

Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—19.

Those voting in the negative—none.

So the bill passed, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 2, to be entitled An act to repeal section 4 of An act to Incorporate the Gulf Steamship Company, and to perfect the Public Works of the State, approved February 9, 1870;

Was taken up on its third reading, read by sections, and put upon its passage.

The vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—20.

Those voting in the negative—none.

So the bill passed, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly.

Mr. Hillyer asked for leave of absence to attend the United States Court at Jacksonville, under summons.

Mr. Wentworth moved to excuse the Senator till Monday morning;

Which was agreed to.

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

THURSDAY, January 11.

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, Atkins, Billings, Crawford, Dennis, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Sutton and Wentworth—22.

A quorum present.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with, and the journal corrected and approved.

Mr. Adams introduced Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, proposing amendments to the State Constitution;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Hillyer offered the following :

Resolved, By the Senate that the committee appointed to investigate the sale of the P. & G. road, and the condition of the bonds issued to the J., P. & M. road, &c., be, and they are hereby, granted the power to send for persons and papers ;

Which was read and on motion adopted.

Mr. Johnson, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 23, to be entitled An act relating to, and Providing for the Funding of the Bonds issued by the counties of Leon, Jefferson, Madison, and Columbia and the city of Jacksonville, to aid in the construction of the Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad and the Georgia and Pensacola Railroad ;

Which was read first time by title, under suspension of rule, and referred to Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Locke, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No 24, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled An act in relation to Drugs and Medicines, Druggists or Apothecaries in Incorporated Cities or Towns in this State ;

Which was read first time by title, under suspension of rule, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

In connection with the above bill the following memorial was presented and read :

To the Honorable Senate and Assembly of the State of Florida, to convene at Tallahassee, 2d day of January, A. D. 1872.

The undersigned petitioners, merchants and citizens of Key West, would most respectfully call the attention of your honorable bodies to "An act in relation to drugs and medicines, druggists or apothecaries in incorporated cities or towns in this State," approved 11th February, 1870.

We look upon this law as a very partial one, and directly violative of the spirit enunciated in the Fourth Article, Section 17 and 18 of our Constitution. This law takes from the many, and places in the hands of a few the power to confer benefits often upon the suffering of our race. In our own city many of us live from a half to three-fourths of a mile distant from any drug store. Often in very sudden attacks of croup or other diseases among our children at the dead hour of night, when speedy and prompt applications alone can save life, many of us have to go to a great distance, and perhaps fail at last to find the druggist ; whereas, if our shop keepers were permitted to keep and sell such simple medicines as are often the means of saving life, we might procure them in a few minutes at our own doors. We do not ask the repeal of said act, to confer the power of compound-

ing medicines on merchants and shop keepers, but only to keep and sell such as are already compounded and put up, just as the regular druggists themselves buy and sell them.

Feeling that the wisdom of your bodies needs but to be called to the matter in order to see the justness of our petition, and the injustice and hardness of the law which we ask to be repealed,

Your petitioners, as in duty bound, &c.

Thomas Pinder,
Geo. Thos. Gibbons,
John Pinder,
Cornelius Pinder,
Henry Johnson,
Henry Demeritt,
Salvinus Pinder,
Wm. Harris, Jr.,
Philip Sawyer,
Wm. Demeritt,
Pierce & Albury,
R. M. Kemp,
Wm. Curry,
John Boyle,
John J. Delaney,
John Louis, Jr.,
G. G. Watson,
Azariah Kemp,
Chas. Curry,
Benj. Curry,
Whitmore Pinder,
Wm. J. Russell,
Odet Grillor,
Henry Filer,
Samuel Filer,
William T. Filer,
John Williams,
Benj. Roberts,
Richard Curry,
Wm. W. Lloyd,
E. E. Pellicere,
Benj. A. Baker,
G. T. Ferguson,

W. D. Cash,
Joseph Ingraham,
Wm. N. Watson,
Thomas Pomer, Sr.,
Wall & Co.,
J. P. Williams,
Henry Williams, Jr.,
E. O. Gwynn,
Benjamin Saunders,
Thomas Adams,
Philip Grillor,
Wm. H. Pethell,
B. Albury,
Thos. B. Albury,
Wm. Albury,
Saml. S. Lowe,
Joseph S. Barthurly,
Henry Lowe,
Robert H. Thompson,
George Griffin,
Joseph A. P. Baker,
James Curry,
Chas. Richardson,
John H. Coleman,
John Albure,
Wm. H. Von Plister,
Mr. Thos. Lumley,
J. H. Weatherford,
S. L. Brockway,
John White,
John A. Pitcher,
Wm. T. Pitcher & Bro.

Mr. Eagan, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 25, to be entitled An act Defining the Duties of County Commissioners;

Which was read first time by title, under suspension of rule and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill No. 1, to be entitled An act to facilitate Cash

Payment of the Current Expenses of the State Government, and the Funding of Recognized Comptrollers Warrants and Treasurers Certificates, was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Wentworth moved to amend sec. 1, by striking out the proviso, and inserting the following :

Provided, That the Comptroller shall detach from the bonds issued after the passage of this act any past due coupons.

The yeas and nays were called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks, and Wentworth.—18.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Eagan, Hillyer, Locke, and McCaskill—5.

So the amendment was adopted, and section 1 as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Wentworth offered the following as section 2 :

That any and all excess of interest accepted and collected for any year under the provisions of an act entitled An act relating to the Finances of this State, passed, notwithstanding the Governor's objections, Jan. 26, 1871, shall be transferred to the sinking fund provided for in that act ;

Which was, on motion, adopted.

Mr. Wentworth moved that section 2 of the printed bill be adopted as section 3 ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the bill be adopted as a whole, and the amendments ordered engrossed ;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Governor :

On motion, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The following Executive appointment was confirmed :

Wm. A. McLean to be Judge of the Fourth Judicial District.

The doors were opened.

Mr. Henderson offered the following :

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to inform the Senate what steps if any are being taken by the Executive of the State, or the ministerial officers of the Executive Department, to arrest and bring to justice the parties who have within the last week, by maliciously tearing up the track of the J., P. & M. Railroad near Jacksonville, endangered the lives of the traveling public and greatly damaged the interests of the company ;

Which was read, and, on motion, adopted.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,

Tallahassee, Fla., January 11, 1871.

Hon. SAMUEL T. DAY, President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has adopted the following:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No 3, calling for report of Board of Equalization for 1872;

Also:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No 4, adopting report of Committee on Equalization;

Also:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5, that no new business be entertained by either House after the 25th inst.

And ask the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

M. H. CLAY,

Clerk of the Assembly.

On motion, the Assembly 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. Crawford, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—18.

The President read the following:-

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
Tallahassee, Fla., January 11, 1872.

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following bills deposited in this office after the adjournment of the fourth session, January 27, 1871 with the objections of the Governor.

1. An act directing the Comptroller to turn over to the State Treasurer certain greenback currency.

2. An act to organize the Farmers' and Laborers' Immigration Company of Florida and for other purposes.

3. An act to authorize the incorporation of the Florida Land, Building and Loan Association.

4. An act to protect the lumber, log and timber business of the Escambia river.

Very respectfully,

JONATHAN C. GIBBS,
Secretary of State.

Which was received with the accompanying bills, and the objections of the Governor to each bill read in order.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Fla., January 26, 1871.

To the Senate :

I return without my approval the bill originating in the Senate, entitled An act directing the Comptroller to turn over to the State Treasurer certain "greenback" currency.

The bill repeals a previous law which was intended to prevent the issue for circulation of any save the certificates here described as "greenback currency," and thus destroys the object and purpose of the act providing for the issue of that class of paper. It was evidently intended to give the State the benefit of sustaining a floating currency or paper which would afford a convenience to the people at the same time it saved the State the payment of interest on the same. At heavy expense this paper has been issued, and before any of its benefits have been realized, and before it has had time for appreciation it is proposed to place it in the same category of the ordinary State warrants.

Section 2 provides that all the certificates of this class now on hand shall be appropriated exclusively to the payment of the expenses of this Legislature, thus depriving those creditors of the State who have previously received Comptroller's warrants of the benefits assured them by the laws existing at the time of issue. I regard it as an act of bad faith to the mass of creditors of the State which could hardly have met the candid approval of the members of the Legislature upon reflection and consideration.

Respectfully,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Fla., January 28, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit with my objections the following acts of the Legislature originating in the Senate, which reached me after the hour of adjournment, and which you will submit to the Senate for further consideration at the next session, viz.:

An act to authorize the Incorporation of the Florida Land, Building, and Loan Association.

An act to organize the Farmers' and Laborers' Immigration Company of Florida, and for other purposes.

The objects and purposes of these bills are such as to receive my cordial approbation, but they are in palpable violation of sections 17 and 18 of Article IV. of the Constitution, and of course can confer no benefits. If the general law is insufficient to meet the specific purposes of these organizations it is susceptible of amendment and should claim early attention

at the hands of the Legislature. The constitutional provision was intended to restrain special legislation, and if adhered to will save much unnecessary expense to the State, and trouble to the Legislature.

Respectfully,

HARRISON REED, GOVERNOR.

J. C. GIBBS, Secretary of State.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

Tallahassee, Fla., January 26, 1871.

Hon. SAMUEL T. DAY, President of the Senate:

SIR: I am compelled from official obligation to return without my approval the bill entitled An act to protect the Lumber, Log, and Timber Business of the Escambia River.

The bill grants to a few individuals large and unlimited powers over important and extensive lumbering interests upon the Escambia River, a thoroughfare that should be open to all, unrestrained by such a gigantic monopoly as is here created.

In these times, when the tendency of capital is to aggregate itself and control all branches of manufacturing, commerce, and trade, all franchises which in their nature tend to render them monopolies, vesting in the hands of the few the power to grasp and control, for their own private ends, the interests of the many, should be discouraged. To this end, believing this bill subversive of the rights of the people, and inimical to the interests of the portion of the State to which it applies, I return it with my disapproval.

Respectfully,

HARRISON REED, GOVERNOR.

Mr. Wentworth, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the amendments to Assembly Bill No. 1, relative to Finance, correctly engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the Governor's vetoes were laid over for consideration to-morrow.

The rule was suspended without objection; and

Assembly Bill No. 1, to be entitled An act to Facilitate the Cash Payment of the Current Expenses of the State Government and the Funding of Recognized Comptrollers Warrants and Treasurers Certificates, was taken up on its third reading, read by sections, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Crawford, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Weeks, and Wentworth—14.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Dennis, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Kendrick, and Sutton—8.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Pearce, Chairman of Committee on State Affairs, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, January 11, 1872.

HON. SAMUEL T. DAY, President of the Senate :

SIR: Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bills No. 8 and 12, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined them and recommend they pass.

Very respectfully,

C. H. PEARCE, Chairman.
LIBERTY BILLINGS,
HORATIO JENKINS,
N. H. MORAGNE,
J. A. ATKINS.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the order of the day.

On motion of Mr. Locke, Senate Bill No. 12, relative to Marks and Brands of Cattle was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Kendrick, the bill was laid over and ordered printed.

Mr. Moragne, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 26, to be entitled An act for the relief of William B. Blount ;

Which was read first time by title, under suspension of rule, and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Meacham gave notice that he would at an early day introduce a bill granting homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain of Florida.

On motion the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 12, 1872. 1872

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, Atkins, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks, Wentworth

—19.

A quorum present.

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

Mr. Weeks, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 27, to be