

laws, pays no tax; 1,000 miles of telegraph paying no revenue; oyster-beds and fisheries along 1,000 miles of coast, and equal to the best in the world, yielding no State revenue; foreign corporations doing business in the State, insurance companies, steamship companies, &c., pay no tribute. When these and other resources, now latent, are brought into requisition, as in other States, the State can carry ten times her present public debt without additional burden to the people in the rate of taxation. About \$150,000 of our floating debt is receivable for public lands, of which the State has about *eleven millions of acres* already, and when the public surveys are completed will be entitled under existing laws to receive over *five millions more*. In addition to this, the State of Florida has a valid unliquidated claim against the Federal Government for expenditures in the Seminole war of \$100,000 or \$200,000.

The railroad policy is the same as that of the States of Georgia and Alabama. To complete her system, as projected, it will require about 400 miles more of road, and the Legislature, at its late session, authorized, by a nearly unanimous vote, the loaning the State credit in aid of the railroad companies to the amount variously of \$8,000, \$14,000, and \$16,000 per mile, to be issued as the works are completed, in sections of 20 miles, upon *securing the State by first mortgage liens conditional upon the payment by the Company of principal and interest*. In no case is aid promised in advance of the work, and the falsehoods which have been so widely circulated of loose legislation and lavish issue of bonds have no further basis than the malice and vindictive hatred of disappointed corruptionists, who have in vain sought to fasten themselves upon the financial and railroad systems of Florida for purposes of personal aggrandizement at the expense of the State. Having failed to rule, they seek now to ruin the credit of the State.

Under the new system of Government, Florida is entering a career of prosperity hitherto-unknown in her history. Her slave population, as freemen and citizens, are worth four-fold more to the State in enhancing its wealth and prosperity than as slaves. Immigration and capital from the North are rapidly developing the resources of the eastern portion of the State, while the opening of the railroad to Pensacola from the North, is commanding for that beautiful city unparalleled prosperity. No State in the South has less obstacles to overcome than Florida, and there is no substantial reason why her bonds should not be as valuable as those of South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama.

Mr. Meacham offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President of the Senate appoint special committees on the different subjects of the Governor's Message, Which was adopted.

The President announced that he would appoint committees on all subjects connected with His Excellency's Message to-morrow.

Mr. Meacham offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, information of the death of the Hon. J. M. Underwood, Senator from the Eleventh District, has reached this body: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That in token of respect to the memory of said deceased, the Senate do now adjourn until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Which was adopted.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, a. m.

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FRIDAY, May 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. Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Smithson, Vaughan and Wentworth—13.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Katzenberg, the reading of yesterday's Journal was dispensed with.

The President pro tem. announced the appointment of the following committees:

*On Funding the State Debt:*

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| MESSRS. PURMAN, | KATZENBERG, |
| SMITHSON,       | PEARCE,     |
|                 | HENDERSON.  |

*On Taxation:*

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| MESSRS. HILLYER, | KENDRICK, |
| WALLS,           | GINN,     |
|                  | MEACHAM.  |

*On State Institutions:*

MESSRS. SMITH, BRADWELL,  
MORAGNE, VAUGHAN,  
WEEKS.

*On Corporations:*

MESSRS. McCASKILL, CRUSE,  
PURMAN, KRIMMINGER,  
GINN.

Mr. Katzenberg moved that the Senate do now go into an election for Door-keeper;

Mr. Walls moved as a substitute, that the Assistant Sergeant at Arms be directed to perform the duty of Door-keeper;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls asked the unanimous consent of the Senate to introduce a bill;

Which was not granted.

Mr. Walls without previous notice introduced the following Senate bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the Capitol and other Public Buildings and Grounds and repairs thereto;

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

Mr. Purman moved that a committee of three, be appointed to draft resolutions in token of respect to the memory of the Hon. J. M. Underwood, deceased, Senator from the Eleventh District;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Purman, Henderson and Meacham.

Mr. Purman without previous notice introduced the following Senate bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the Finances of this State;

Which was read the first time by its title and on motion referred to the Committee on Funding the State Debt.

Ordered that the bill be printed and laid on the desks of the Senators this afternoon.

Mr. Purman moved that the standing rules of the Senate of last January session be adopted for this session;

Which was agreed to.

Ordered that the Secretary of the Senate furnish each Senator with a printed copy of the rules.

Mr. Henderson moved that the Senate adjourn until 4 o'clock, P. M.;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Henderson renewed his motion and the Senate adjourned until 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, Crawford, Ginn, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, McCaskill, Smith, Smithson, Vaughan and Wentworth—12.

The President pro tem. announced there was no quorum.

Mr. McCaskill moved a call of the Senate;

Which was agreed to, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bradwell, Crawford, Cruse, Henderson, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, McCaskill, Smith, Smithson, Vaughan and Walls—13.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched after the absent Senators.

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

Mr. Smith offered the following concurrent resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Senate, the Assembly concurring, adjourn *sine die*, on Tuesday the 1st day of June, A. D. 1870, at 12 o'clock, M.;

Which was read.

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Bradwell, Cruse, Meacham Pearce, Purman and Walls—6.

So the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

A communication was received from His Excellency the Governor.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the message of His Excellency with the accompanying documents, was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Crawford, Walls and Katzenberg.

Mr. Henderson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to furnish to this body a full statement.

1. Of all Bonds of the State of Florida that comprise the public debt.

2. The denomination of the same.

3. The dates respectively thereof.

4. To whom sold, and at what price, if sold.

5. If hypothecated, to whom, when, where, and for how much.

6. The present address of every party holding any of the Bonds of this State, on any account whatsoever, and particularly who now holds the last authorized issue of State Bonds; for how much the same are pledged, and the post-office address of the several holders thereof.

7. How much, if any, has the amount for which such last mentioned Bonds were pledged been increased since the control of the same was placed in the hands of the Governor, and an itemized statement of such increase and the necessities therefor.

8. What amount in cash, if any, has been received by the Governor, his agents or attorneys, from the hypothecations and sales of said Bonds, or any of them; from whom was such money received, and what disposition has been made thereof.

*Resolved further*, That the Senate will not pass to a final vote upon any bill relating to the Bonds of this State, at this session, until such information be furnished;

Which was read and adopted.

Ordered that the same be transmitted to the Governor forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Smithson, the Sergeant-at-Arms was excused from further attendance on the Senate until Monday next.

Without previous notice, Mr. Meacham introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 3—An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a uniform system of Common Schools and a University;

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

Mr. Henderson moved that the Senate do now adjourn until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Henderson renewed his motion to adjourn;

And the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

## RULES AND ORDERS.

6c. RULE 1. The President shall take the Chair every day at the hour to which the Senate shall have adjourned; shall

call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

RULE 2. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal. He shall rise to put a question or to address the Senate, but may read sitting.

RULE 3. He shall declare all votes; but if any member rises to doubt a vote, the President shall order a return of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without any further debate.

RULE 4. When any member shall require a question to be determined by the yeas and nays, the President shall take the sense of the House in that manner, provided any three of the members present are in favor of it.

RULE 5. When a question is under debate, the President shall receive no motion but to *adjourn*, to *lay on the table*, to *postpone to a day certain*, to *commit*, to *amend*, or to *postpone indefinitely*, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged; and a motion to adjourn and to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

RULE 6. When two or more members rise at once, the President shall name the member who is to speak first.

RULE 7. The President shall have the right to name a member to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

RULE 8. In case the President shall be absent at the hour to which the Senate was adjourned, the senior member present shall call the House to order, and shall preside until a President *pro tempore* shall be elected, which shall be the first business of the Senate.

RULE 9. Every member, when he speaks, shall stand in his place, and address the President, and when he has done speaking, shall sit down.

RULE 10. No member shall speak more than once on one question, to the prevention of any other who has not spoken and is desirous to speak, nor more than twice without obtaining leave of the House.

RULE 11. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by rising up to call to order.

RULE 12. After a question is put to vote, no member shall speak to it.

RULE 13. Every member presenting a petition, memorial,

or remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, and in the filing thereof, state briefly the nature and object of the instrument; and shall also give, in his place, a brief summary thereof, and the reading shall be dispensed with, unless specially ordered by the House.

RULE 14. Every motion shall be received and considered, and shall be reduced to writing if the President directs it; and no member shall be permitted to lay a motion, in writing, on the table, until he has read the same in his place.

RULE 15. When a vote has passed, it shall be in order for any member voting in the majority to move a reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day, and such motion (except in the last week of the session) shall be placed first in the orders of the day for the day succeeding that on which the motion is made; and when a motion for reconsideration is decided, that vote shall not be reconsidered.

RULE 16. A question containing two or more propositions, capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member. A motion to strike out and insert, shall be deemed indivisible; but a motion to strike out being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.

RULE 17. The unfinished business in which the Senate was engaged at the time of the last adjournment shall have the preference in the orders of the day.

RULE 18. No member shall absent himself from the Senate without leave.

RULE 19. Whenever a question shall be taken by yeas and nays, the Secretary shall call the names of all the members, except the President, in alphabetical order, and every member present shall answer to his name, unless excused; and no member shall be permitted, under any circumstances, to vote after the decision is announced from the Chair.

RULE 20. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the first session, to-wit:

- A Committee on the Judiciary.
- A Committee on Education.
- A Committee on Finance and Taxation.
- A Committee on Claims.
- A Committee on Corporations.
- A Committee on City and County Organization.
- A Committee on the Militia.
- A Committee on Legislative Expenses.
- A Committee on Agriculture.

A Committee on Public Printing.

A Committee on Enrolled Bills.

A Committee on Engrossed Bills.

A Committee on State Institutions.

A Committee on Railroads.

A Committee on Public Lands.

A Committee on Privileges and Elections.

And each of these committees shall consist of five members.

RULE 21. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially directed by the Senate, and the person first named shall be Chairman; and whenever a member of a committee shall be absent, and a substitute shall be appointed, the substitute shall hold the same rank in the committee as the member held for whom he is substituted. In all elections of committees by ballot, the persons having the highest number of votes shall act as Chairman.

RULE 22. No bill or resolve shall be introduced by a member without special leave; and all bills and resolves, when so introduced, shall be committed before they are passed to a second reading.

RULE 23. No bill or resolve shall pass to be engrossed without two several readings on two separate days.

RULE 24. All bills and resolves after the second reading, shall be committed to the Standing Committee on Engrossed Bills, whose duty it shall be to strictly examine the same, and if found by them to be rightly and truly engrossed, they shall so endorse on the envelope thereof.

RULE 25. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be amended without the unanimous consent of the members present.

RULE 26. When acting on confidential or executive business, the Senate shall be cleared of all persons except the Secretary, and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

RULE 27. Messages shall be sent to the Assembly by the Secretary, who shall previously endorse the final determination of the Senate thereon.

RULE 28. Committees are authorized, when they report a bill which in their opinion should be printed, to send it at once to the printer, without previous action of the Senate.

RULE 29. No person, not a member of the Senate, shall be allowed inside the bar while the Senate is in session, except the Governor, his Cabinet officers, and Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, except by invitation of the President, or a majority of the members present.

RULE 30. The rules of Parliamentary Practice comprised in Jefferson's Manual shall govern the Senate in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Standing Rules and Orders of the Senate, or the Joint Rules of the two branches of the Legislature.

RULE 31. The following shall be the hours of the daily sessions of the Senate, unless otherwise ordered, 10 A. M. and 4 P. M.

RULE 32. Any rule or order may be altered, dispensed with, or rescinded, a majority of the members present consenting thereto.

A. L. McCASKILL,  
W. J. PURMAN,  
H. A. CRANE,  
Select Committee on Rules.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Reading of the Journal.

2d. Letters, petitions, memorials, remonstrances, and accompanying documents may be presented and referred.

3d. Resolutions may be offered and considered, notice of leave to introduce bills may be given, and bills may be introduced on leave granted.

4th. Reports of committees may be made and considered, first from standing committees, and next from select committees.

5th. Messages and other executive communications.

6th. Messages from the Assembly, and amendments proposed by the Assembly to bills from the Senate.

7th. Bills and resolutions from the Assembly on their second reading.

8th. Bills on their reading.

9th. Bills ready for a third reading.

10th. Bills reported by a committee of the whole.

11th. Bills in which a committee of the whole has made progress and obtained leave to sit again.

12th. Bills not yet considered in committee of the whole.

SATURDAY, May 28, 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:

Mr. President pro tem., Messrs. Bradwell, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Smithson, Vaughan and Walls—17.

A quorum present.

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

Mr. Katzenberg offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, one of the purposes for which this extraordinary session of the Legislature has been called, is to correct alleged irregularities in former legislation: Therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, That a committee of three Senators be appointed, and are hereby directed to proceed to the office of the Secretary of State and procure the writing on file in his office entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor to ask for and receive the Agricultural Land Scrip from the United States," and bring the same before this body for examination.

Which was read and adopted.

The President pro tem. appointed Messrs. Katzenberg, Hillyer and McCaskill, said committee.

The committee retired and after a brief absence returned with the bill, which was placed in the hands of the Secretary, and were discharged.

The Committee on State Institutions made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., May 28, 1870.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee to whom has been referred the following bill, viz: Senate bill No. 1, being an act in relation to the Capitol and other Public Buildings and Grounds and repairs thereto, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and report favorable to its passage.

R. M. SMITH, Cha'n.  
WM. BRADWELL,  
J. A. VAUGHAN,  
N. H. MORAGNE.