

report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,
 LIBERTY BILLINGS, Chairman,
 C. V. HILLYER,
 L. G. DENNIS,
 A. D. MCKINNON,
 ARTHUR GINN.

Moved that the Senate adjourn till Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Locke moved that the Senate adjourn till this afternoon, at 4 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to.

So the Senate adjourned.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Senate met and adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 o'clock.

~~JANUARY~~ **FEB.**
 TUESDAY, ~~JANUARY~~ 6.

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, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Sutton and Weeks—18.

A quorum present.

The journal was corrected, and the reading dispensed with.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the tax bill be made the special order for this afternoon, at 4 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 70 :

An act to repeal section 7, chap. 10, of An act to Provide for the Punishment of Crime and Proceedings in Criminal Cases.

Mr. Henderson, chairman of Special Committee, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
 Tallahassee, Fla., February 5, 1872.

To the President of the Senate :

SIR: Your committee, appointed to examine and report upon the bond of the Treasurer of the State, beg leave to report that

the bond was originally for \$50,000. That on the 24th of July, 1868, Samuel T. Day, of Lake City, signed the bond and justified in \$3,000 above his liabilities and legal exemption. On the same day, Ferdinand McLeod, of Lake City, signed as surety and justified in the same manner in \$7,000. On the same day, B. F. McFarland signed and justified in \$3,000, and R. W. Cummings, then an officer of the United States Infantry, 7th Regiment, signed and justified in \$20,000. On the 29th of the same month, John Paubley, of Live Oak, signed and justified in \$30,000; and Robert Williams, of Tallahassee, became a surety and justified in \$10,000. And that the bond was approved by his Excellency on the last-mentioned day. Your committee are informed of the death of Mr. Paubley, qualified for \$30,000, one of the signers of said bond, and of the removal of Mr. Cummings, qualified for \$20,000, from the State. The bond is joint and several, and this committee are not advised of the reliability or unreliability of the resident securities, but are satisfied that a good official bond of the State Treasurer in the penal sum of \$50,000, is sufficient for all reasonable precautions necessary to be taken for the protection of the State Treasury.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. HENDERSON,
CHARLES V. HILLYER,
W. J. PURMAN.

Senate Bill No. 70 was then taken up on its third reading, read at large, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Atkins, Billings, Dennis, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, McKinnon, McCaskill, Purman, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—15.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Meacham and Pearce—3.

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

A message from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., February 6, 1872.

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

SIR: I am directed to inform you that the Assembly has adopted Concurrent Resolution that the Legislature meet in joint session at 12 o'clock m. this day, for the purpose of electing a State printer.

Very respectfully,

M. H. CLAY,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution :

The Legislature shall have no power to provide for issuing any bonds of the State other than those authorized by law prior to January 1, 1872, for securing the existing indebtedness of the State and for aiding in the completion of the trunk lines of railroad from Jacksonville to Pensacola and St. Andrews Bay, and from Fernandina to Charlotte Harbor and Tampa Bay, except for the existence of State buildings, support of State institutions, suppression of insurrections and foreign invasions, or to meet casual deficits or failures in revenues, for which excepted purposes the total amount of liability upon outstanding bonds shall never exceed one hundred thousand dollars. The whole amount of bonds issued in aid of either of the two lines of railway shall not exceed sixteen thousand dollars for each mile of actually constructed road; and the first mortgage bonds of the companies in equal amounts required by existing laws, to be delivered to the State in exchange for the bonds of the State, shall be held and used by the State exclusively for the benefit of the holders of the State bonds, for which they were exchanged, and for no other use or purpose than the discharge of such State bonds.

Was taken up and read at large.

Upon its adoption, the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Dennis, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—18.

Mr. Hill voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed, title as stated, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly.

Concurrent Resolution in Relation to the Election of a State Printer,

Was taken up, read at large, and adopted.

Mr. Wentworth moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Assembly of the adoption of the resolution ;

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Wentworth, Henderson and McCaskill, who performed their duty, and were discharged.

Assembly Bill No. 95 :

A bill entitled An act to Change the Boundary Line between Orange and Sumter Counties,

Was taken up on its second reading, read by sections, and placed among the orders of the day for its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 61 :

A Bill Relating to Insurance Companies,
Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Purman moved to amend section 10 by inserting after the words "a fee of," the word "fine;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dennis moved to amend section 3 by striking out the words "the said Treasurer" wherever they occur, and inserting the words "the said board." Also: strike out first word "Treasurer," in section 4 and insert the word "board;" strike out the next words "Treasurer may," and insert "Board of Insurance Commissioners shall;" strike out next word, "Treasurer," and insert "Board;" strike out the word "he," next occurring, and insert "they." In section 5 strike out the first word "expedient," and insert "necessary for the public interests;" strike out "February," next following, and insert "January." In section 6 strike out "State Treasurer," and insert "Board of Insurance Commissioners." In section 1 strike out the several words "State Treasurer," and insert "Insurance Commissioners;" and strike out "and to furnish to each insurance company applying therefor;"

Which was agreed to.

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

Mr. Purman, Chairman Committee on Judiciary, made the following reports:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Tallahassee, Fla., February 6, 1872.

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

SIR: Your committee, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 60, entitled "An act Relating to Municipal Government," having considered the same, beg leave to report that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. J. PURMAN,
Chairman Committee on Corporations.

FREDERICK HILL,
JOHN A. HENDERSON,
ARTHUR GINN.

A message from the Governor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

Tallahassee, Fla., February 5, 1872.

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

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have filed in the office of the Secretary of State, without my approval, the act originating in your body, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled An act to Incorporate the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad Company," approved July 16, 1868.

This act seeks to confer upon the Pensacola & Louisville Company the immunity from taxation granted to the Alabama & Florida Railroad Company incorporated under the Internal Improvement Act of 1855, of which it claims to have become the purchaser.

I am opposed to granting railroad companies and other corporations exemption from their proportionate share of taxation, for the support of government, and, I believe such exemption unconstitutional. But it is claimed that this act confers no new right, and only affirms what the company has already acquired by its purchase of the Alabama & Florida road. If this is so the act is unnecessary, and if it is not so, it should not be now conferred; since, however, the act has received the sanction of both Houses by a large majority, and the purpose seems fixed to exempt railroads from a property tax, holding that this exemption does not prevent a tax on their incomes, I have concluded to interfere no further obstacle, and accordingly allow the act to become a law under the constitutional provision without my signature.

Very respectfully,

HARRISON REED, GOVERNOR.

Mr. Jenkins presented claims in favor of Gov. Reed, R. H. Gamble, Chas. W. Kinnie, B. C. Lewis and W. H. Gleason;

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Henderson moved to add the names of Messrs. Jenkins and Adams to the Committee on Claims.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Henderson moved that no Senators on Committee on Claims be excused from serving;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 60:

A bill to be entitled An act Relating to Municipal government,

Was taken up on its second reading, read by sections, and placed among the orders of the day for its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 54:

A bill to be entitled An act to Improve and Make Navigable the Yellow and Shoal Rivers and their Tributaries in Santa Rosa and Walton Counties,

Was taken up on its third reading, and read at large.

Mr. Wentworth asked unanimous consent to amend the bill by striking out in section 4, after the words "with the time," the word "and,"

Which was allowed.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Dennis, Eagan, Ginn, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—18.

Mr. McKinnon voting in the negative.

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

Assembly Bill No. 68 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide for the Collection of State and County Taxes for the year 1871,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Henderson offered a substitute for said bill, and moved its adoption.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Ginn, Henderson, Kendrick, McKinnon, McCaskill, Sutton and Weeks—9.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Billings, Dennis, Eagan, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Meacham, Pearce, Purman, and Wentworth—11.

So the substitute was not adopted.

Assembly Bill No. 36 :

A bill to Quiet Tax Titles,

Was taken up on its third reading.

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

Which was agreed to.

A committee of three from the Assembly informed the Senate that they were ready to receive the Senate, to go into the election of State printer.

The Senate then proceeded to the Assembly Hall,

At 12 o'clock, m., as per resolution, the Senate entered the Assembly Hall for the purpose of going into an election of State printer.

Hon. S. T. Day, President of the Senate in the chair.

The rolls of Senate and Assembly were called and a quorum of each House found present.

On motion of Senator Purman, the Joint Assembly proceeded to the election of State printer.

Mr. Gleason moved to take an informal vote ;

Which was agreed to.

The following nominations were made :

Senator Hill nominated M. B. Owens.

Senator Pearce nominated C. H. Walton.

Mr. Scott nominated S. B. McLin.

Mr. McInnes nominated C. W. Blew.

Mr. Johnson nominated A. B. Grunwell.
 Senator Dennis nominated B. C. Drake.
 Mr. Gleason nominated Brick Pomeroy.
 Senator Meacham nominated W. C. Maloney.
 Mr. Cruse nominated A. K. Allison.
 Senator Jenkins nominated C. E. Dyke.
 Mr. Oliveros nominated M. E. Papy.
 Mr. Wells nominated Fred Hill.
 Mr. Boyd nominated D. M. Hammond.
 Senator Kendrick nominated E. M. Spencer.
 An informal vote was taken.
 Mr. Gleason offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the person receiving a majority of all the votes cast shall be declared elected State printer;

Which was adopted.

The vote was:

For S. B. McLin—Messrs. Atkins, Billings, Dennis, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hilyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—19.—House 40.—Total 59.

For M. E. Papy—Senate, none.—House 4.—Total 4.

Mr. S. B. McLin having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected State printer.

On motion of Senator Henderson, Joint Assembly adjourned.

The Senate returned to the Senate Chamber.

On motion, the Senate went into executive session.

The nomination of Benjamin E. Peters, for harbor master of the port of Pensacola, vice H. G. Campbell, was rejected.

The doors were opened.

The Senate then adjourned until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Senate met.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

The roll was called with the following result:

Messrs. Adams, Billings, Eagan, Henderson, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—14.

A quorum present.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 6, 1872.

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

SIR: Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 64, an act entitled An act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, having examined the same, find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WENTWORTH, Chairman,
R. W. ADAMS,
E. G. JOHNSON,
L. G. DENNIS.

Senate Bill No. 62:

An act entitled An act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, made the special order for this hour, was taken up on its third reading, and read at large.

Mr. Henderson, by unanimous consent, offered the following amendment:

After the word "three," in section 11, line 28, insert the words "all insurance companies doing business in this State shall also pay an annual tax of three per cent. upon their gross receipts;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Henderson asked unanimous consent to strike out in section 55 all after the first word "receive" to the words "the following commissions;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Jenkins asked unanimous consent to the following as a substitute for section 58:

All taxes hereafter levied shall be assessed and levied in accordance with the provisions of this act;

Which was agreed to.

The reading of the bill was then finished, and the bill placed on its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Adams, Billings, Dennis, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly immediately.

Mr. Wentworth, of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., February 6, 1872.

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

SIR: Your committee, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 58, An act for the Protection of the Ports, Harbors and Bays of this State, having examined the same, recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. HENDERSON, Chairman,
GEO. E. WENTWORTH,
J. W. LOCKE,
LIBERTY BILLINGS.

Assembly Bill No. 58:

An act for the Protection of the Ports, Harbors and Bays of this State,

Was taken up on its second reading, read by sections, adopted, and placed among the orders of the day.

The Senate then adjourned till Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 7.

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, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—16.

A quorum present.

The journal was corrected and its reading dispensed with.

On motion, Senator Moragne was excused from day to day.

Substitute for Assembly Bill No. —:

A bill to Amend Chapter 1766 of the Laws of Florida, being An act to Establish the Florida Agricultural College,

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

Assembly Bill No. 44:

A bill to Regulate the Establishment of New Counties and Change of County Lines,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. McCaskill moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the bill;

Which was agreed to.