

The joint meeting then adjourned and the members of the Senate repaired to the Senate chamber.

Mr. Henderson presented the following Resolution :

Resolved, That three hundred copies of the Governor's message and the accompanying reports of the Treasurer and Comptroller be immediately printed for the use of the Senate, and that the sergeant-at-arms be required to place 12 copies on the desk of the presiding officer and each Senator as soon as they are printed.

On motion of Mr. Smith the Senate adjourned till 10 A. M. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, January 6th, 1870—10 A. M.

The Senate convened in conformity to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Smithson, Vaughan, Walls, Weeks and Wentworth—16.

Mr. Walls presented the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The bill passed at the last session of the Legislature of the State of Florida, entitled "An Act to perfect the Public Works of the State," has been changed in some of its most essential features after it was passed upon by this Legislature; AND WHEREAS, Various rumors of fraud and corruption have been circulated in connection with this bill; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of seven, four from the Assembly and three from the Senate, be appointed to investigate the matter, report fully and thus vindicate the honor and integrity of the Legislature, and that the said committee have power to send for persons and papers;

Which was read the first time, on motion of Mr. Walls the second time, and on motion of Mr. McCaskill the resolution was made a joint resolution, and referred to a committee of five, viz., three from the Assembly and two from the Senate.

Which, on motion of Mr. Smith, was amended to appoint a committee of four from the Assembly and three from the Senate, and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers.

Resolution No. 2 :

Was read first, second and third times and passed by the following vote :

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Simpson, Underwood, Vaughan, Walls, Weeks, and Wentworth—20.

Nays—None.

The following Senators were appointed on the part of the Senate :

Messrs. Walls, Kendrick, and Purman were appointed on said committee.

Mr. Krimminger presented the following Memorial :

Memorial to the Congress of the United States, praying for the re-opening and re-establishing the Mail Route from New Troy in Lafayette county to Clear Water Harbor in Hillsboro' county, Florida, via Cedar Keys by water, once a week or as may suit contractor, the distance of three hundred miles :

The people of the State of Florida represented in Senate and Assembly, Would respectfully request our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, to use their best exertions to get the route re-established. The Secretary of State is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this Memorial to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress ;

Which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Smith made the following motion :

Moved that the sergeant-at-arms be directed to procure one dozen extra chairs, to be placed inside the bar of the Senate ;

Which was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, that a joint committee consisting of three members of the Senate and four of the Assembly, be appointed to constitute a committee on Appropriations, and to whom all matters of appropriations shall be referred.

Presented by Mr. Wentworth, which was read the first time.

Rules suspended and read the second time.

Mr. Wentworth gave notice that he will at some future day introduce a bill to incorporate the Tampa R. R. Company.

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

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate convened in pursuance to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

A quorum present.

The chair announced the following standing committees :

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. HENDERSON, Chairman.
 Messrs. SMITH, SMITHSON,
 UNDERWOOD, WENTWORTH.

Committee on Education.

Mr. PEARCE, Chairman.
 Messrs. GINN, CRAWFORD,
 KRIMMINGER, BRADWELL.

Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. HILLYER, Chairman.
 Messrs. ATKINS, WEEKS,
 VAUGHAN, WALLS.

Joint Committee on Claims and Appropriations.

Mr. WENTWORTH, Chairman.
 Messrs. PURMAN, MORAGNE.

Committee on Railroads.

Mr. MORAGNE, Chairman.
 Messrs. SMITH, WENTWORTH,
 PURMAN, MEACHAM.

Committee on Corporations.

Mr. VAUGHAN, Chairman.
 Messrs. CRUSE, CRAWFORD,
 MORAGNE, HUNT.

Committee on County and City Organizations.

Mr. McCASKILL, Chairman.
 Messrs. BRADWELL, CRUSE,
 HENDERSON, CRANE.

Committee on Militia.

Mr. PURMAN, Chairman.
 Messrs. McCASKILL, WENTWORTH,
 HILLYER, KENDRICK.

Committee on Public Printing.

Mr. CRANE, Chairman.
 Messrs. KRIMMINGER, KENDRICK,
 ATKINS, WALLS.

Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. KATZENBERG, Chairman.
 Messrs. KRIMMINGER, ATKINS,
 HILLYER, SMITHSON.

Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. SMITHSON, Chairman.
 Messrs. BRADWELL, CRANE,
 UNDERWOOD, HUNT.

Committee on State Institutions.

Mr. WENTWORTH, Chairman.
 Messrs. CRAWFORD, ATKINS,
 CRUSE, KRIMMINGER.

Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. ATKINS, Chairman.
 Messrs. PURMAN, CRANE,
 BRADWELL, CRUSE.

Committee on Legislative Expenditures.

Mr. MEACHAM, Chairman.
 Messrs. KRIMMINGER, GINN,
 HENDERSON, McCASKILL.

Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. GINN, Chairman.
 Messrs. McCASKILL, HUNT,
 CRAWFORD, WALLS.

Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. WEEKS, Chairman.
 Messrs. HUNT, McCASKILL,
 MEACHAM, SMITHSON.

Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. KENDRICK, Chairman.
Messrs. PEARCE, BRADWELL,
KATZENBERG, VAUGHAN.

Mr. Purman offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That five hundred copies of the Governor's Message be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the Executive, the members of the Legislature and Cabinet.

Which was read first time.

Mr. Purman offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the sergeant-at-arms be authorized and directed to furnish to each member of the Senate two copies daily of the "Tallahassee Daily Sentinel," during the continuance of this session.

Mr. McCaskill amended to furnish two copies of the Union, two copies of the Marianna Courier, two copies of the Lake City Press, two copies of the Floridian; which amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. McCaskill made further amendment "that each Senator pay the expense of such paper."

On motion of Mr. Henderson the Senate adjourned to 10 A. M. to-morrow.

FRIDAY, January 7, 1870.

Senate convened in accordance with adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Quorum present.

Mr. Wentworth offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint an assistant;

Which on motion of Mr. Krimminger was laid on the table.

Mr. Krimminger moved that the Senate proceed to elect an Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Smith amended, that on Monday next the Senate elect an Assistant Secretary, which was adopted.

Mr. Kendrick presented the following Memorial:

Memorial to the Congress of the United States, praying for a mail route from Palatka, Fla., to Okehumpkee, Fla., by steamers,

and from Okehumpkee to Bartow, Fla., overland, also from Okehumpkee to Brooksville, Fla., overland.

The people of Florida represented in Senate and Assembly, would respectfully request our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States to use their best exertions to get the said routes established. The Secretary of State is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this Memorial to each of our Senators, and Representative in Congress;

Which was read first, second and third time, and adopted.
The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 6, 1870. }

HON. WM. H. GLEASON, President Senate:

Sir—I have the honor herewith to submit for the consideration of the Senate the "Code of Practice" prepared by Hon. Robt. M. Smith, in accordance with the law of Aug., 1868; together with his report accompanying the same.

Very respectfully

HARRISON REED,
Governor.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the rules were suspended and a bill entitled An Act to simplify and abridge the practice, pleadings and proceedings of the courts of this State, was read the first time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Kendrick the Senate adjourned to 10 A. M., on Monday next.

MONDAY, January 10, 1870—10 A. M.

The Senate was called to order, in conformity to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Underwood, the reading of the journal of the Senate of last Friday was dispensed with.

The report of Mr. Smith on the Code of Practice was read.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 3, 1870.

To His Excellency HARRISON REED, Governor of Florida:

In pursuance of your appointment in February, 1868, of a commissioner to prepare a Code of Civil Practice for the State of Florida, I at once entered upon said work, and have completed