

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 :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 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. 84, to be entitled An act in relation to State Warrants.

Assembly Bill No. 86, To be entitled An act to re-establish the Records when the same have been destroyed.

Assembly Bill No. 74, to be entitled An act to Incorporate the Tampa, Hillsborough and Charlotte Bay Navigation Company.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and accompanying Assembly Bills, Nos. 74, 84, and 86 placed among the orders of the day.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Purman offered the following: Senate Bill No. 103:

An act for the Protection of Agricultural Laborers, which was read first time by its title, rule waived, read second time.

While the bill was being read and discussed, the following communication was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 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 Senate Bill No. 5, to be entitled An act relative to Homesteads.

Also:

Assembly Bill No. 90, to be entitled An act to alter and amend An act to Incorporate the Santa Rosa Banking and Insurance Company, passed at the present session of this General Assembly.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, accompanying Senate Bill No. 5 ordered to be enrolled, and Assembly Bill No. 90 placed among the orders of the day.

Also, the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 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 Senate Bill No. 60½, to be entitled An act for the preservation of the Public Peace and Order.

Also, passed Senate Bill No. 84, to be entitled An act to make Justices of the Peace, Coroners in their respective Counties.

Also, adopted Senate Joint Resolution relative to adjournment.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and accompanying Senate Bills Nos. 60½ and 84 and ordered to be enrolled.

Also, the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 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 Senate Bill No. 10½, to be entitled An act for the Relief of G. Troup Maxwell.

Senate Bill No. 98, to be entitled An act to Incorporate the West Florida Railroad Company.

Senate Bill No. 82, to be entitled An act for the Relief of John Wyatt.

And adopted Joint Resolution relative to certain Mail Routes in this State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 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 Senate Bill No. 33, to be entitled An act granting Equal Privileges on Public Conveyances.

And adopted Joint Resolution relative to the Books of Comptroller and Treasurer.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 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 Senate Bill No. 51, to be entitled An act for fixing the times of holding the County Courts of the several Counties in this State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which were read, and the accompanying Senate Bills Nos. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, 33, 51, 82, and 98, and Joint Resolution ordered to be enrolled, and Assembly Joint Resolution No. 19 placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Krimminger moved that the bill (Senate Bill No. 103) be printed.

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

On which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Cruse, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Meacham, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Underwood and Walls—10.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Ginn, Kendrick, Krimminger, Moragne, Smithson, and Weeks—7.

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

Mr. Smith moved to strike out the words "to be attached by the planters of the crop, and;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Smithson offered the following amendment:

At the end of Section 2, insert the words, "Provided, always, that said laborer shall labor to the end of his contract."

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

On which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Cruse, Hillyer, Meacham, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Underwood, and Walls—9.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Ginn, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Moragne, Smithson, and Weeks—8.

The amendment offered by Mr. Smithson was laid on the table.

The bill placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow for its third reading.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Smithson offered the following: Senate Bill No. 104:

An act in relation to the office of Lieutenant-Governor and the present Incumbent;

Which was read first time by its title, rule waived, read second time.

Mr. Walls moved that the bill be printed.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Smith moved that the rule be suspended, and that the bill be read third time, and put on its passage.

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

The Senate refused to lay the motion on the table.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Crane, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Meacham, Moragne, Purman, Smith, Smithson, and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Krimminger, Pearce and Underwood—4.

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., February 15, 1870. }

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

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to request the Senate to return to the Assembly for further consideration, Senate Bill No. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$, to be entitled An act for the preservation of the Public Peace and Order.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 1870. }

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

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Senate Bill No. 72, to be entitled An act to authorize James H. King, (a minor,) to take Charge of and Control his Estate.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 1870. }

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

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Senate Bill No. 87, to be entitled An act to Incorporate the Island City Hotel Company, and Senate Bill No. 81, to be entitled An act for the relief of William H. Holden.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which were read, and the accompanying Senate Bills Nos. 72, 81 and 87, ordered to be enrolled.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 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. 21 :
A bill to be entitled An act to Compensate George J. Arnou,
late Solicitor of the Suwannee Circuit, for extra services.
Senate Bill No. 60½ :
An act for the Preservation of the Public Peace and Order.
Respectfully submitted.

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

Which was read.
On motion of Mr. Smith, Senate Bill No. 60½ was returned to the Assembly, in accordance with the request of that body.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Assembly Bill No. 90 :

An act to alter and amend An act entitled An act to Incorporate the Santa Rosa Banking and Insurance Company, passed at the present session of this General Assembly,

Was read first time by its title, rule waived, read second time by its title, rule waived, read third time, and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Smithson, Walls, and Weeks—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following communication was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 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 substitute for Senate Bill No. 15, to be entitled An act to provide for the Punishment of Crime, and Proceedings in Criminal Cases.

Also :

Passed Senate Bill No. 83, to be entitled An act further defining the Duties of Comptroller of this State.

Also :

Passed Senate Bill No. 85, to be entitled An act for the relief of John L. Gaskins.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Senate Bills Nos. 83 and 85 ordered to be enrolled, and Assembly substitute to Senate Bill No. 15, and the original, placed among the orders of the day.

A committee made the following report :

TO THE SENATE :

Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 93, having had the same under consideration, respectfully report the same back with a substitute, and recommend the passage of the substitute.

ROBERT M. SMITH,
CHAS. V. HILLYER.

Which was received and read, and the substitute to Senate Bill No. 93, with the original, placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Smith, substitute to Senate Bill No. 93, An act to Incorporate the Southern Stock and Banking Company, was taken up, and made the special order of the day at 4 o'clock P. M., to-day.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Purman offered the following :
Senate Bill No. 105 :

An act to alter and amend An act entitled An act to Incorporate the Pensacola and Barrancas Railroad Company, passed at the present session of the Legislature ;

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

By unanimous consent, Mr. Purman offered the following amendment to the bill :

Section 2. That this act shall be held and deemed to be a public act, and all laws and parts of laws inconsistent therewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Which was adopted.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Smithson, Underwood, and Walls—14.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed as amended, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Moragne offered Senate Memorial to Congress, relative to the Clearing out of the Inside Passage between the St. Marys and St. Johns Rivers ;

Which was read.

Upon the question of the adoption of the memorial,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Smithson, Underwood, Walls, and Weeks—16.

Nays—None.

So the Memorial was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 1870. }

HON. GEO. E. WENTWORTH, President of the Senate *pro tem.* :

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 102, entitled An act to amend An act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, respectfully offer the accompanying substitute for said bill, and recommend its passage.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES V. HILLYER, Chairman,
J. T. WALLS.

Which was received and read, and the accompanying Senate Bill No. 102, and the substitute recommended by the committee placed among the orders of the day for 4:30 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report :

Your committee, to whom has been referred the claim of J. Boyd, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and report as follows :

This claim of Mr. J. Boyd is based upon expenditures made in searching and surveying for a route for a ship canal from some point on the St. Mary's River, to some point on the Suwannee or Santa Fe river.

The plan proposed seems to be most plausible and practicable, and worthy of the early attention of both the State and the Federal government, since it is evident that the perfection of such a work would greatly facilitate navigation between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, by shortening the route many hundreds of miles and doing away with the present neces-

sities of incurring those terrible risks and dangers which are now necessarily incurred by every sailing craft plying between the Atlantic and Gulf ports.

The proposed canal would be a source of vast income to the internal welfare of the State, in many ways which will at once suggest themselves to men of thought and enterprise.

Your committee have dwelt upon the advantages of this scheme for the reason that the expenses incurred by Mr. Boyd in the search and survey of a ship canal across the Peninsular, have been from his own private means, relying upon the people of the State to see the importance of the enterprise, take the burden from his shoulders, and in good time reimburse him for actual expenses incurred for the good of the State.

Therefore, in consequence of the unofficial nature of his instructions, and his proceedings ; while we cannot directly recommend any definite action by the Senate, we respectfully recommend that the claims of J. Boyd be referred to the favor and consideration of the Joint Committee on Claims and Appropriations.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES V. HILLYER, Chairman,
JOSIAH T. WALLS,
W. T. WEEKS.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Walls offered the following protest, which was ordered to be spread on the journal of the Senate.

We, the undersigned Senators of the State of Florida, do most solemnly protest against the passage of the bill to be entitled An act in relation to the office of Lieutenant-Governor and the present incumbent, believing as we do that it is a matter for the courts to decide.

J. T. WALLS,
C. H. PEARCE,
WM. BRADWELL,
J. N. KRIMMINGER,
J. M. UNDERWOOD.

Assembly Bill No. 65 :

An act to authorize certain persons to establish a Ferry across Holmes Creek,

Was read second time, and on motion of Mr. Underwood, the same was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Moragne, 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 members answered to their names :

Messrs. Bradwell, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Meacham, Pearce, Smithson, Underwood, Walls, and Weeks—12.

Assembly Bill No. 29 :

An act to Incorporate the Fire Department of the City of Tallahassee,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Moragne, Pearce, Smith, Smithson, Underwood, Walls, and Weeks—12.

Nays—Mr. Cruse—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Katzenberg offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the use of the Senate Chamber be allowed to the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, on the evening of the 9th of March next.

Which was adopted.

The Railroad Committee made the following report :

TO THE SENATE :

Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 60, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report the same back, and recommend its passage with the amendment, to wit : In the 22d line insert the word sixty in the place of twenty.

N. H. MORAGNE,
Chairman of Committee,
ROBERT M. SMITH.

Which was read, and the accompanying Senate Bill No. 60 placed among the orders of the day :

Senate Bill No. 76 :

An act in behalf of the Mediterranean and Oriental Steamship Company, and for the encouragement of foreign Immigration,

Was read second time, and on motion of Mr. Smith, was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Smith, Katzenberg and Kendrick, who were instructed to report on the same to-morrow morning 10 o'clock, and the bill was made the special order of the day for to-morrow 10 A. M.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 1870. }

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

SIR : I have this day signed and deposited with the Secretary of State the act entitled an act regulating the sale of Bonds.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

Which was read.

Substitute as recommended by committee to Senate Bill No. 93, an act to Incorporate the Southern Stock and Banking Company, (with the same title as the original bill,) on motion of Mr. Smith was adopted.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Cruse, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, Smith, Smithson, and Walls—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 9, 1870. }

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 11, relative to the Agricultural Land Scrip, having examined the same, respectfully report in favor of the passage of the accompanying substitute.

Respectfully,

CHARLES V. HILLYER, Chairman,
J. T. WALLS.

Which was read, and the accompanying Senate Joint Resolution No. 11, in relation to the Agricultural Land Scrip, and its substitute, as recommended by the committee, placed among the orders of the day.

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

Senate Bill No. 106 :

An act to authorize the Governor of this State to appoint an Assistant Secretary of State ;

Which was read first time.

Mr. Smithson moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Hillyer moved that the bill be referred to a special committee.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls moved to lay on the table the motion of Smithson to indefinitely postpone the bill;

On which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Hillyer, Pearce, Purman, and Walls—5.

Nays—Messrs. Atkins, Cruse, Ginn, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, Smithson, Underwood, and Weeks—10.

The Senate refused to lay the motion of Mr. Smithson on the table.

On the question, Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Cruse, Ginn, Kendrick, Meacham, Moragne, Smithson, Underwood, and Weeks—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Hillyer, Pearce, Purman, and Walls—5.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Assembly Bill No. 57:

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

Was read third time, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

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

Nays—Mr. Smithson—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 report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 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. 98, a bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the West Florida Railroad Company.

Senate Bill No. 101, a bill to be entitled An act to alter and amend an act entitled An act to incorporate the Florida Telegraph Company and declaratory thereof.

Respectfully submitted.

S. KATZENBERG,
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills,
J. N. KRIMMINGER,
G. B. SMITHSON,
J. A. ATKINS.

Which was read.

The following communications were received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 1870. }
Hon. GEORGE 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. 79, to be entitled An act to incorporate the Ocklawaha River and Lake Newnan Canal Company, and adopted Joint Resolution No. 21, in relation to the settling different accounts with the United States Government.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 1870. }
Hon. GEORGE 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. 89, to be entitled An act to repeal the Eleventh Section of An act prescribing additional penalties for commission of offences against the State.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 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. 13, to be entitled an act to grant Liens to Artisans, Mechanics, and others, and providing for the Enforcement thereof.

Senate Bill No. 60½, to be entitled an act for the Preservation of the Public Peace and Order, with an amendment, and request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 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 Senate Bill No. 96, to be entitled An act repealing an act to authorize the Comptroller of the State to pay a Commission on the Sale of State Bonds.

Senate Bill No. 79, to be entitled An act to provide for Shipping Masters in this State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which were read.

The accompanying Senate Bills Nos. 79 and 96 ordered to be enrolled; and Senate Bill No. 60½, with Assembly amendment thereto, and Assembly Bills Nos. 13, 79, and 89, and Assembly Joint Resolution No. 21, placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 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 Senate Bill No. 71, to be entitled An act to provide for the Execution of the Public Printing.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying Senate Bill No. 71, ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Moragne, the Senate went into executive session at five minutes past 5 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Smithson, the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Moragne, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 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. Atkins, Bradwell, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Moragne, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Smithson, Underwood, Walls, and Weeks—16.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Smithson, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with, and the journal approved.

Mr. Atkins offered the following :

Senate Joint Resolution relative to Post Routes in Calhoun County ;

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

The vote was :

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

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Hillyer, the Governor's message of yesterday to the Senate relative to the Cabinet officers, was returned to him.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Bill No. 10 :

An act in relation to Misdemeanors,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Ginn, Henderson, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Moragne, Underwood, and Weeks—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Cruse, Pearce, Smithson, and Walls—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

Concurrent Resolution asking Congress to remove disabilities ;
Which was read.

Upon the question, Shall the resolution be adopted ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President *pro tem.*, Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Moragne, Pearce, Purman, Smithson, Underwood, Walls, and Weeks—17.

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Krimminger, Mr. Meacham was excused from further attendance on the Senate.

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

Senate Bill No. 107 :

An act allowing Judges of the United States Courts to sentence convicts to confinement in the State Penitentiary ;