

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Kendrick—1.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crane, Crawford, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Smithson, Vaughan, and Walls—18.

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

A special committee made the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 30, entitled An Act relating to Stevedores, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

ROBERT M. SMITH,  
Chairman of Special Committee.

Which was received and read

The rule was waived, and the accompanying Senate Bill No. 30, An Act relating to Stevedores, read second and third times and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Henderson, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Smithson, Vaughan, and Walls—16.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, and Ginn—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Hillyer introduced the following Senate Concurrent Resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to extend a cordial invitation on behalf of the people of the State, to those distinguished citizens of Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville and St. Louis, who are at present the honored guests of the city of Savannah, to extend their visit into the State of Florida, and accept the welcome and hospitalities of our people, behold our sunny climate, and the superior inducements for immigration and investment.*

Which was read, and adopted.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January —, 1870.

TO THE SENATE:

Your committee ask leave to report that they have examined

the following bill submitted to them, and find it correctly enrolled, viz.:

Concurrent Resolution for Relief of Wm. H. Gleason.

Respectfully submitted,

S. KATZENBERG,  
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.  
C. V. HILLYER,  
J. A. ATKINS,  
G. B. SMITHSON.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Henderson moved that the Senate do now adjourn till to-morrow, ten o'clock A. M.

Which was not agreed to.

The Senate resumed the third reading of Senate Bill No. 1.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the vote to be taken on said bill was postponed till to-morrow, ten o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Purman, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow, ten o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, January 27, 1870.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Crawford, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Purman, Smith, Smithson, Underwood, Vaughan, and Weeks—16.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Underwood, the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

Assembly Joint Memorial No. 6, asking for Harbor Improvements at Musquito Inlet,

Was read second time, and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5, in reference to the establishment of a Mail Route from Starke, in Bradford county, to Lake City, in Columbia county, Florida,

Was read second time.

Mr. Hillyer moved that the words "Secretary of State" be substituted in said bill for the word "Governor";

Which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A special committee made the following report:

**To THE SENATE :**

Your committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 5, relating to Homesteads, report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

ROBERT M. SMITH,  
Chairman Special Committee.

Which was received and read, and the accompanying Senate Bill No. 5, placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Committee on Militia made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 26, 1870. }

*To the Senate :*

A majority of your committee to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 2, entitled An Act to repeal An Act the better to procure and secure protection to Life, Liberty and Property in the State of Florida, approved Aug. 6, 1868, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and should most respectfully recommend that it pass.

GEO. E. WENTWORTH,  
A. L. McCASKILL,  
W. H. KENDRICK.

Which was received and read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Messrs. Purman and Hillyer, of said Committee, made the following minority report :

The undersigned, the minority of the Committee to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 2, entitled A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal An Act the better to procure and secure protection to Life, Liberty and Property in the State of Florida, approved August 6, 1868, after a careful and unbiased examination of the subject, are of the opinion that the Act should not be repealed.

The Act to be repealed provides that the Governor may authorize and employ as many persons as in his discretion may be necessary for the detection and arrest of criminals, whose deeds are always a direct attack upon the life, liberty, and property of the inhabitants of the State. While so much murder and assassination prevail in the State, as the records of the past year testify, and while so many facilities exist in our sparsely-settled regions for the escape or the non-arrest of these criminals, even though the local authorities act cheerfully and efficiently in behalf of law and order, we do not deem it good public policy, at this time, to weaken the powers of the government and afford the many unpunished criminals more freedom and encouragement in the commission of new crimes.

Only law-breakers have just cause to complain against this Act, for it is their detection and punishment that the Act contemplates.

The law-abiding citizens have abundant reason to rejoice in the existence of this Act, for it contemplates their additional protection and security in life, liberty and property, and it is only by an appropriation or want of an appropriation, that this Act will be of efficiency or inefficiency to the people of the State.

While the complaints of murder, assassination, and larceny come up from the different sections of the State, in more than ordinary frequency, we cannot reconcile it to our sense of duty to our constituents, to withdraw from them this additional agency or arm of protection at this time.

W. J. PURMAN,  
C. V. HILLYER.

Which was received and read.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

Senate Bill No. 43 :  
An Act setting forth certain Restrictions upon the Florida Railroad Company,

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Walls moved that the bill be postponed till to-morrow, four o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Kendrick moved to lay the motion on the table.

The motion of Mr. Walls was laid on the table.

Mr. Walls moved strike out the words "at a suitable point" in line 2, and insert the word "Gainesville."

Mr. Kendrick moved to lay the motion on the table ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Purman moved to amend the bill by inserting in line 5, after the word "years," the words "from the line at Gainesville."

Mr. Smith moved to lay the motion on the table ;

On which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Moragne, McCaskill, Smith, Smithson, Underwood, and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Krimminger, Meacham, Pearce, Purman, Vaughan, and Walls—9.

So the motion of Mr. Purman was laid on the table.

Mr. Hillyer moved to amend said bill by adding after the word "years," in line 5, the words "from the date of the passage of this act ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Krimminger moved to amend said bill by adding in line 21, after the word "company," the words "*Provided*, That no provisions of this act shall be so construed as to prevent any railroad crossing or connecting with the said railroad at any point from its commencement to its terminus;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hillyer moved that the rule be waived, and the bill, as amended, be read third time, and put on its passage.

Mr. Walls moved to lay the motion on the table;

On which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Krimminger, Pearce, Purman, Vaughan, and Walls—8.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Smith, Smithson, Underwood, and Weeks—14.

The Senate refused to lay the motion on the table.

So the rule was waived, and the bill, as amended, read third time, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Purman, Smith, Smithson, Underwood, Vaughan, and Weeks—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Krimminger, Pearce, and Walls—5.

So the bill passed as amended, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Henderson offered the following:

Senate Bill No. 50:

An Act to amend An Act to prevent and punish Trespass upon the Public Lands of the State;

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 1:

An Act to simplify and abridge the Practice, Pleadings, and Proceedings of the Courts of the State, which was read the third time on yesterday, and the vote on same deferred till to-day, was put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce, Purman, Smith, and Underwood—13.

Nays—Messrs. Crawford, Henderson, Krimminger, McCaskill, Vaughan, and Weeks—6.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following communications were received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 26, 1870. }

Hon. GEO. E. WENTWORTH, President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly Bill No. 26, to be entitled An Act for the Payment of Tax Assessors for Enrolling the Militia of this State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 27, 1870. }

Hon. GEO. E. WENTWORTH, President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly Bill No. 29, to be entitled An Act to Incorporate the Fire Department of the City of Tallahassee.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 27, 1870. }

Hon. GEO. E. WENTWORTH, President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly Bill No. 32, to be entitled An Act to Incorporate the Pensacola City Company.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which were read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Senate Bill No. 4:

An Act in relation to State Scrip,

Was read the second time.

Mr. McCaskill moved to strike out section 10 of said bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Moragne, McCaskill, Smithson, Vaughan, and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Hillyer, Meacham, Pearce, Purman, Underwood, and Walls—9.

Section 10 was stricken out.

Mr. Hillyer moved to indefinitely postpone said bill.

Mr. Purman moved to lay the motion on the table;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Purman moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

On which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Pearce, Purman, Underwood, Walls, and Weeks—10.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Smithson, and Vaughan—11.

The Senate refused to adjourn.

Mr. Hillyer withdrew his motion to indefinitely postpone said bill.

Mr. Purman moved that further consideration of said bill be postponed till to-morrow, 4 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the Senate adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

#### FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Crawford, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Smithson, Walls, and Weeks—13.

A quorum present.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Meacham introduced the following:

Senate Bill No. 50½:

An Act to Incorporate the Monticello and Georgia Railroad Company;

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Smithson offered the following:

Senate Bill No. 51:

An Act fixing the times for holding the County Courts of the several Counties in this State;

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 44:

An Act to protect the Lumber, Log and Timber Business of the Suwannee River,

Was read the second time, rule waived, bill read the third time, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crane, Crawford, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Smithson, Vaughan, Walls, and Weeks—18.

Nays—Mr. Moragne—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following reports:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 27, 1870. }

TO THE SENATE:

Your committee ask leave to report that they have examined the following bill submitted to them, and find it correctly enrolled, viz.: Senate Bill No. 2, An Act to alter and amend An Act entitled An Act to Perfect the Public Works of the State, approved June 24, 1869.

Respectfully submitted,

S. KATZENBERG,  
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills,  
J. B. SMITHSON,  
J. N. KRIMMINGER,  
C. V. HILLYER.

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 27, 1870. }

TO THE SENATE:

Your committee ask leave to report that they have examined the following bill submitted to them, and find it correctly enrolled, viz.: Senate Bill No. 3, entitled An Act relating to Cities.

Respectfully submitted,

S. KATZENBERG,  
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills,  
G. B. SMITHSON,  
J. N. KRIMMINGER,  
C. V. HILLYER.

Which were received and read.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 27, 1870. }

Your committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 27,

to be entitled An Act to Incorporate the Pensacola Wharf Company, ask leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend the following amendment, viz.: Strike out the lines 7, 8, and 9 in the 2d section of the bill.

JOHN A. VAUGHAN, Chairman,  
JOHN L. CRAWFORD.

Which were received and read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Substitute to Assembly Bill No. 2:

An Act to repeal An Act the better to procure and secure Protection to Life, Liberty and Property in the State of Florida, approved August 6, 1868,

Was read second time.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the rule be waived, and the bill be put on its third reading.

Mr. Hillyer moved to lay the motion on the table;

On which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Pearce, Smith, and Walls—8.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Smithson, Vaughan, and Weeks—12.

The Senate refused to lay the motion on the table.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, further consideration of the bill was postponed till 11 A. M. to-morrow.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following reports:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 31, entitled An Act to repeal An Act entitled An Act prescribing additional Penalties for the commission of Offenses against the State, and for other purposes, return the same to the Senate, and beg leave to report that the act is already repealed, and no further legislation is required.

JOHN A. HENDERSON,  
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 39, entitled An Act to define the Jurisdiction of the County Courts of this State, after carefully examining the same, return the bill to the Senate, and beg leave to report, that the jurisdiction in probate cases is regulated by Article VI, Section 11, of the Constitution, and no legislation can alter or abridge the same.

JOHN A. HENDERSON, Chairman.

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 18, entitled An Act to provide for the more Efficient Work-

ing of the Public Roads of this State, return the same to the Senate, and beg leave to report, that in their judgment, the laws relating to the working of the public roads now in force, are adequate and of sufficient force, and do not recommend its passage.

JOHN A. HENDERSON,  
Chairman of Judiciary Committee.

January 27, 1870.

Which were received and read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Senate Bill No. 34:

An Act to authorize George M. Whetstone to erect a Dam for Milling Purposes, and a Toll Bridge across the Santa Fe River,

Was read second and third times, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crane, Crawford, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smithson, Underwood, Vaughan, Walls, and Weeks—19.

Nays—Mr. Moragne—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Hillyer offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Committee on Engrossed Bills to examine all bills before they go to the Assembly, and see that they are properly engrossed.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McCaskill offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That no new matter be entertained after the 1st of February next by this body.

On motion of Mr. Walls, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Meacham moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed and required to furnish forthwith, to each Senator, a copy of the rules and orders of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Kendrick, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, January 28, 1870.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.