

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.

Mr. Wentworth rose to a personal explanation in reference to Commodore Middleton's communication to Gov. Reed.

Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 6 :

Relating to Limitation in Civil Suits,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Henderson moved that the bill be printed;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 67 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Define the Duties of the Secretary of State,

Was 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. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Pearce, Sutton and Wentworth—15.

Nays—None.

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

Senate Bill No. 6 :

A bill to Quiet Tax Titles.

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

Which was agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 58 :

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

Was 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. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Pearce, Sutton and Wentworth—16.

Nays—None.

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

Assembly Bill No. 36 :

Was, on motion of Mr. Henderson, made the special order for Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Assembly Bill No. 68 :

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

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

Mr. Henderson offered an amendment ;

Which was objected to.

The Chair decided any motion, including an amendment, was out of order.

Mr. Henderson appealed from the decision of the Chair, as follows:

*Provided*, That in addition to the currencies and scrip now authorized to be received by the State in payment of the taxes of 1871, the several tax collectors of this State shall be required to receive all Comptroller's warrants and Treasurer's certificates issued after January 1, 1872 ;

Which amendment was objected to.

And whereas the Chair ruled that the amendment being objected to, it makes the original motion out of order, and, therefore, not entitled to go on the journal, from which ruling of the Chair he moved an appeal.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Eagan, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, Pearce, Purman and Wentworth—10.

Those voting in the negative were—

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

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The bill was then 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. Billings, Dennis, Eagan, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, Meacham, Pearce, Purman and Wentworth—12.

Those voting in the negative were—

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

So the bill passed.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the title of the bill be as follows: A bill to be entitled An act to Legalize an Illegal Act.

Upon which 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, Locke, Meacham, Pearce, Sutton, and Wentworth—12.

Those voting in the negative were—

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

So the motion was lost, and the title remains as stated, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Assembly.

A message from the Governor for executive session.  
 Messages from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
 Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 7, 1872.

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

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

Senate Bill No. 12 :

To be entitled An act to Protect Cattle Owners and more fully Secure a Record of Marks and Brands ;

Senate Bill No. 28 :

To be entitled An act to Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers upon the Swamp and Overflowed Lands of the State of Florida, 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., February 7, 1872.

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

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

Senate Bill No. 56 :

To be entitled An act to repeal An act the Better to Procure and Secure Protection to Life, Liberty and Property in the State of Florida, approved August 6, 1868 ;

Senate Bill No. 53 :

To be entitled An act to Provide for Calling into the Supreme Court One or More Circuit Judges to Hear and Determine Causes in Certain Cases. Very respectfully,

M. H. CLAY,  
 Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
 Tallahassee, Fla., February 7, 1872.

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

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

Assembly Bill No. 20 :

To be entitled An act to Provide for the Admission of Minors to Practice Law in the Courts of this State ;

Assembly Bill No. 62 :

To be entitled An act to Fix and Regulate the Fees of Certain Officers Herein Designated ;

Assembly Bill No. 108:

To be entitled An act to Provide for the Registration of Electors and the Holding of Elections, approved August 6, 1868;

Assembly Bill No. 101:

To be entitled An act Providing for the Distribution of the Supreme Court Reports.

Assembly Bill No. 24:

To be entitled an act to alter and amend sections 12, 13 and 14 of an act approved August 6, 1868, entitled An act to Provide for Organizing and Disciplining the Militia of the State;

Assembly Bill No. 102:

To be entitled An act to Prevent Obstructions to Drains and Waters;

Assembly Bill No. 109:

To be entitled An act Allowing the Voters of the Several Counties in this State to Locate their Respective County Sites.

Very respectfully,

M. H. CLAY,  
Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 7, 1872.

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

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

Assembly Bill No. 83:

To be entitled an act to alter and amend section 9 of an act entitled An act for the Regulation of Pilots and Pilotage, and also to alter and amend section 10, of a bill entitled a bill to amend an act entitled An act for the Regulation of Pilots and Pilotage;

Assembly Bill No. 99:

To be entitled An act to Incorporate the Black Creek Navigation Company;

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 25:

To be entitled An act Defining the Duties and Fixing the Pay of County Commissioners;

And has also adopted:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution relative to Comptroller's Warrants and Treasurer's Certificates Issued Prior to July 1, 1868.

Very respectfully,

M. H. CLAY,  
Clerk of Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 32:

A bill to be entitled An act Fixing the Times for Holding the Court in the 5th Judicial Circuit,

Was 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. Adams, Atkins, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman and Sutton—16.

Nays—None.

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

Assembly Bill No. 66:

An act to Authorize Richard Ramsey to Establish a Ferry Across Big Bayou,

Was 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. Adams, Atkins, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Pearce, Sutton and Wentworth—15.

Nays—None.

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

Mr. Wentworth moved a call of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

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

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, Pearce, Sutton and Wentworth—15.

Mr. Henderson moved that the Sergeant-at-arms be dispatched after absentees, and that they be brought to the bar of the Senate under arrest;

Which was agreed to.

Messrs. Purman, Weeks, Eagan and Billings, were brought to the bar of the Senate under arrest and excused.

Mr. Adams moved that the call of the Senate be suspended;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 60:

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

Was 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. Adams, Atkins, Dennis, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hill-  
yer, Jenkins, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill, Purman,  
Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—16.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Billings and Eagan—2.

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

On motion, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The following message was received from his Excellency Gov-  
ernor Reed :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 7, 1872.

To the Senate :

SIR: I have the honor to withdraw the request for the re-  
moval of the harbor master and board of pilot commissioners of  
the port of Pensacola, and the nominations for their successors,  
regarding the communication of Commodore Middleton as au-  
thentic and the evil complained of, as one affecting the entire  
country, I deemed it my duty, regardless of personal considera-  
tions, to interpose the only remedy in my hands.

I have this morning received the enclosed communication of  
the board of pilot commissioners, from which it would appear  
that injustice had been done them, and that the fault is not theirs,  
but a defect in the law. I therefore respectfully request that no  
action be taken on my nominations, and that the deficiency in the  
law may be supplied.

Very respectfully,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

The several nominations mentioned were ordered returned to  
the Governor according to his request.

The doors were opened.

On motion, the Senate adjourned till 4 o'clock p. m.

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

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

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

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Dennis, Eagan, Ginn,  
Henderson, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, Locke, McKinnon,  
Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks and  
Wentworth—19.

A quorum present.

Mr. Henderson moved that the Senate do adjourn until Saturday at 4 p. m.

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

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Billings, Eagan; Ginn, Henderson, Kendrick, McKinnon, McCaskill, Pearce, Sutton and Weeks—12.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, Meacham, Purman and Wentworth—7.

So the Senate adjourned until Saturday at 4 o'clock p. m.

SATURDAY, February 10, 1872.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

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

A quorum present.

Mr. Meacham moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with ;

Which was agreed to.

A committee on behalf of the Assembly appeared at the bar of the Senate and presented the following message from the Assembly :

MR. PRESIDENT: In obedience to the order of the Assembly we appear before you, and in the name of the Assembly and of all the people of Florida we do impeach Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida, of high crimes and misdemeanors in office; and we further inform the Senate that the Assembly will in due time exhibit particular articles of impeachment against him and make good the same; and in this name we demand that the Senate take order for the appearance of the said Harrison Reed to answer said impeachment.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the message be received ;

Which was agreed to.