

Passed Senate bill, No. 68, to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Jacksonville and St. Augustine Railroad Company.

Also:

Postponed indefinitely Senate bill to be entitled An Act concerning Agricultural College Lands, and Senate bill to be entitled An Act to allow Judges of the Circuit Courts Mileage in certain cases.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,

Tallahassee, Fla., July 29, 1868. }

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

SIR: The Assembly has indefinitely postponed Senate bill, No. 50, to be entitled An Act for the Relief A. B. Dixon.

Also:

Indefinitely postponed Senate bill, No. 66, to be entitled An Act for the Regulation of Ferries.

Also:

Passed Senate bill, No. 36, to be entitled An Act providing for the Publication of the Laws and Official and Legal Advertisements.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

The following messages were received from the Governor:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, July 29, 1868. }

TO THE SENATE:

At the request of the Representatives from Gadsden county, I hereby recall the following nominations made on yesterday, viz.:

William H. McRae, to be Clerk of Court for Gadsden county.
Charles L. Williams, to be Sheriff for Gadsden county.
Wm. R. Random, to be Assessor of Taxes for Gadsden county.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

The nominations were ordered returned to the Governor.

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, July 29, 1868. }

TO THE SENATE:

I hereby nominate David R. Dunham, to be Clerk of Court for St. Johns county.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Tallahassee, July 29, 1868. }

TO THE SENATE:

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

John W. Rice, to be County Judge for Suwannee county.

Richard Hurt, to be Sheriff for Suwannee county.

John Parshley, to be Clerk of the Court for Suwannee county.

Nathaniel Y. Bryan, to be Assessor of Taxes for Suwannee county.

Warren S. Roberts, to be Collector of Revenue for Suwannee county.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

Senate bill No. 74 was taken up, read the third time, and passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, Weeks, and Wood—17.

Nays—None.

Senate bill No. 73 was taken up on its third reading, partly read, and postponed till to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate went into executive session.

On motion, the Executive nominations for Suwannee county were taken up, and the following confirmed:

John W. Rice, to be County Judge for Suwannee county.

Richard Hurt, to be Sheriff for Suwannee county.

John Parshley, to be Clerk of the Court for Suwannee county.

Nathaniel Y. Bryan, to be Assessor of Taxes for Suwannee county.

Warren S. Roberts, to be Collector of Revenue for Suwannee county.

The following nominations were taken up and confirmed:

James McCreany, to be Assessor of Taxes for Santa Rosa county.

John Newton, to be County Judge for Walton county.

John L. Campbell, to be Clerk of the Court for Walton county.

Samuel Rutan, to be Sheriff for Walton county.

Finlay McCaskill, to be Assessor of Taxes for Walton county.

Samuel Rutan, to be Collector of Revenue for Walton county.

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

THURSDAY, July 30th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

A quorum present.

The petition of Henry Teasdale and others, reported on yesterday by the Committee on State Affairs, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Assembly Resolution No. 66 was taken up, read the first time, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Taxation on Assembly Bill No. 55 was taken up, and the bill indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the Senate went into executive session.

The following executive nominations were confirmed:

David R. Dunham, to be Clerk of Court for St. Johns county.

B. C. Leonardy, to be Collector of Revenue for Hillsborough county.

Edwin M. Randall, to be Chief Justice *vice* Thomas J. Boynton declined.

James D. Westcott, Jr., to be Associate Justice *vice* Edwin M. Randall appointed Chief Justice.

James H. Prevatt, to be County Judge for Volusia county.

Milton H. Daniels, to be Clerk of Court for Volusia county.

Alonzo A. Hoyt, to be Sheriff for Volusia county.

John H. Mollison, to be Assessor of Taxes for Volusia county.

William Minchew, to be Collector of Revenue for Volusia county.

John W. Horsford, to be County Judge for Liberty county.

William H. Gunn, to be Clerk of Court for Liberty county.

Joseph Shepard, to be Sheriff for Liberty county.

Niel Black, Jr., to be Assessor of Taxes for Liberty county.

A. Turner, to be Collector of Revenue for Liberty county.

Thomas Leddy, to be Sheriff for Baker county.

George W. Frazier, to be Clerk of Court for Baker county.

Irwin J. Roberts, to be Assessor of Taxes for Baker county.

Thomas J. Green, to be Collector of Revenue for Baker county.

Frank W. Webster, to be Surveyor General *vice* Ozias Morgan resigned.

The doors were opened.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 29, 1868. }

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

SIR: The Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 82, to be entitled An Act relating to Telegraph Operators.

Also, Senate bill No. 32, to be entitled An Act to Ratify the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, known as article 14, by a two-thirds vote.

Also, No. 53, Senate bill, to be entitled An Act to Legalize the Ordinance passed in the Constitutional Convention relative to defraying the expenses of the Convention.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

The accompanying Senate bills were ordered enrolled, and the Assembly bill placed on the general file.

On motion of Mr. Knight, it was ordered that the Senate meet this evening at three o'clock instead of five o'clock.

On motion, Senate bill No. 73 was taken up, read the third time, and passed, with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Ginn, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, and Wood—14.

Nays—Messrs. Davis, Underwood, and Weeks—3.

Senate bill No. 79 was taken up, read the third time, and passed, with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Ginn, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—17.

Nays—None.

Senate bill, No. 15, was taken up, read second and third times under suspension of the rules, and passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Ginn, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Underwood, and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Davis, and Wood—3.

Senate bill, No. 69, was taken up, read third time, and passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—17.

Nays—Mr. Atkins—1.

Senate bill, No. 76, was taken up, and referred to Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Assembly bill, No. 54, was taken up, read third time, and passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—17.

Nays—None.

The Senate took a recess till 3 o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

Mr. Jenkins, President *pro tempore*, in the chair.

The roll was called, and no quorum appearing, on motion of Mr. Mobley, the Sergeant-at-Arms was sent after absentees.

A quorum appearing, the following report was received from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, and the bills placed on the general file:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following bills, and find them correctly engrossed, viz.:

Senate bill, No. 18½. A bill to be entitled An Act to organize the County Courts of the several counties of the State, and to prescribe the mode of practice of said courts.

Senate bill, No. 70. A bill to be entitled An Act prescribing the fees for the officers and employees of the present session of the Legislature.

Senate bill, No. 45. A bill to be entitled An Act to Incorporate the Apalachicola Channel Company.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. A. DAVIDSON,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The following bills were taken up, read first time by title, under a suspension of the rules, and referred:

Assembly bill, No. 40—to Committee on State Affairs.

Assembly bill, No. 82—to Committee on Corporations.

Assembly bill, No. 78—to Committee on Railroads.

Assembly bill, No. 62—to Committee on City and County Organizations.

Mr. Knight, on leave, introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Benevolent and Charitable Societies, which was read the first time by title, under a suspension of the rules.

The following bills were taken up and read the third time:

Senate bill, No. 18½, passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Ginn, Jenkins, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, and Weeks—12.

Nays—None.

Senate bill, No. 44, lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Crawford, Davidson, Ginn, Jenkins, and Purman—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Katzenberg, Knight, Pearce, and Weeks—5.

On motion, this vote was reconsidered, and the bill passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Goss, Ginn, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Meacham, Mobley, McCaskill, and Purman—12.

Nays—Messrs. Davis, Pearce, and Weeks—3.

The following reports of committees were received:

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 38, entitled A Bill to be entitled An Act requiring Justices of the Peace to hold Inquests on the Dead, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of the same.

SIMON KATZENBERG,

Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

The bill was read the second time.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 33, entitled 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, return the same and recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

J. H. GOSS,

Chairman Committee.

July 30, 1868.

The report was adopted.

TO THE SENATE:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 35, report the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

C. R. MOBLEY, Chairman.

The bill was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 76, report the same back to the Senate, and ask that it be indefinitely postponed, as it is premature and unwise. Your committee is of opinion that the poor man who has no property should not be required to pay his capitation tax in any other fund than other men.

C. R. MOBLEY,

Chairman Committee.

The report was adopted.

TO THE SENATE:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 49, to be entitled An Act to authorize the Governor to borrow Money and issue the Bonds of the State, and for other purposes, beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

C. R. MOBLEY,

Chairman Finance Committee.

SENATE CHAMBER,
July 30th, 1868.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report as correctly enrolled the following:

Bill No. 27,
Bill No. 36,
Bill No. 43,
Bill No. 46,
Bill No. 48,
Bill No. 52,

and memorial to Congress for a mail route from the city of Tampa to Clear Water Harbor.

D. DAVIS,
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

SENATE CHAMBER,
July 30th, 1868.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report as correctly enrolled, the following:

Bill No. 32.
Bill No. 53.

D. DAVIS,
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

TO THE SENATE:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 37, beg leave to report the same, and recommend that it pass, by striking out all which relates to the payment of any moneys on account of the contract of the Board of Internal Improvements.

C. R. MOBLEY,
Chairman Committee.

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 62, entitled An Act to Repeal An Act entitled An Act to authorize the Circuit Courts of this State to Grant Licenses for building Toll Bridges, and for other purposes, return the same, and recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

S. KATZENBERG,
Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate joint resolution No. 21, respectfully recommend that the bill do pass.

S. KATZENBERG,
Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred Assembly resolution No. 25, "asking a revival of the grant of alternate sections of land for building railroads," have considered the same, and beg leave to report same back to the Senate, and recommend its adoption.

ROBERT M. SMITH,
HORATIO JENKINS, JR.,
SIMON KATZENBERG,
Committee.

The resolution was, on motion, amended by inserting at the close of the resolution the words, "But nothing herein contained shall be construed as a request to grant any lands to companies heretofore chartered by any State of the Union, or by any act of Congress." The resolution was read the second time, the rules waived, read the third time, and passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—19.

Nays—None.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 30th, 1868.

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

SIR: The Assembly has passed Senate bill, No. 71, to be entitled An Act for the Punishment of Crimes, and the Proceedings in Criminal cases.

Very respectfully,

Wm. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

The bill was ordered enrolled.

Assembly bill, No. 3, was taken up. Mr. Goss moved that the bill be amended by inserting at the close of section 1, the following words:

"Provided, that the penalties herein provided shall not be imposed in any case where equal accommodations are provided, and offered to the party claimed to be wronged."

On a motion to lay the amendment on the table, the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—8.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Goss, Ginn, McCaskill, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—10.
Lost.

On a motion to indefinitely postpone the amendment, the yeas and nays were demanded, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman, and Smith—10.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Goss, Ginn, McCaskill, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—10.

Lost.

On a motion to postpone the amendment till to-morrow, the yeas and nays were demanded, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman, and Smith—9.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Krimminger, McCaskill, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—11.

Lost.

Mr. Knight moved to adjourn till eight o'clock, this P. M.

Mr. McCaskill moved to amend by adjourning to 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. The yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davis, Ginn, McCaskill, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Davidson, Goss, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman, and Smith—12.

Mr. McCaskill moved to amend by adjourning to nine o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. The yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davis, Ginn, Krimminger, McCaskill, Smith, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Davidson, Goss, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—10.

The motion to adjourn was agreed to.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tempore* in the Chair.

Senate bill, No. 51, was taken up on its second reading. On motion of Mr. McCaskill, a call of the House was ordered. The following members were found present, and the Sergeant-at-Arms sent after the absentees:

Messrs. Alden, Goss, Jenkins, Knight, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, and Smith.

A quorum being announced by the Chair, Mr. Knight moved "that no business be transacted at this session except action on Senate bill, No. 51."

Mr. Mobley moved to amend by adding the words "until after this bill is disposed of, and the motion was agreed to as amended.

On motion, the bill was amended, as follows:

Insert in line 1 of section 4, after the word "all," the word "personal." Strike out in same line after the word "property" the word "personal," and insert the word "taxable." Strike out in line 1 of section 6, the word "license," and insert the word "annual." Insert at the close of line 9 of section 6, the words

"except mechanics and day laborers." Insert in line 12 of section 6, after the word "hundred," the words "and fifty;" also insert in same line, after the word "other," the word "retail." Insert in line 10 of section 6, after the word "barrel," the words "a license of." Insert in line 12 of section 6, after the word "liquors," the words "one hundred and." Strike out at the commencement of line 20 of section 6, the word "threc," and insert the word "five." Strike out all of line 21 of section 6, after the word "dollars;" all of line 22, all of line 23, all of line 24, and all that part of line 25, before the word "all." Strike out in line 16 of section 6, the word "cotton," and all following, and all of line 17 before the word "auctioneers," and insert the words "cotton factors and brokers shall pay a license of one hundred dollars." Strike out in line 25 the words "to pay," and insert in same line, before the word "all," the word "on." Strike out in line 27 the words "thirty" and "ten," and insert the words "ten" and "five," respectively. Insert in same line, before the word "all" the words "all circuses, two hundred dollars." Strike out all of line 28 after the word "tax," all of lines 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and all of line 34, before the word "said," and insert the words "of two dollars in advance on suits not criminal in any of the courts of this State, except justice courts." Strike out all of line 39 after the word "report," and all of line 40. Insert in line 2 of section 7, before the word "clerk," the word "court." Insert in line 3 of section 7, after the word "commissioners," the word "the." Strike out in line 6 of section 9, the word "a," and insert the words "the official." Strike out in the same line, the words "published in," and insert the word "for." Strike out in same line the word "county," and insert the words "judicial circuit." Insert after the word "posters" the words "for one month." Insert in line 7, after the word "shall" the words "meet and."

On motion, further action on the bill was suspended, and the Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, July 31st, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President *pro tempore* in the Chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

A quorum present.

The President *pro tempore* announced the signing of the following enrolled Senate bills:

No. 27. An Act to locate the County Site of Suwannee county.