

The President appointed Wallace S. Weeks, page.

Mr. Meacham moved that the Secretary be authorized to have the enrolling of the Senate done ;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, K. S. Waldron, recording clerk elect, came forward and was sworn.

Also, Wm. T. Webster, engrossing clerk, was sworn.

Mr. Wentworth offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That two hundred copies of the Governor's Message, with accompanying documents, be printed for the use of Senators.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Dennis offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-arms be authorized to provide wood and light for the use of the Senate during the present session.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Dennis offered the following :

*Resolved*, That reporters for the Press be invited to seats within the bar of the Senate, and that the Sergeant-at-arms be instructed to furnish each with all necessary accommodations.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

On motion, the Senate adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

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#### FRIDAY, January 5.

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. Billings, Crawford, Dennis, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks, and Wentworth—19.

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

A message was received from the Governor.

Mr. Billings offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the President to inquire into and report concerning the validity of the sale of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad in 1869, the con-

dition of the now called "J. P. & M. Railroad," the bonds issued therefor, and all other matter pertaining to the said railroad of interest to the people of this State.

Mr. Johnson moved to amend by making it a joint resolution for a committee of both Houses, three from the Senate and five from the Assembly.

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

Which was agreed to.

The original resolution was adopted.

Mr. Egan offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be authorized to procure a Senate Journal in which the proceedings of the Senate may be recorded;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Wentworth, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 1:

An act to provide for the registration of electors and the holding of elections, and moved that it be read first time by its title and printed.

Mr. Henderson raised the point of order that a two-thirds vote is necessary to the reading of a bill by its title.

Mr. Wentworth withdrew his motion, and the bill was placed upon the order of the day for its first reading to-morrow.

Mr. Wentworth introduced Senate Bill No. 2, to be entitled an act to repeal Section 4 of an act entitled An act to Incorporate the Gulf Steamship Company and to Perfect the Public Works of the State, approved February 9, 1870;

Which was received, and placed among the orders of the day for its first reading to-morrow.

Mr. Billings gave notice that he would move to repeal that portion of the 62d section of an act entitled An act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, which requires a statement of land to be sold for taxes to be published in the State paper in the city of Tallahassee.

A message was received from the Assembly, signed by the Sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the message be returned to the Assembly to be properly certified;

Which was agreed to.

M. Henderson moved that a committee of three be appointed to return the message to the Assembly with the objections of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Henderson, Wentworth, and Pearce.

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

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the Senate went into executive session.

The doors were opened, and, on motion, the Senate took a recess till 4 o'clock p. m.

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

The Senate resumed its session.

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

Messrs. Adams, Billings, Crawford, Eagan, Ginn, Hill, Hill, yer, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—17.

The election of a President pro tem. was announced by the Chair as a special order of this hour.

Mr. McCaskill moved to indefinitely postpone the election of a President pro tem.

The yeas and nays were called, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Billings, Crawford, Ginn, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton and Weeks—10.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Eagan, Hill, Hillyer, Johnson, Locke, Meacham and Wentworth—7.

So the motion was not agreed to, less than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. McCaskill moved to postpone the election till Tuesday at 12 o'clock.

The yeas and nays were called, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Billings, Crawford, Dennis, Eagan, Ginn, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Weeks and Wentworth—16.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Hill, McKinnon and Purman—3.

So the motion was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Wentworth called up Senate Bill No. 2, and asked that it be read first time;

No objection being made the bill was read first time by sections, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Meacham moved that when the Senate adjourn it adjourn till Tuesday next at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Wentworth raised the point of order, that the Senate cannot adjourn more than three days without the consent of the Assembly.

Mr. Meacham substituted Monday for Tuesday in his motion. The motion was put and lost by a division.

Mr. McCaskill, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 3, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled An act to Simplify and Abridge the Practice, Pleadings, and Proceedings of Courts in the State, approved February 19, 1870 ;

Which was read first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth, it was ordered that the Order of Business of the Senate adopted last session be printed with to-day's Journal.

Mr. Billings, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 4, to be entitled An act to regulate the Pay of Members of the Legislature ;

Which was read first time, and referred to Committee on Legislative Expenditures.

The President announced the Standing Committees :

### STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

#### *Committee on Judiciary.*

Mr. PURMAN, Chairman.

Messrs. LOCKE, EAGAN,  
HENDERSON, McCASKILL.

#### *Committee on Education.*

Mr. PEARCE, Chairman.

Messrs. EAGAN, HILLYER,  
McCASKILL, CRAWFORD.

#### *Committee on Finance and Taxation.*

Mr. EAGAN, Chairman.

Messrs. LOCKE, DENNIS,  
McCASKILL, CRAWFORD.

#### *Committee on Claims.*

Mr. BILLINGS, Chairman.

Messrs. HILLYER, SUTTON,  
KENDRICK, MEACHAM.

#### *Committee on Corporations.*

Mr. PURMAN, Chairman.

Messrs. BILLINGS, HILL,  
HENDERSON, GINN.



*Committee on State Affairs.*

Messrs. Mr. PEARCE, Chairman.  
 BILLINGS, ATKINS,  
 MORAGNE, JENKINS.

*Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.*

Messrs. Mr. WENTWORTH, Chairman.  
 EAGAN, WEEKS,  
 PURMAN, JENKINS.

*Committee on Public Lands.*

Messrs. Mr. MEACHAM, Chairman.  
 PURMAN, WEEKS,  
 MORAGNE, HUNT.

*Committee on Privileges and Elections.*

Messrs. Mr. LOCKE, Chairman.  
 WENTWORTH, KENDRICK,  
 MORAGNE, MEACHAM.

The President called Mr. Meacham to the chair.

Mr. Wentworth moved to adjourn till Monday morning at 10 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

So the Senate adjourned till Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

## MONDAY, January 8.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Crawford, senior Senator, present, took the Chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Wentworth, and Sutton—16.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the Senate take a recess till 4 o'clock p. m.;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Wentworth offered the following concurrent resolution:

*Resolved*, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, that the