

WEDNESDAY, January 31.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

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

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Dennis, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton, Weeks, and Wentworth—20.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Mr. Locke, chairman of Committee on Privileges and Elections made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
Tallahassee, January 24, 1872.

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

SIR: Your committee, to whom the memorial of Wm. H. Christy, contesting the seat of Horatio Jenkins, Jr., sitting Senator from the 18th District, was referred, have carefully examined the same, and find that this contest was commenced at an early day of last session by a petition from Horatio Jenkins, Jr., contesting the seat of the then sitting Senator, the present memorialist. This petition was referred to the standing Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, and their report awarding the seat to the petitioner was received and adopted, and he admitted to his seat.

Afterwards, on the 17th day of January of the same session, William H. Christy presented his memorial to the Senate alleging that he was in possession of evidence which would entitle him to his seat, and asking a further hearing of the case; this was granted and the memorial referred again to a committee. After consideration on the 23d of said January, that committee reported that they had again carefully considered the same and found no reason to change their former report; this report was also adopted and the seat affirmed to the sitting Senator.

Under these circumstances your committee have felt compelled to consider, first, the condition of the question presented to them, and inquire whether they would be justified at this late day in reviewing the merits of the case or examining the evidence thereon.

It has been claimed by the sitting Senator in reply to the memorial of the contestant that the matter, having been twice

settled and definitely decided by the Senate, is not, therefore, a proper subject of action, and stands in the nature of *res adjudicata*.

To this the contestant replies that the plea of *res adjudicata* cannot be held to refer to legislative proceedings; and further, that the Senate having referred the matter to its committee, has acted upon that question and declared it a subject for present action.

In considering these questions, your committee has endeavored to be governed by the highest authority upon legislative government, and find that it is an established rule that "where inquiries relate to the election or return rather than to any subsequent disqualification of a member, and when the mode of inquiry adopted is by petition, the investigation assumes the character of an adversary proceeding before a judicial tribunal." (Cushing's Law of Legislative Assemblies, page 56.)

The same is declared in Cooley's Court Limitations, page 133, where it declares that a legislative body will, in determining questions concerning contested seats, "exercise judicial powers."

And again: "Where a case is concluded, and the committee has had due deliberations upon its merits, it is required to decide distinctly whether the petitioner or the sitting member, or either of them, is duly returned or elected; or, second, whether the election is void; and the determination of the committee on these points is final between the parties, and the house on being informed will carry it into execution." (Ib., p. 61.)

Under these rules, your committee must decide that whenever legislative proceedings partake of a judicial character the principles of definite, final action and *res adjudicata* must be considered and given due weight. How far the action of the Senate in referring the present memorial to the committee bound them to pass over this defence and consider only the merits of the original case, the further action of your honorable body can alone determine; but we are of the opinion that such a reference bars your committee from considering whether the matter referred is a proper one to legislate upon, or the manner in which such subject may be examined, treated, defended, or rejected.

Considering the two previous actions of the Senate upon this same case, the latter of which was upon the special memorial of the present contestant, and could, therefore, in no way be claimed to be a surprise to him, and the final decision thereby expressed, as well as the length of time elapsed since the commencement of the contest, and the established and well known rules of legislative bodies in cases of reconsideration and final action, your committee would respectfully report that this matter, having been twice decided by the Senate, is not a proper subject

of consideration, and would recommend that your memorialist be permitted to withdraw his memorial.

Very respectfully,

JAS. W. LOCKE, Chairman,  
GEO. E. WENTWORTH,  
WM. H. KENDRICK,  
ROBERT MEACHAM,  
N. H. MORAGNE.

Mr. Henderson moved that the report be laid on the table and spread upon the journal;

Which was agreed to.

Chairman of Special Committee made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
Tallahassee, Fla., January 31, 1872.

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

SIR: The Special Committee appointed to investigate the truth or falsity of the rumor that Senator Purman has been the recipient of (\$5,000,) five thousand dollars, from the Governor's Contingent Fund, and to report the amount, if any, that was so received, and at what time and for what purpose, submit the following report:

Your committee find in the possession of the Governor two receipts for five hundred dollars (\$500,) on account of secret service, signed W. J. Purman, and dated respectively, Nov. 29, 1869 and Dec. 7, 1869.

The following are true copies of said receipts.

Tallahassee, Fla., Nov. 29, 1869.

Received of Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida, three hundred dollars, on account of moneys expended in secret service.

\$300.

W. J. PURMAN.

Tallahassee, Fla., December 7, 1869.

Received of Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida, two hundred dollars, on account of moneys expended in secret service.

\$200.

W. J. PURMAN.

Gov. Reed states to the committee that he paid to W. J. Purman the sums in scrip, entered in the above receipts at the time specified therein, to re-emburse him for money he expended in efforts to detect and bring to justice the persons engaged in the assassination of Dr. J. L. Finlayson, and the wounding of the said W. J. Purman, on the 26th of February, 1869, and that the \$500 in scrip covered by the above receipts, is the total amount paid to Senator Purman, or authorized to be paid to him, out of his contingent fund for any year. Your committee are fully satisfied that Senator Purman has received from the Governor's contingent fund only the amount above specified, and for the

purpose stated, and that all statements or rumors to the contrary are false and mischievous.

Very respectfully,

HORATIO JENKINS,  
N. H. MORAGNE,  
CHAS. V. HILLYER.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the report be received and spread upon the journal;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 49:

Concerning Appointments to Office,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Pearce moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Atkins, Billings, Eagan, Ginn, Hillyer, Johnson, Pearce and Weeks—8.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Dennis, Henderson, Hill, Jenkins, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Sutton and Wentworth—13.

So it was not indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Pearce moved that it be postponed for 15 days.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the motion to postpone be laid on the table.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Dennis, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Kendrick, Locke, Meacham, McCaskill, Sutton, and Wentworth—14.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Billings, Eagan, Johnson, McKinnon and Pearce—5.

So the motion was laid on the table.

Mr. Pearce moved that the further consideration be postponed until next Saturday.

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

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Dennis, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Locke, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Sutton and Wentworth—11.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Atkins, Billings, Eagan, Johnson, McKinnon and Pearce—6.

So the motion was laid upon the table.

The reading of the bill by sections was then proceeded with.

Mr. Pearce moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed for two days and ten minutes.

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

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:  
Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Dennis, Ginn, Hill, Jenkins, McKinnon,  
Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Sutton and Wentworth—11.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Atkins, Billings, Eagan, Johnson, Pearce and Weeks  
—6.

So the motion was laid on the table.

Mr. Pearce moved that it be postponed for one day.

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

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Dennis, Ginn, Hill, Jenkins, Kendrick, Mea-  
cham, McCaskill, and Wentworth—9.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Atkins, Billings, Eagan, Hillyer, Johnson, McKinnon,  
Pearce and Sutton—8.

So the motion was laid upon the table.

Mr. Pearce moved a postponement till 4 o'clock this after-  
noon.

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

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Dennis, Ginn, Hill, Jenkins,  
Kendrick, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill and Wentworth—11.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Atkins, Billings, Eagan, Hillyer, Johnson, Locke,  
McKinnon, Pearce, Sutton and Weeks—10.

So the motion was laid upon the table.

Mr. Locke moved to amend, by striking out in section 3, the  
words not less than one thousand, and the following word *nor*  
changed to *not*.

Mr. Henderson moved to lay the amendment upon the table;  
Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read by sections, and ordered engrossed for  
its third reading.

Mr. Wentworth, Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills, made  
the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 31, 1872.

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

SIR: Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No.  
81, a bill to be entitled An act relating to Pleading in Courts  
of Record and Rule Days.

Senate bill No. 67:

To be entitled An act to Define the Duties of the Secretary of State.

Senate Bill No. 71 :

To be entitled An act to Provide for the Publication and Distribution of Public Laws and Journals, having examined the same, find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WENTWORTH, Chairman,  
E. G. JOHNSON,  
R. W. ADAMS,  
N. H. MORAGNE.

The following messages were received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
Tallahassee, Fla., January 31, 1872.

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

SIR: I am directed to inform you that the Assembly has concurred in Senate amendments to Assembly Bill No. 51, to be entitled An act to Provide the Manner in which Moneys Collected in Life Insurance shall be Paid.

Very respectfully,

M. H. CLAY,  
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
Tallahassee, Fla., January 31, 1872.

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

SIR: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has passed—

Senate Bill No. 6 :

To be entitled an act to amend An act to Incorporate the Ferdinandina and Sea Beach Railway Company ;

Senate Bill No. 8 :

To Authorize Julius C. Rockner to Build a Toll Bridge Across Pease Creek ;

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, with certain amendments to each, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

M. H. CLAY,  
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
Tallahassee, Fla., January 31, 1872.

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

SIR: I am directed to inform you that the Assembly has passed—

Senate Bill No. 66:

To be entitled An act to Authorize Richard Ramsey to Establish a Ferry Across Bay Bayou;

Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 65:

To be entitled An act to Secure the People Against the Expenses of Certain Prosecutions;

Also has adopted Memorial to Congress of the United States Requesting Life Saving Stations to be Established on the Eastern Coast of Florida;

Also:

Memorial to Congress for the Establishment of a Mail Route from Cedar Keys, Florida, to Sumterville, Florida.

Very respectfully,

M. H. CLAY,

Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,

Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 1872.

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

SIR: I am directed to inform you that the Assembly has passed Senate Bill No. 42, to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled An act to Incorporate the Gulf Steamship Company and to Perfect the Public Works of the State, approved February 9, 1870.

Very respectfully,

M. H. CLAY,

Clerk of the Assembly.

Mr. Billings, Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 29, 1872.

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

SIR: Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 35, an act to amend an act entitled An act to Incorporate the Pensacola and Louisville R. R. Co., approved July 16, 1868;

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3:

To be entitled an act to amend section 130 of an act entitled An act to Simplify and Abridge the Practice, Pleadings and Proceedings of the Courts of this State, approved February 19, 1870;

Also:

Senate Concurrent Resolution relating to Mail Service from Tampa to Cedar Keys.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 17:

An act in Reference to Proceedings upon Quo Warranto;

Also:

## Senate Bill No. 16:

An act Regulating the Practice in Courts of Prohibition, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

LIBERTY BILLINGS,  
Chairman on Engrossed Bills.  
C. V. HILLYER,  
A. D. MCKINNON,  
ARTHUR GINN.

## Senate Bill No. 62:

Relating to Tax and Finance,  
Was on motion of Mr. McCaskill, made the special order at 10½ o'clock Saturday morning;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Eagan, chairman of Committee on Finance and Taxation, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
Tallahassee, Fla., January 31, 1872.

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

SIR: Your committee, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 68, an act entitled An act to Provide for the Collection of State and County Taxes for the Year 1871, having examined the same, recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

D. EAGAN, Chairman.  
L. G. DENNIS.

## Senate Bill No. 54:

To Improve and Make Navigable the Yellow and Shoal Rivers, and their Tributaries in Santa Rosa and Walton Counties.

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Henderson moved that the bill be referred to the Judiciary Committee to report upon its constitutionality;

Which was agreed to.

## Senate Bill No. 23:

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 Railroad,

Was taken up on its second reading and read by sections.

Mr. Henderson moved to amend section 1 by inserting in said section the words—

And five thousand dollars of the bonded indebtedness of the county of Polk, on bonds issued for internal improvements.

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

Which was not agreed to.

The vote was then taken on the adoption of the amendment, and the motion to adopt was lost.

Mr. Henderson moved to amend section 1, by inserting the words "and twenty-four hundred dollars of the floating indebtedness of Manatee county."

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

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result: Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Billings, Dennis, Eagan, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Meacham, Weeks and Wentworth—11.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Ginn, Henderson, Locke, McKinnon, McCaskill and Sutton—8.

Mr. Henderson moved to insert in section 1, the words "and four thousand dollars of the floating indebtedness of Hillsborough county."

The yeas and nays were called on the adoption of the amendment with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Ginn, Henderson, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill and Sutton—8.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Billings, Dennis, Eagan, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, Meacham, Pearce, Weeks and Wentworth—12.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Henderson offered the following amendment to section 1:

And to the citizens of the city of Tampa the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for moneys expended by them in efforts to build a railroad to Tampa Bay, which, if it had been successful, would have opened a great thoroughfare through the State, that might also have been fraudulently seized and sold by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The yeas and nays were called for on the adoption of the amendment, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill and Sutton—9.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Billings, Dennis, Eagan, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Meacham, Pearce, Weeks and Wentworth—10.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Pearce offered the following amendment to section 1:

To strike out Leon county in first line.

Mr. Henderson moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "Jefferson, Madison, Columbia," and "City of Jacksonville."

It was moved to lay the amendment to the amendment on the table.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Billings, Eagan, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Meacham, Weeks and Wentworth—8.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Dennis, Ginn, Henderson, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce and Sutton—10.

So it was not laid on the table.

Mr. Henderson then withdrew his amendment.

The yeas and nays were called on the adoption of Mr. Pearce's amendment, with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Atkins, Billings, Eagan, Ginn, Hill, Hillyer, McCaskill and Pearce—8.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Jenkins, Johnson, Meacham and Weeks—4.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. McCaskill offered the following amendment to section 1:

And whereas the funding by the State and its assuming the liabilities of these counties is certain to bankrupt the State.

The yeas and nays were called for on the adoption of the amendment with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill and Pearce—10.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Eagan, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Meacham, Weeks and Wentworth—8.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eagan moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Eagan, Henderson, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Meacham and Weeks—7.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Dennis, Ginn, Hill, Hillyer, Locke, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill, Sutton and Wentworth—13.

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

Mr. Henderson offered the following amendment, and moved its adoption: "And it shall be a felony in any holder of any of the bonds of the several counties and cities herein mentioned, who shall refuse to exchange the same for the bonds of the State herein provided to be issued, and shall be on conviction thereof sent to the penitentiary not less than one thousand years.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill and Sutton—10.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, Weeks and Wentworth—6.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to the 4th of July.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Henderson, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill, and Sutton—8.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Eagan, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, Meacham, Weeks, and Wentworth—10.

So it was not postponed.

Mr. Hillyer moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the bill.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill, and Sutton—13.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Eagan, Jenkins, Johnson, Meacham, Pearce, Weeks, and Wentworth—8.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Senate Bill No. 48:

Providing for Setting Apart a Homestead and Personal Property to be Exempted from Forced Sale under Process of Law, approved June 23, 1869,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Henderson moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the bill.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Ginn, Henderson, Kendrick, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill, Sutton, and Weeks—10.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Dennis, Eagan, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, Meacham, Pearce, and Purman—11.

So the bill was not indefinitely postponed.

The bill was then read by sections.

Mr. Locke moved to amend by striking out the word "felony," and insert "misdemeanor;" and strike out the words "fifty dollars" and "one month;"

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 64:

For the Relief of Chas. V. Hillyer,

Was taken up on its second reading, and read by sections.

The bill was then ordered to be placed on its third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly Bill No. 32:

A bill to be entitled An act Fixing the Time for Holding the Circuit Courts in the Fifth Judicial Circuit,

Was taken up on its second reading, read by sections, and ordered engrossed for its third reading.

Mr. Billings, chairman Committee on Taxation, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 31, 1872.

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

SIR: Your committee, to whom was referred substitute for Assembly Bills No. 3 and 39, a bill for the Relief of Certain Persons named therein, having examined the same, recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

LIBERTY BILLINGS, Chairman,  
C. V. HILLYER,  
ROBERT MEACHAM,  
WM. H. KENDRICK,  
J. H. SUTTON.

Substitute for Assembly Bills Nos. 3 and 29:

For the Relief of Certain Persons named therein,

Was taken up on its second reading, read by sections, and ordered engrossed for its third reading.

Senate Concurrent Resolution to rescind former resolution on the introduction of new business.

Mr. Henderson moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the resolution.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Billings, Ginn, Henderson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—12.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Meacham and Purman—6

So the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Meacham moved to adjourn till 3 o'clock this afternoon;

Which was agreed to.

## THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

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

Messrs. Adams, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Locke, McKinnon, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—10.

Not a quorum present.

Mr. Adams moved a call of the Senate;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Henderson moved that when the Senate hereafter adjourn it be to 10 a. m. the next day.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Billings, Ginn, Henderson, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Sutton, and Wentworth—11.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Pearce and Weeks—2.

So the motion was adopted.

Mr. Henderson moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

So the Senate adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

## THURSDAY, February 1.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, McKinnon, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Sutton and Wentworth—16.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Mr. Eagan, Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation, made the following reports:

## SENATE CHAMBER,

Tallahassee, Fla., February 1, 1872.

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

SIR: Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 88, an act prescribing an additional section to an act entitled An act in Relation to the Records of the Offices of the Comp-