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JOURNAL

Of the Senate of the State of Florida, at the Fifth Session of the Legislature, begun and held at the Capitol, in the city of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, on Tuesday, the second day of January, A. D. 1872, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida, for the meeting of the Legislature.

The Senate met in regular session.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The roll being called, the following Senators were present:

Messrs. Crawford, Dennis, Ginn, Henderson, Pearce, and Wentworth—6.

No quorum.

On motion of Mr. Pearce, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 1872.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Messrs. Crawford, Dennis, Ginn, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Purman, Wentworth—12.

There being no quorum, Mr. Wentworth moved a call of the Senate;

Which was agreed to, and the Sergeant-at-arms dispatched for absentees.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, further proceedings under the call was dispensed with, a quorum having appeared.

Mr. Henderson presented the credentials of John H. Sutton:

OFFICE SECRETARY OF STATE,
Tallahassee, Fla., January 2, 1872.

I hereby certify, that upon examination of the returns of election, as canvassed by the Secretary of State, Clerk of Supreme Court and Comptroller, I find that at the special election

for Senator in the Twelfth Senatorial District, held on the fourth day of April, A. D. 1871, one hundred and forty-six (146) votes were cast for John H. Sutton, and twenty-six (26) for David R. Townsend, for James H. Wentworth, twelve (12) votes.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this second day of January, A. D. 1872.

[L. S.]

JONATHAN C. GIBBS,
Secretary of State.

Which was received ; and, on motion, Mr. Sutton was sworn in as Senator.

Mr. Meacham offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the office of Secretary of the Senate be declared vacant.

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

The yeas and nays being called, the following was the vote :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Hillyer, Pearce, and Purman—3.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Crawford, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Jenkins, Johnson, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, and Wentworth—11.

Motion not agreed to.

The question was put on the resolution, and the resolution was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to vote, *viva voce*, for Secretary, with the following result :

For S. B. McLinn :

Messrs. Billings, Crawford, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Jenkins, Johnson, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, and Wentworth—13.

Mr. Hillyer voting for Joseph Bowes.

Mr. McLinn was declared elected.

Mr. Wentworth moved that a committee of two be appointed to inform the Assembly that the Senate is now organized and ready for business ;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Wentworth and Henderson.

The committee returned, reported that they had performed their duty, and was discharged.

Mr. Billings offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be authorized and requested to appoint the committees of the Senate for the present session.

Mr. Henderson raised a point of order, and the Chair ruled the resolution in order.

The question on the adoption of the resolution was put and the resolution adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth, the Senate took a recess till 4 o'clock p. m.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Billings, Crawford, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Wentworth, and Sutton—17.

On motion, Mr. McLin, the Secretary elect, was sworn in by the President.

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

THURSDAY, January 4.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Messrs. Adams, Billings, Crawford, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, Purman, Sutton and Wentworth—17.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with, and the Journal corrected and approved.

Mr. Wentworth moved that fifty copies of Order of Business, and fifty copies of the Rules of the Senate be printed and laid on the desks of the members.

The yeas and nays being called for, the following was the vote :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Billings, Dennis, Hillyer, Pearce, and Wentworth—5.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Crawford, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, and Sutton—13.

Mr. Locke moved that the Sergeant-at-arms be instructed to wait upon the Secretary of State and request him to furnish each