lay over under the rules.  
On motion, the doors were opened and the Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, July 18th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion, the Senate went into executive session.

The following Executive nominations were confirmed:

Moses L. Duncan, to be Assessor of Taxes for Hamilton county.

Robert H. Gamble, to be Comptroller.

William Lee Apthorp, to be County Judge for Hillsborough county.

Mathew P. Lyons, to be Clerk of the Court of Hillsborough county.

James R. Hay, to be Assessor of Taxes for Hillsborough county.

Allen O. Quinn, to be County Judge for Taylor county.

Charles F. O'Harra, to be Clerk of Court for Taylor county.

Hezekiah Wilder, to be Sheriff of Taylor county.

Alderman Simmons, to be Assessor of Taxes for Taylor county.

William Merit, to be Collector of Revenue for Taylor county.

David R. Townsend, to be County Judge for Lafayette county.

John C. Ponchier, to be Clerk of Court for Lafayette county.

William D. Sears, to be Sheriff for Lafayette county.

John Gornto, to be Assessor of Taxes for Lafayette county.

William Edwards, to be Collector of Revenue for Lafayette county.

Action on the following Executive nominations was postponed till Tuesday next, the 21st inst.:

Henry Albury, to be Sheriff of Hillsborough county.

Henry Albury, to be Collector of Revenue for Hillsborough county.

The following messages were received from the Governor and lay over under rules:

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TO THE SENATE:

I hereby nominate Thomas T. Long, to be Circuit Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit.

Very respectfully, &c.,  
HARRISON REED, Governor.

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TO THE SENATE:

I hereby nominate the following named persons for the offices severally designated, viz.:

Henry A. Bushnell, to be County Judge for Santa Rosa county.

E. B. Riley, to be Clerk of the Court for Santa Rosa county.

John W. Butler, to be Sheriff for Santa Rosa county.

Very respectfully, &c.,  
HARRISON REED, Governor.

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TO THE SENATE:

I hereby nominate the following named persons for the offices severally designated, viz.:

John D. Atkins, to be County Judge for Franklin county.

Thomas O. Connor, to be Clerk of the Court for Franklin county.

Henry Grady, to be Sheriff for Franklin county.

John F. Benezet, to be Assessor of Taxes Franklin county.

George Redgate, to be Collector of Revenue Franklin county.

Very respectfully, &c.,  
HARRISON REED, Governor.

On motion, the doors were opened.

The President announced Messrs. Davis, Smith, and Alden, as the special committee on Assembly Bill No. 6.

Mr. Smith asked leave to introduce a bill to be entitled "An Act relating to Divorces," which was read first time, by title, under suspension of the rules, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Mobley asked leave to introduce a bill to be entitled "An Act to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, known as article XIV.," which was read the first time.

Mr. Davis, Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following

## REPORT.

SENATE CHAMBER, July 17, 1868.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report as correctly enrolled: Senate Bill, No. 3, "An Act to authorize the city of Pensacola to issue bonds."

D. DAVIS,  
Chairman Committee Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Mobley, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, made the following

## REPORT.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred Senate Bill, No. 14, respectfully report that the same ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. R. MORLEY,  
Chairman Committee.

The President signed enrolled Senate bill No. 3.

Senate Bill, No. 6, relative to State Penitentiary, was taken up, and, on motion, the following amendments were made: Strike out the words "Judicial District" and insert the word "State" in the 6th line of the 1st section. Strike out the words "one dollar" and insert the words "three dollars" in the 39th line of Section 2. Strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "eight" in lines 3 and 4 of Section 7. Strike out the words "or labor" in line 2 of Section 8. Strike out the word "Bible" and insert the words "Scriptures and other religious books" in line 4 of Section 12. Strike out the words "officers of justice" in line 2 of Section 13. Strike out the word "five" and insert the word "four" in lines 5 and 6 of Section 16. Strike out the word "including" and insert the word "or" in the 2d line of Section 17. Strike out the words "a reasonable" and insert the words "double the" in line 13, and insert the words "contracted for" after the word "sum" in line 14 of Section 17.

At this point further consideration of the bill was suspended, and the bill made the special order for Monday next, the 20th instant.

Senate bill No. 15 was taken up, read second time, and ordered engrossed.

Senate Bill, No. 12, taken up, and passed to its third reading.

Senate Bill, No. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ , taken up on second reading, and, on motion, amended by striking out the word "five" and inserting the word "eight" in lines 8, 9, 10, 18, 19, and 20, of Section 1, and, on motion, was recommitted to the Committee on Legislative Expenditures.

A message was received from the Governor, as follows, and the Senate went into executive session:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
Tallahassee, July 18, 1868. }

TO THE SENATE:

I desire the consent of the Senate to withdraw the nomination of David Moncrief for clerk of court for the county of Columbia, whose commission has not issued.

Very respectfully, &c.,  
HARRISON REED, Governor.

Action on the message was postponed till Monday next, the 20th instant.

On motion, the doors were opened, and the Senate adjourned till Monday.

MONDAY, July 20th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

A quorum present.

The journal read, corrected, and approved.

The following bills were introduced by leave, read first time by title, under suspension of the rules, and referred to committees.

By Mr. Knight:

"An act to repeal the second section of an act entitled An Act in relation to fees to be charged, received, and collected by the public officers of the State, whose fees are prescribed by law;" to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Purman:

"An Act defining and regulating the duties of cabinet officers;" to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Purman:

"An Act to fund the debt of the State, to provide for the issue of bonds, and to authorize the Governor and Comptroller to negotiate the same;" to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Alden:

"An Act to provide for the publication of the laws and official and legal advertisements;" to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Alden:

"An Act to fund the outstanding debt of the State;" to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Alden:

"An Act requiring justices of the peace to hold inquests on the dead;" to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Krimminger:

"An Act to protect the owners of cattle, and for other purposes;" to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Jenkins:

"An Act to provide for a code of civil and criminal laws, and a code of practice thereunder, and for digesting the opinions of the Supreme Court;" to the Committee on Code of Practice.

The following reports of committees were received:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
July 20th, 1868. }

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following memorial, "For establishing mail route," as correctly engrossed.

JOSEPH A. ATKINS,

Chairman *pro tem.* of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Assembly resolution No. 36, relative to Homestead Exemptions, respectfully recommend its passage.

C. R. MOWLEY,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of B. Thomas, *et al.*, report the same back, and recommend its indefinitely postponement.

A. A. KNIGHT,

Chairman of Committee on City and County Organizations.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 20, 1868. }

HON. W. H. GLEASON, President of the Senate:

SIR: The Assembly has passed "Joint resolution relative to appointing a committee to examine and settle the accounts of the State Treasurer."

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Clerk of the Assembly.

Assembly resolution, No. 36, was taken up, read second time, and ordered engrossed.

Petition of B. Thomas, *et al.*, was taken up and indefinitely postponed.

Senate bill, No. 9, was taken up on third reading, and on motion recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Alden, leave was granted F. A. Dockray to withdraw his petition contesting the seat of Mr. Moragne, of the 17th District, which was introduced on the 15th ult.

On motion, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole on the Penitentiary bill.