

the Assembly has this day passed Assembly Bill No. 70, to be entitled An act for the relief of Gadsden County.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 12, 1870.

TO THE SENATE:

Your committee, to whom was referred a claim of J. Boyd against the State of Florida, ask leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

JOHN A. HENDERSON, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted, and the bill referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

On motion of Mr. Walls, the Senate went into Executive Session, at 5:40 P. M.

The following nominations were confirmed:

H. P. Lovering, to be Assessor of Taxes for Gadsden county.
Samuel B. McLin to be State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit.

Simeon N. Freeman and C. J. Westberg, to be Commissioners of Pilotage for the port of Fernandina.

On motion, the doors were opened.

The Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY, February 14, 1870.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

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

Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Underwood, Walls, and Weeks—14.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Kendrick, the reading of the journal of Saturday was dispensed with, and the journal approved.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Walls offered the following:
Senate Bill No. 100:

An act to incorporate the Escambia Navigation Company, and to clear out and improve the Navigation of Escambia River and

Pine Barren Creek, and to drain the Swamp and Overflowed Lands thereon;

Which was read first time by its title, and placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Underwood, Mr. Krimminger was excused from attendance on the Senate this morning.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, Mr. McCaskill was excused from attendance on the Senate on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Underwood, the vote of the Senate had on Saturday on the indefinite postponement of Assembly Bill No. 58, was reconsidered.

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following reports:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 1870.

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 48, entitled An act providing for the removal of Executors and Administrators, for the settlement of their accounts, &c., &c., return the same to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

JOHN A. HENDERSON,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Also:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 12, 1870.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 50, entitled An act providing for the appointment of a Curator to take possession of the Estates of Decedents in certain cases, and repealing the existing statutes upon the subject, return the same to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

JOHN A. HENDERSON,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which were read, Assembly Bill No. 50 placed among the orders of the day, and on motion of Mr. Henderson, Assembly Bill No. 48, An act providing for the removal of Executors and Administrators, for the settlement of their accounts, &c., was read second time by its title, the rule was waived, the bill read third time, and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce, Smith, Underwood, and Weeks—14.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on State Institutions made the following report:

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 1870.

TO THE SENATE:

Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 99, entitled An act to provide for the Control and Repairs of the State Capitol and Grounds, and the Improvement of the Penitentiary, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and would most respectfully recommend its passage.

GEORGE E. WENTWORTH, Chairman,
J. A. ATKINS,
HARRY CRUSE.

Which was read, and the accompanying Senate Bill No. 99 placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Smith, Assembly Bill No. 50, An act providing for the appointment of a Curator to take possession of the Estates of Decedents in certain Cases, and repealing the existing statutes upon the subject,

Was taken up, rule waived, read second and third times, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce, Purman, Underwood, Walls, and Weeks—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 1870. }

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 72, entitled An act authorizing James H. King, (a minor,) to take charge of and control his separate estate, return the same to the Senate and beg leave to report that after a careful consideration of the bill they recommend its passage.

JOHN A. HENDERSON, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying Senate Bill No. 72 placed among the orders of the day.

A committee of conference made the following report:

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

Your committee of conference, having had under consideration the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendments to Assembly Joint Resolution declaring certain Acts of the Board of Internal Improvement null and void, recom-

mend that the Senate do recede from their amendments to said resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. CRANE,
WM. BRADWELL,
Committee of the Senate.
SAMUEL WALKER,
G. W. BOSTICK,
W. W. MOORE,
Committee of the Assembly.

Which was received and read.

Assembly bill No. 57:

An Act to organize the Aquatic and Tropical Plant Propagating Company,

Was read first time by its title, and on motion referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 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. 75:

An act to Incorporate the Jacksonville and Saint Augustine Railroad Company, and to Perfect one of the Public Works of the State.

Respectfully submitted.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Bill No. 72:

An Act authorizing James H. King, (a minor,) to take charge of and control his separate estate,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce, Smith, Underwood, Walls, and Weeks—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 95:

An act to Enable Counties to make Internal Improvements,
and for other purposes,
Was read third time.

Mr. Henderson withdrew his amendment to said bill.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Underwood, and Weeks—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 71:

An act to repeal An act entitled An act to enforce the Laws
against the Violation of the Sabbath Day in Monroe County,
approved December 29, 1854,

Was read third time, and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President *pro tem.*, Messrs. Atkins, Crane, Cruse,
Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Krimminger, Purman,
Smith, Underwood, and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Meacham, and Pearce—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 1870. }

TO THE SENATE:

Your committee ask leave to report that they have examined
the following bills submitted to them, and find them correctly
enrolled, viz.:

Senate Bill No. 62:

A bill to be entitled An act to establish the Florida Agricultural College.

Respectfully submitted.

S. KATZENBERG,
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills,
C. V. HILLYER,
J. A. ATKINS,
J. N. KRIMMINGER.

Which was received and read.

Senate Bill No. 64:

An act to Incorporate the Inland and Steinhatchie Railroad
Company,

Was read third time.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Krimminger offered the following
amendment:

In line 8, section 8, strike out the words "towns, cities, counties,
home or foreign."

Which was adopted.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer,
Katzenberg, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce, Purman,
Underwood, and Weeks—14.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Purman offered the following:
Senate Bill No. 101:

An act to alter and amend An act entitled An act to Incorporate
the Florida Telegraph Company, and declaratory thereof;

Which was read first and second times by its title, rule waived,
read third time, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg,
Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce,
Purman, Smith, Underwood, and Weeks—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 40:

An act to incorporate the Tampa Railroad Company,

Was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Weeks, the name of William H. Kendrick
was inserted as a corporator in said bill.

The rule was waived, and the bill read third time, and put
upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer,
Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Pearce, Smith, Underwood,
Walls, and Weeks—14.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 1870. }

TO THE SENATE:

Your committee ask leave to report that they have examined

the following bills submitted to them, and find them correctly enrolled, viz: Senate Bill No. 97, An act regulating the sale of Bonds.

Respectfully submitted.
S. KATZENBERG,
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills,
C. V. HILLYER,
J. N. KRIMMINGER.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Smith, Senate Bill No. 93, An act to Incorporate the Southern Stock and Banking Company,

Came up on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill was placed back on its first reading, and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Smith, Hillyer and Ginn.

Senate Bill No. 77:

An act to Incorporate the Town of Starke, Bradford county, Florida,

Was read second time by its title.

The rule was waived, the bill read third time, and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Ginn, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Walls, and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Henderson and Underwood—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 59:

An act to define and direct the use of an appropriation for Common Schools,

Was read second time.

Mr. Pearce offered the following amendment to said bill:

SECTION 2. A sum not to exceed six thousand dollars of the above amount, shall be expended under the direction of the Board of Education, in establishing a Normal School, and an institute for the instruction of teachers.

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended, was read third time, and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President *pro tem.*, Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Krimminger, Meacham, Pearce, Purman, and Underwood—12.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Henderson, Kendrick, and Weeks—4.

So the bill passed as amended, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Underwood offered the following:

Resolved by the Senate, That no new matter shall be admitted, except on Appropriations, after 12 o'clock to-day.

Which was read.

The President ruled that the resolution was out of order, on the ground that any Senator has the right to introduce new matter from his constituents at any time.

Assembly Bill No. 58:

An act providing for the appointment of an Inspector of Steam Boilers in use in the several counties of this State,

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Kendrick moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed; Which, on motion of Mr. Walls, was laid on the table.

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 4 o'clock, P. M.

A special committee made the following report:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred An act Relating to Homesteads, beg leave to report back a substitute, and recommend its passage.

W. J. PURMAN, Chairman,
C. H. PEARCE,
JOSIAH T. WALLS.

Which was read, and the substitute to Senate Bill No. 5, An act relating to Homesteads, as recommended by the committee, adopted.

On motion of Mr. Purman, the substitute to Senate Bill No. 5 was taken up and read second time.

Mr. Purman moved that the blank in Section 1 of said bill be filled by inserting the word "ten;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Purman moved to fill the blank in Section 2 by inserting the words, "a sum not to exceed twenty dollars;"

Which was adopted.

The rule was waived, the bill read third time, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Cruse, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Pearce, Purman, Walls, and Wentworth—12.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins and Ginn—2.

So the substitute to Senate Bill No. 5 passed, title as stated. Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Meacham offered the following :
Senate Bill No. 102 :

An act to amend An act entitled An act for the assessment and collection of Revenue, approved June 24, 1869 ;

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

The Committee on Public Lands made the following report :

Your committee to whom was referred a bill to organize the Aquatic and Tropical Plant Propagating Company, having considered the same, and believing it to be a measure that may be of incalculable benefit to the State in the possible reclamation of what is now known as the impenetrable swamp of the Everglades, beg leave to report that the bill should pass.

C. H. PEARCE,
W. M. BRADWELL,
S. KATZENBERG.

Which was received and read, and on motion of Mr. Purman, the accompanying Assembly Bill No. 57, An act to organize the Aquatic and Tropical Plant Propagating Company,

Was read second time, and placed among the orders of the day.

Senate Bill No. 99 :

An act to provide for the control and repairs of the State Capitol and the Improvement of the State Penitentiary,

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

The vote was :

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

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 100 :

An act to incorporate the Escambia Navigation Company, to clear out and improve the navigation of the Escambia river, and Pine Barren creek, and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon,

Was read third time, and put on its passage.

The vote was :

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

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.
On motion of Mr. Katzenberg, the Senate adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M., to-day.

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, Ginn, and Krimminger—3.

The President announced there was no quorum.

Mr. Kendrick (Dem.) moved, as there was an Operetta Company in Tallahassee, who were to give their exhibition in the Assembly Hall to-night, that the Senate do now adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 A. M.

Which was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 A. M.

TUESDAY, February 15, 1870.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present :

Messrs. Bradwell, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Meacham, Pearce, Smith, and Smithson—8.

The President announced there was no quorum.

Mr. Walls moved the call of the Senate.

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

Messrs. Bradwell, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Meacham, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Smithson, and Walls—10.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched for the missing members.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, the further call of the Senate was dispensed with.

The President announced a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Purman, the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, and the journal approved.

The following communication was received from the Assembly :