

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.

No. 32. An Act to ratify the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, known as Article XIV.

No. 36. An Act to provide for the publication of the Laws and Official and Legal Advertisements.

No. 43. An Act relating to Jurors.

No. 46. An Act to provide for the Organization and Government of the Supreme Court.

No. 48. An Act authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Pilotage to appoint Stevedores, and for other purposes.

No. 52. An Act to legalize the ordinance passed by the Constitutional Convention called An Ordinance Abolishing the County Criminal Courts.

Also, the following memorials:

Memorial for the establishment of a Mail Route from Tampa to Clear Water Harbor.

Memorial to the Senate and House of Representatives asking for the establishment of a Mail Route.

Also, the following Assembly bills, resolutions, and memorials:

An Act for the relief of David A. Frier and securities.

An Act to locate the County Site of Sumter County, and for other purposes.

Concurrent resolution relative to State Lands.

Concurrent resolution instructing the Attorney General to search into the history of the Claims against the State.

A memorial to Congress and resolutions to our Senators and Representatives requesting the establishment of certain Mail Lines in West Florida.

Mr. Krimminger, on leave, offered a joint resolution fixing time of final adjournment on Wednesday, the 5th proximo.

On motion, the resolution was amended by striking out the words "Wednesday, the 5th," and inserting the words "Thursday, the 6th;" the resolution was read the first and second times under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Mobley, on leave, introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to more effectually provide for Good Order of Society and to Suppress Disorderly Conduct," which was read the first time by title under a suspension of the rules, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The following report of committee was received, and the bill placed on the general file:

The committee, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 62, report the same back, and recommend its passage.

A. A. KNIGHT,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organizations.

The following report of committee was received:

SENATE CHAMBER,
July 31st, 1868. }

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

Bill No. 7.

Bill No. 65.

Bill No. 68.

D. DAVIS,

Chairman Committee Enrolled Bills.

The reports of committees of the 30th instant, not reached yesterday, were taken up.

The report of the Committee on State Affairs on Senate joint resolution No. 21, was rejected, and the resolution indefinitely postponed.

Report of same Committee, on Senate bill No. 62, was adopted, and the bill indefinitely postponed.

Report of Committee on Finance and Taxation, on Assembly bill No. 49, was adopted, and the bill indefinitely postponed.

Report of same Committee, on Senate bill No. 37, was postponed till Monday, the 3d proximo.

On motion, Senate bill No. 4 was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Mobley, a call of the House was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Alden, the call was dispensed with.

Mr. Goss moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Mobley, a call of the House was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the call of the House was dispensed with.

The bill was indefinitely postponed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being demanded:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—6.

The following bills were taken up on second reading:

Assembly bill No. 3. The amendment pending at yesterday's adjournment was laid on the table by the following vote, the yeas and nays being demanded:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Goss, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman, and Underwood—10.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davis, Ginn, McCaskill, Weeks, and Wood—7.

Assembly bill No. 20. Read second time.

Assembly bill No. 71. On motion, indefinitely postponed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being demanded:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Ginn,

Krimminger, Mobley, McCaskill, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—11.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Meacham, and Pearce—5.

Assembly bill No. 28. On motion, indefinitely postponed.

Assembly bill No. 74. On motion, postponed till Monday the 3d proximo.

Assembly bill No. 75. Read second time.

Senate bill No. 26. Read second time.

Senate bill No. 39. A motion to indefinitely postpone was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays being demanded:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Underwood, and Weeks—3.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, and Wood—14.

On motion of Mr. Goss, Mr. Alden was excused from further attendance this session.

On motion of Mr. Goss, Mr. McCaskill was excused from further attendance this session, after Monday next.

The Senate took a recess till five P. M.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President *pro tempore* in the Chair.

A quorum present.

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

ASSEMBLY BILLS.

An Act to incorporate the Suwannee Steamboat Company.

An Act for the Regulation of Pilots and Pilotage.

An Act to Incorporate the Palatka Hotel Company.

An Act making the Scrip issued by the Constitutional Convention receivable for all State Dues.

An Act to enforce Mechanics' and Laborers' Lien on Buildings and other Property.

SENATE BILLS.

An Act to Incorporate the Florida Savings Bank.

An Act to Incorporate the Jacksonville and St. Augustine Railroad Company.

An Act concerning Forceful Entry and Detainer.

Also the following enrolled Assembly joint resolution:

Requesting our delegation in Congress to procure the enact-

ment of a statute exempting certain property from forced sale under process of United States courts.

Senate bill, No. 75, was taken up, read the second time, and ordered engrossed.

Senate bill No. 80 was taken up, and on motion amended by inserting the enacting clause.

The bill was read the second time, and ordered engrossed.

Assembly bill No. 62 was taken up.

On motion, the bill was amended as follows:

Insert in section 8, after the word "constitution," the words "and laws." Insert in section 15, after the word "limits," the words "unless otherwise provided by law."

Insert after section 17 the following, to be designated sections 18, 19, and 20, and change the numbers of the following sections to consecutive numbers:

Section 18. The city council of a city shall have power, with the approval of a majority of the registered voters of the city, to issue bonds bearing such rates of interest as may be deemed best by the council, not exceeding the legal rate of interest of this State, whenever it may be necessary for the purpose of building or repairing the public works of the city, the widening and extension of the streets, payment of existing indebtedness of the city, or any other municipal purpose, such bonds to bear the seal of the corporation, and to be signed by the mayor and city clerk, to be made payable at such time and place as the city council may designate, the amount to be issued to be within the discretion of the mayor and city council.

Section 19. Before any such bonds are issued, the question of issuing them, as well as the amount to be issued, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the city, according to the last registration preceding the date at which the questions are submitted, in such manner, and after such public notice, as may be deemed necessary by the city council; and should a majority of the registered voters vote in favor of issuing the bonds, and the amount proposed to be issued, then and in that event it shall be lawful for them to be issued, otherwise not.

Section 20. It is hereby made the duty of the city council to assess and collect such taxes from the citizens, and upon the property within the city, as is necessary for the payment of the interest upon, as well as the final payment of said bonds; *Provided, however,* That all property shall be taxed upon the principle established by State taxations.

Strike out section 30 and insert the following, to be numbered section 30 and section 31, and change the number of the following section to No. 32.

Section 30. *Be it further enacted,* That all the powers and privileges conferred in and by this act may be exercised by any

city or town within the limits of this State, heretofore incorporated, and it shall be lawful for any previously incorporated city or town to reorganize their municipal government under the provisions thereof, by a voluntary surrender of their chartered privileges and an organization under this act, and upon a failure upon the part of any incorporated town or city to accept the provisions of this act within six months after its approval, all the acts vesting such city or town with powers are hereby repealed.

Section 31. No officer of a city or town shall be authorized to sell any real estate for taxes, unless a judgment has first been obtained in the circuit court for the tax, and an order made for such sale, according to the law of the State for the collection of State taxes.

Senate bill No. 45 read third time, and passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Alden, Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Davidson, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Katzenberg, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Underwood, Weeks, and Wood—16.

Nays—None.

The following reports of committees were received:

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 78, entitled a bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to incorporate the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company, approved January 8th, 1853, report the same back to the Senate, with the following amendments, and recommend the passage of the same—after the word “after” insert the “consignee of such goods shall be notified that,” and after the word “agent,” insert “of the said railroad.”

S. KATZENBERG,

Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

The report was adopted.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 41, entitled An Act regulating Fees of Officers, return the same with a substitute, and would recommend the adoption of the substitute.

J. H. Goss, Chairman Committee.

July 30, 1868.

The substitute was adopted.

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 40, entitled An Act to provide for the election of Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, respectfully recommend that it do pass.

S. KATZENBERG,

Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

The bill was placed on the general file.

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House resolution No. 66, a memorial to the Congress of the United States, return the same, and recommend that it do pass.

S. KATZENBERG,

Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

The bill was placed on the general file.

The committee to whom was referred the account of Messrs. Dyke & Sparkawk, for printing done at the commencement of the session, respectfully submit the following

REPORT.

The account is for printing 500 copies of the Assembly and 600 copies of the Senate journals of the 8th and 9th of June, 100 copies Assembly and Senate journals of the 15th June, 200 copies of the Senate journal of the 16th June, and 100 copies yeas and nays for Assembly, for which there is charged \$1020.25. The account is endorsed as follows:

This bill is made out according to the rates charged for the printing of the last Convention, a little advance on the prices charged before the war.

DYKE & SPARHAWK.

[Signed]

On a thorough examination and consultation with an experienced printer, your committee find the charges in the bill are not only exorbitant, but so extortionate as to call for the severest reprehension. In order to show the true character of this account, we place in parallel columns the actual cost of the work to the publisher, the amount to which he would be entitled by the ordinary rule for charging by printers, and the amount actually charged by Messrs. Dyke & Sparhawk:

	COST.	PROPER CHARGE.	CHARGED.
500 copies House Journal, 8th and 9th, 8 pages, $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet,	\$11.50	\$21.00	\$345.00
600 copies Senate Journal, 8th and 9th, 8 pages, $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet,	12.50	24.00	414.00
100 copies House Journal, 15th, one page, 1-16 sheet,	2.00	4.00	131.75
100 copies Senate Journal, 15th, one page, 1-16 sheet,	2.00	4.00	105.00
200 copies Senate Journal, 16th, one page, 1-16 sheet,	2.50	5.00	18.00
100 copies Yeas and Nays for House,	1.50	3.00	16.50
	\$32.00	\$61.00	\$1020.25

Overcharge on three days' printing,

\$959.25

And this is the rate charged for the convention printing, and

but little more than the prices before the war! Surely it is time to correct this abuse. Your committee recommend that one hundred dollars be allowed in full for the account of Dyke and Sparhawk, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

J. H. GOSS,
J. N. KRIMMINGER,
ROBERT MEACHAM,
ARTHUR GINN,
J. M. UNDERWOOD,

Committee on Legislative Expenditures.

The resolution was adopted, and read the first time.
The following messages were received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 31, 1868. }

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

SIR: The Assembly has passed Senate bill to be entitled An Act to organize the County Courts of the several Counties of this State, and to Prescribe the Mode of Practice of said county.

Also, Senate bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the Registration of Electors and the holding of Elections, with amendments.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

The Senate refused to concur in the amendments of Senate bill $\frac{1}{2}$, accompanying, and the remaining bill was ordered enrolled.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 31, 1868. }

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

SIR: The Assembly has passed Assembly bill, No. 86, to be entitled An Act to authorize the Commissioner of Immigration to employ a Clerk, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

The bill was placed on the general file.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 30, 1868. }

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

SIR: The Assembly has passed Senate bill, No. 49, to be entitled An Act to provide for the Election of a State Printer, with an amendment.

Also, Senate bill, No. 74, to be entitled An Act relating to Seals of Courts and Clerks.

Also, Senate bill, No. 79, to be entitled An Act fixing the time for holding the Circuit Courts of this State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Bills No. 74 and No. 79, were ordered enrolled.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 31, 1868. }

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

SIR: The Assembly has passed Senate bill, No. 44, to be entitled An Act to provide for the Creation of Corporations, and to prescribe their General Powers and Liabilities.

Also, Senate bill, No. 69, to be entitled An Act, to provide an Office for the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

The bills were ordered enrolled.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., July 31, 1868. }

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

SIR: The Assembly has passed Senate bill, No. 73, to be entitled An Act to provide a Code of Practice in Civil Cases in the State of Florida.

Also, a bill to be entitled An Act to enforce Section 7, Ordinance 9, of the Constitutional Convention.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

The bills were ordered enrolled.

The Governor informed the Senate, through his private secretary, that he had approved and signed the following acts:

Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Florida to the Congress of the United States for the establishment of a Mail Route from the city of Tampa, county of Hillsborough, to Clear Water Harbor, in said county, a distance of fifty miles, the mail to be carried once a week either by boat or on horseback, at the option of the contractor.

An Act to legalize the ordinance passed in the Constitutional Convention, called An Ordinance to provide for the means of defraying the expenses of the Convention.

Memorial to the Senate and House of Representatives for the establishment of a Mail Route.

An Act to legalize the ordinance passed in the Constitutional

Convention, called An Ordinance abolishing the County Criminal Court.

An Act to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, known as the 14th Article.

An Act to provide for the publication of the Laws and of Official and Legal Advertising.

An Act authorizing the Board Commissioners of Pilotage to appoint Stevedores, and for other purposes.

The following messages were received from the Governor, and Senate went into Executive session:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, July 30, 1868. }

TO THE SENATE:

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

Charles L. Williams, to be Sheriff of Gadsden county.

Robert Jones, to be Clerk of the Court for Gadsden county.

William McRae, to be Assessor of Taxes for Gadsden county.

William R. Random, to be Collector of Revenue for Gadsden county.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, GOVERNOR.

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, July 30, 1868. }

TO THE SENATE:

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

George Sayers, to be County Judge of Holmes county.

Daniel J. Brownell, to be Sheriff of Holmes county.

John A. Vaughn, to be Clerk of the Court of Holmes county.

James E. Sykes, to be Assessor of Taxes for Holmes county.

George W. Pittman, to be Collector of Revenue for Holmes county.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, GOVERNOR.

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, Fla., July 30th, 1868. }

TO THE SENATE:

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

John W. King, to be Sheriff of Jackson county.

John L. Finlayson, to be Clerk of the Court for Jackson county.

William B. Lacey, to be Assessor of Taxes for Jackson county.

Homer Bryan, to be Collector of Revenue for Jackson county.

J. L. Comeford, to be County Judge of Calhoun county.

James W. Yearty, to be Sheriff of Calhoun county.

William Clark, to be Clerk of the Court of Calhoun county.
L. Nobles, to be Assessor of Taxes for Calhoun county.
James W. Yearty, to be Collector of Revenue for Calhoun county.

Charles R. King, to be Assessor of Taxes for Columbia county.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, GOVERNOR.

The Executive nominations of to-day were taken up under suspension of the rules, and the following confirmed:

Charles L. Williams, to be Sheriff of Gadsden county.

Robert Jones, to be Clerk of the Court for Gadsden county.

William McRae, to be Assessor of Taxes for Gadsden county.

William R. Random, to be Collector of Revenue for Gadsden county.

George Sayers, to be County Judge of Holmes county.

Daniel J. Brownell, to be Sheriff of Holmes county.

John A. Vaughn, to be Clerk of the Court of Holmes county.

James E. Sykes, to be Assessor of Taxes for Holmes county.

George W. Pittman, to be Collector of Revenue for Holmes county.

John W. King, to be Sheriff of Jackson county.

John L. Finlayson, to be Clerk of the Court for Jackson county.

William B. Lacey, to be Assessor of Taxes for Jackson county.

Homer Bryan, to be Collector of Revenue for Jackson county.

J. L. Comeford, to be County Judge of Calhoun county.

James W. Yearty, to be Sheriff of Calhoun county.

William Clark, to be Clerk of the Court of Calhoun county.

L. Nobles, to be Assessor of Taxes for Calhoun county.

James W. Yearty, to be Collector of Revenue for Calhoun county.

The following lay over:

Charles R. King, to be Assessor of Taxes for Columbia county.

On motion, the doors were opened and the Senate adjourned to ten A. M., Monday.

MONDAY, August 3d, 1868.

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

Prayer by the Chaplain.

A quorum present.

The following reports of committees were received: