

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:

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE:

The Committee on Railroads report back bill No. 16, entitled An Act for the Security of the Lives of Persons transported by Rail, &c., and say that the objects of said bill will be carried out in other general bills, and therefore recommend its indefinite postponement.

HORATIO JENKINS, JR.,
ROBERT M. SMITH,
Committee on Railroads.

The report was adopted.

SENATE CHAMBER,
July 31st, 1868. }

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

Bill No. 15, to be entitled "An Act concerning Beef and Stock Cattle.

D. DAVIS,
Chairman Committee Enrolled Bills.

The bill was signed by the President *pro tempore*.

TO THE SENATE:

The Committee on Railroads beg leave to report the following bills, with a recommendation that they pass a bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Georgia, Gainesville, and Tampa Railroad Company, which passed the Assembly, July 23d.

Also:

A bill to incorporate the Pensacola and Perdido Railroad Company.

Also:

Senate bill, No. 22.

ROBERT M. SMITH,
Chairman Committee.

The accompanying Senate bill, No. 22, was indefinitely postponed, and the remaining Senate bill, No. 5, and Assembly bill, No. 78, were read the second time by title under a suspension of the rules.

JULY 29th, 1868.

TO THE SENATE:

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred Senate bill, No. 21, to be entitled "An Act regulating Telegraph Companies, report the same back to the Senate, and ask its adoption with the following amendments, to wit:

LINE 2. SEC. 1. Insert after the word "incorporated" the words "or which shall hereafter be incorporated."

Also, the following amendments to be numbered as Sections 17, 18, 19, and 20, respectively:

SEC. 17. That all Operators, Messengers, or other persons, that are now, or hereafter may be, employed permanently or temporarily in or about the office of any Telegraph Company in this State, who may have anything to do with the transaction of the business of said offices, shall, within thirty days after the approval of this act, and at all times thereafter immediately upon their employment, take and subscribe before any person qualified by law to administer oaths, the following oath, to wit:

I, A. B., do solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God, that I have never taken up or borne arms against the Government of the United States, since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have neither aided or abetted, counselled or encouraged, persons engaged in hostility thereto; that I have neither sought, held, or accepted, or attempted to exercise the functions of any office, under any government, or pretended government of any State, or pretended confederation of States hostile or inimical to the Government of the United States; that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the State of Florida, against all enemies, foreign or domestic; that I will faithfully transmit and keep secret any and all such business as I am, or may be employed, to perform in connection with any Telegraph Company; that I take this oath freely and voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion whatever; which oath so taken shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the county where taken.

SEC. 18. Any Telegraph Company, or any of its superintendents, managers, or agents, that are now employing, or shall hereafter employ, or make use of any person or persons as operators, messengers, or for any duty connected with the sending or receiving messages, who have or do not comply with the provisions of this act within the time herein prescribed, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five hundred dollars, nor more than five thousand dollars, on conviction before any court having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 19. All Telegraph Companies operating, or which may hereafter operate in this State, or within the waters of this State, shall pay into the State treasury upon the first Monday of each year, commencing in January, 1869, and every year thereafter, an annual tax of one dollar per mile for each line of wire used upon the line, and fifteen dollars per mile for each mile of submarine cable or wire used for the transmission of messages, under or through the waters of the State.

SEC. 20. The tax levied as in the provisions of this act, shall

be in place of all county or special corporation taxes; except the tax upon real estate owned by any Telegraph Company.

HORATIO JENKINS, JR., Chairman of Committee.
ROBERT M. SMITH,
C. R. MOBLEY.

The report was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being demanded:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—10.

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

A message was received from the Governor in writing, which lay over to Executive session.

Also, a verbal message announcing his signature to the following:

SENATE BILLS:

An Act to Permanently Locate the county site of Suwannee county, and for other purposes.

An Act relating to Jurors.

An Act to Provide for the Organization and Government of the Supreme Court.

The following messages were received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,

Tallahassee, Fla., August 3d, 1868. }

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

SIR: The Assembly refused to recede from Senate amendments to Senate bill to be entitled An Act for the Registration of Electors and the holding of Elections, and appointed Messrs. McKinnon, Butler, and Austin, to act with a similar committee on part of the Senate as a Joint Committee of Conference.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. McCaskill, a Committee of Conference, on the part of the Senate was ordered, and the chair appointed Messrs. Mobley, Pearce, Knight, and Atkins, to serve on the committee.

ASSEMBLY HALL,

Tallahassee, Fla., August 3d, 1868. }

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

SIR: The Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 90, to be entitled An Act to provide for the payment of the Members,

Officers, and Attaches, and other expenses of the first Legislature, held under the revised Constitution of the State of Florida, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

The bill was placed on the general file.

ASSEMBLY HALL,

Tallahassee, Fla., August, 3d, 1868. }

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

SIR: The Assembly has passed Senate bill No. 45, to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Apalachicola Channel Company.

Also:

Passed, Assembly bill, to be entitled An Act to provide for a Correct List of the Owners of Real Property in the several counties of this State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

The Senate bill was ordered enrolled, and the Assembly bill placed on the general file.

The following bills and resolutions were taken up, and read the second time, under suspension of the rules.

Senate joint resolution No. 23; Mr. McCaskill moved to amend by inserting after the word "Oliver" the words "also all printing for the present session of the Legislature."

Mr. Knight moved to lay this motion on the table; the yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion laid on the table by the following vote:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman, and Underwood—12.

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

Mr. McCaskill moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution; the yeas and nays were demanded, and the Senate refused to postpone indefinitely by the following vote:

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

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman, and Underwood—12.

Assembly resolution No. 66.

Senate bill No. 37.

Senate bill No. 78.

Senate bill No. 81.

Assembly bill No. 74 was taken up, read second and third times, under a suspension of the rules, and lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Katzenberg, Krimminger, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—6.

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

Assembly bill No. 40, was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

The following Assembly bills were read the third time, and passed:

No. 3.

Mr. Davis moved to lay the bill on the table; the yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion lost by the following vote:

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

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—10.

On motion of Mr. Knight, debate on this bill was limited to two minutes at any one time.

Mr. McCaskill moved to postpone to Monday next.

Mr. Purman moved to lay this motion on the table; the yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion laid on the table by the following vote:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—10.

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

On motion of Mr. Mobley, it was ordered that no dilatory motion be entertained during the pendency of the bill.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

The chair decided that this was a "dilatory motion," and refused to entertain it.

Mr. McCaskill appealed from the decision of the chair, and the Senate sustained the chair by the following vote, the yeas and nays being demanded:

Yeas—Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Crawford, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—10.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Davis, Ginn, McCaskill, Weeks, and Wood—6.

The vote on the final passage was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—9.

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

On motion of Mr. Pearce the vote on the final passage of the bill was reconsidered, and the motion to reconsider laid on the table by the following vote, the yeas and nays being demanded:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—11.

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

Mr. McCaskill moved to adjourn, which was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays being demanded:

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

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—11.

Assembly bill No. 20; the vote on final passage was:

Yeas—Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Crawford, Goss, Ginn, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman and Weeks—14.

Nays—Mr. Atkins, Davis, and Wood—3.

Assembly bill No. 75; the vote on final passage was:

Yeas—Messrs. Alden, Crawford, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman, and Weeks—13.

Nays—Mr. Wood—1.

The following bills were introduced, on leave, and read first and second times by title, under suspension of the rules:

By Mr. Mobley:

"An Act prescribing, on the part of this State, the manner of appointing Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States."

Mr. McCaskill moved, "That nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent the qualified Electors of this State to vote for Electors for President and Vice-President."

Mr. Krimminger moved to lay the motion on the table. The yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion was laid on the table by the following vote:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman, and Underwood—12.

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

On a motion of Mr. McCaskill to lay the bill on the table 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—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—11.

Mr. McCaskill moved to postpone the bill till Saturday next.

A motion to lay this motion on the table was carried by the following vote, the yeas and nays being demanded:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman, and Underwood—12.

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

Mr. Mobley moved that the bill pass to its third reading, and that no dilatory motion be entertained pending action on the bill.

Mr. McCaskill moved to lay this motion on the table.

The yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion lost by the following vote:

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

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—9.

Mr. Knight moved that no Senator be allowed to speak on the question more than three minutes at one time, and no one except the Senator from the Second District to speak but once.

The yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion agreed to by the following vote:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—11.

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

On the main question, the yeas and nays were demanded, and the bill passed to its third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman, and Underwood—12.

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

By Mr. Purman:

An Act to provide for holding an Election for Representative in Congress.

On motion of Mr. Goss, Mr. Wood was excused from further attendance this session after to-day.

On motion, the Senate took a recess till four o'clock, P. M.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President *pro tempore* in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The following bills were taken up and indefinitely postponed:

Senate bill No. 14.

Senate bill No. 38.

Senate bill No. 39.

Senate bill No. 41 was taken up, and ordered engrossed.

Senate bill No. 23 was taken up, ordered engrossed, and made the special order for eight o'clock this P. M.

On motion of Mr. Knight it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it shall be to meet at eight o'clock this P. M.

Senate bill No. 70 was taken up, and postponed to Wednesday next.

Senate joint resolution No. 22 was taken up, and postponed for one day.

Assembly bill No. 86 was taken up, read first time, and referred to Committee on Legislative Expenditures.

Senate bill No. 49 was taken up, and the Assembly amendments concurred in.

Assembly bills Nos. 90 and 91 were taken up, read first time by title, under suspension of the rules, and referred to the Committee on Legislative Expenditures.

The following reports of committees were received:

TO THE SENATE:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation report the following as a substitute for Senate bill No. 51. In reporting the substitute they would state that they have retained the original bill so far as it was corrected and amended by the Senate, with an additional section. They hope the substitute will pass.

C. R. MOBLEY,
Chairman Committee,

The substitute was adopted and made the special order for to-morrow.

HON. HORATIO JENKINS, President *pro tem.* of the Senate:

The Committee of Conference appointed on the part of the Senate to meet a like Committee from the Assembly, for the purpose of considering the amendments by the Assembly to Senate bill, to be entitled An Act to provide for the Registration of Electors and the holding of Elections, beg leave to report that the Committee cannot agree to the amendments,

but that they have agreed on a substitute, which substitute is presented to the Senate.

Respectfully,

C. R. MOBLEY,

Chairman Committee on part of the Senate.

The substitute was adopted, and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, and Pearce—10.

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

So the bill passed.

Committee on Corporation beg leave to report upon House bill No. 73, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Ocklawaha River Lake Apopka Steamboat and Canal Company," and recommend the following amendment.

C. R. MOBLEY,

For Committee.

Amendments: Strike out section 7, and insert the following:

Section 7. That the said Ocklawaha River and Lake Apopka Steamboat and Canal Company shall have the exclusive right to navigate, and the sole and perpetual use of any and all canals, which, under the provisions of this act, they may "make, cut, dig, or excavate, from Lake Harris or Lake Eustice to Lake Apopka, or from Lake Harris to Lake Griffin, and navigate said canal or canals with vessels, steamboats, barges, and canal-boats."

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

SENATE CHAMBER,

Aug. 3d, 1868.

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

Bill No. 183.

Bill No. 69.

Bill No. 74.

Bill No. 79.

Bill No. 84.

D. DAVIS,

Chairman Committee Enrolled Bills.

SENATE CHAMBER,

Aug. 3d, 1868.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report Assembly Bill No. 62, "To provide for the incorporation of Cities and Towns," and Senate Bill No. 80; also, Senate Bill No. 75, as correctly engrossed.

J. A. ATKINS,

For Committee.

The bills were placed on the general file.

The following message was received from the Assembly and the bills placed on the general file:

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 28, 1868.

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

SIR: The Assembly has passed Senate Bill No. 42, to be entitled An Act to raise additional Revenue for the State of Florida, with amendments.

Also:

Joint resolution relative to Teachers and Freedmen's Schools.

Also:

Joint resolution relative to a Mail Route from Madison, Florida, to Perry, Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the Assembly.

The following bill was taken up and read third time and passed:

Senate bill No. 75, with following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Goss, Ginn, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—12.

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

Senate Bill No. 80, with following vote:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Crawford, Davis, Ginn, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—11.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins and Weeks—2.

Senate bill No. 26, with following vote:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bradwell, Crawford, Ginn, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, and Purman—12.

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

Mr. Alden, on leave, introduced a joint resolution to adopt a seal for the State; which was read the first, second, and third times under a suspension of the rules, and passed with following vote:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Weeks, and Wood—18.

Nays—None.

Mr. Alden, on leave, introduced a bill to be entitled An Act relating to Vacancies in Office; which was read by title the first and second times under a suspension of the rules.

Senate bill No. 23 was taken up and made the special order for to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 62 was taken up.

On motion, the vote by which it passed to its third reading was reconsidered.

On motion, it was amended as follows:

Strike out in section 25 the word "him," and insert the words "a justice of the peace or county judge."

The bill was then read the second and third times, under a suspension of the rules, and passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Atkins, Crawford, Ginn, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, and Purman—11.

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

Mr. Knight moved that the vote by which Senate bill No. was indefinitely postponed be reconsidered.

Mr. Meacham moved that the motion be laid on the table.

The yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion was laid on the table with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Weeks, and Wood—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bradwell, Katzenberg, Knight, Mobley, and Pearce—6.

On motion, the Senate went into executive session.

A message was received from the Governor asking the Senate to rescind its confirmation of W. T. Duval, to be county judge of Wakulla county; which was so rescinded, and the name ordered to be returned to the Governor.

C. B. King was confirmed as assessor of taxes for Columbia county.

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

EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President *pro tempore* in the chair.

Mr. McCaskill moved a call of the House, which was duly seconded.

The roll was called, and the following members found present, and the Sergeant-at-Arms sent for absentees.

Messrs. Bradwell, Davis, Goss, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Mobley, McCaskill, Pearce, and Purman—10

The Sergeant-at-Arms returned and reported that he was unable to compel the attendance of Senators.

On motion, he was empowered to procure the necessary aid

at the expense of the State, the same to be charged to the absentees.

On motion, Messrs. Smith, Ginn, and Wood were excused from attendance this evening, on account of illness.

Mr. Underwood appeared at the bar of the Senate and excused himself for non-attendance on the plea of illness.

On motion, he was excused so far as being in contempt of the Senate, but not for further absence.

Senate bill No. 23, the special order for the evening session, was taken up and read the second time by title, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion, Mr. Goss was excused from further attendance this evening, on account of illness.

On motion, the Secretary was excused from further attendance this evening, on account of illness.

On motion, the bill was taken up on its third reading, under a suspension of the rules, read the third time, and passed with following vote:

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

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, McCaskill, Underwood, and Weeks—5.

On motion, Messrs. Underwood, Atkins, and Davis were excused from further attendance at this evening's session.

On motion to suspend the rules, in order to take up Senate bill No. 51 on its third reading, the yeas and nays were demanded with the following result:

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

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davis, McCaskill, Weeks, and Wood—6.

So the bill was not taken up.

On a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up Senate bill No. 82, the yeas and nays were demanded with the following result:

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

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davis, McCaskill, Underwood, and Weeks—6.

Senate bill No. 37 was taken up under a suspension of the rules, read the third time, and passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Crawford, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, and Purman—11.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, McCaskill, and Weeks—3.

Senate bill No. 42 was taken up and the Assembly amendments concurred in.

The following bills and resolutions were taken up, read the first time and referred.

Assembly joint resolution No. 94 to Committee on Education.

Assembly joint resolution No. 95, to Committee on State Affairs.

On motion, Senate bill No. 51 was taken up, under a suspension of the rules, on its third reading, read the third time, and passed with the following vote:

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

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, McCaskill, Weeks, and Wood—5.

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

An Act relating to Seals of Courts and Clerks.

An Act to provide an office for the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

An Act to provide for the enforcement of Section VI, Ordinance IX., of the Constitutional Convention.

An Act to organize the County Court.

An Act fixing the times for holding the Circuit Court.

On motion, the vote by which leave of absence was granted to Mr. Alden and Mr. Weeks was rescinded.

On motion, an order was given the Sergeant-at-Arms, signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, to arrest the person of Mr. Alden, the Senator from the First District, and bring him to the bar of the Senate, to answer the charge of contempt of the Senate.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to investigate the cases of the various absentees, and report to the Senate as soon as possible, whether they were in contempt of the Senate.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Meacham, Knight, and Weeks on the committee.

The Sergeant-at-Arms reported that Mr. Alden was *non est inventus*.

TUESDAY, August 4th, 1868.

The hour of twelve, midnight, having passed, the Senate bill No. 83 was taken up on motion, read the third time, and passed with the following vote:

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

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davis, McCaskill, Weeks, and Wood—6.

On motion of Mr. Knight, it was ordered that no dilatory motion be entertained pending action on this bill.

Senate bill No. 82 was taken up, read the third time, and passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Goss, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Pearce, Purman, and Smith—11.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Davis, McCaskill, Weeks, and Wood—6.

On motion, the Senate adjourned till ten o'clock this A. M.

TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

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

Prayer by the Chaplain.

A quorum present.

The journal corrected and approved, the reading having been dispensed with.

On motion, Senate bill No. 81 was taken up, and read the third time.

Mr. McCaskill moved its indefinite postponement.

On a motion to lay this motion on the table, the yeas and nays were demanded, with the following result:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, and Pearce—10.

Nays—Messrs. Crawford, Davis, Ginn, McCaskill, Weeks, and Wood—6.

So the motion lay on the table.

Mr. McCaskill moved to lay the bill on the table, which was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays being demanded:

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

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, and Pearce—10.

Mr. Meacham moved that no dilatory motion be entertained during the morning session; the yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Alden, Bradwell, Goss, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, and Pearce—9.

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

On motion of Mr. Knight, it was ordered that debate be lim-