

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.

Mr. Purman offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Assembly, on this 10th day of February, 1872, by a committee of their members, at the bar of the Senate, impeached Harrison Reed, Governor, of high crimes and misdemeanors, incompetency, malfeasance in office, and conduct detrimental to good morals, and informed the Senate that the Assembly will in due time exhibit particular articles of impeachment against him, and make good the same, and likewise demanded that the Senate take order for the appearance of said Harrison Reed, Governor, to answer to the said impeachment; Therefore,

Resolved, That the Senate will take proper order thereon, of which due notice shall be given to the Assembly;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wentworth offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Harrison Reed, Governor, has been this day impeached by the Assembly of the State of Florida of high crimes and misdemeanors, incompetency, malfeasance in office, and conduct detrimental to good morals;

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be, and he is hereby, ordered to issue his warrant issuing to the Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, directing him to notify the said Harrison Reed, Governor, that he has this day been impeached by the Assembly of the State of Florida of high crimes and misdemeanors, incompetency, malfeasance in office, and conduct detrimental to good morals, and that he is deemed under arrest and is disqualified from performing any of the duties of his office as Governor of Florida until acquitted by the Senate of Florida, and the Sergeant-at-arms is hereby ordered and directed to make return to this body at once of his doing herein;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Henderson offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate of the State of Florida will organize as a High Court of Impeachment for the purposes of the trial of His Excellency Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida, on Tuesday next, 13th inst., at 12 o'clock m.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That the Senate will proceed to organize as a High Court of Impeachment for the trial of Harrison Reed, Governor, on the 14th inst., at 12 o'clock m.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately notify the Assembly of the adoption of this resolution.

Mr. Henderson moved that the substitute 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, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Kendrick, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill, Sutton and Weeks—11.

Those voting in the negative were—

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

So it was not laid on the table.

The substitute was then adopted.

Mr. Henderson offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the Senate, That a committee of three be appointed to notify the Hon. E. M. Randall, Chief Justice of the State of Florida, that the House of Representatives of this State, have, through their committee, appeared at the bar of the Senate and impeached His Excellency Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida, of high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the Senate will organize as a High Court of Impeachment on Wednesday, the 14th inst., for the purposes of the trial of the said Harrison Reed, and that he be requested to be present to preside at the same ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Henderson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to notify His Excellency Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida, that a committee of the House of Representatives have this day appeared at the bar of the Senate, and in the name of all the people of the State of Florida, impeached him, the said Harrison Reed, Governor, &c., of high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the Senate have passed a resolution, of which the following is a copy :

Resolved, That the Senate will proceed to organize as a High Court of Impeachment for the trial of Harrison Reed, Governor, on the 14th inst., at 12 o'clock m.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately notify the Assembly of the adoption of this resolution ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Pearce moved that the Senate proceed to elect a President *pro tem.* ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Purman nominated Mr. Billings.

Mr. Locke nominated Mr. Eagan.

Mr. Dennis nominated Mr. Locke.

Mr. Jenkins nominated Mr. Hillyer, who declined.

Mr. Henderson nominated Mr. Purman, who declined.

The roll was called with the following result :

For Mr. Billings :

Messrs. Adams, Dennis, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, McKinnon, Meacham, McCaskill,

Pearce, Purman, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—18.

For Mr. Eagan—Mr. Crawford—1.

For Mr. Pearce—Mr. Billings—1.

For Mr. Henderson—Mr. Kendrick—1.

For Mr. McCaskill—Mr. Moragne—1.

Mr. Billings having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected President pro tem.

The Sergeant-at-arms returned and made return that he had duly complied with the order of the Senate, and had served a copy of his warrant upon His Excellency Harrison Reed.

Mr. Wentworth moved that a committee of three be appointed to attend the Lieutenant-Governor to the Executive Chamber to receive the oath of office.

Mr. Purman offered as a substitute;

Resolved by the Senate, The Assembly Concurring, that a joint meeting of the two Houses of the Legislature be held in the Assembly Hall at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock p. m. of this instant, for the purpose of inaugurating Lieutenant-Governor Samuel T. Day, as Acting Governor of the State.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the substitute be laid upon table.

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

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Hillyer, Kendrick, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill Pearce, Sutton, Weeks and Wentworth—15.

Those voting in the negative were—

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

So the substitute was laid upon the table.

Mr. Wentworth's motion was then agreed to.

The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Wentworth, Meacham and Sutton.

Mr. Hillyer moved to take a recess for thirty minutes.

Mr. Dennis moved to amend by making it ten minutes.

Mr. Hillyer accepted the amendment.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Eagan, Hill, Hillyer, Jenkins and Locke—6.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Adams, Atkins, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Johnson, Kendrick, McKinnon, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Weeks and Wentworth—13.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Wentworth, chairman committee to wait on Lieutenant-Governor, returned and reported that the committee had performed their duty, and the committee were discharged.

Mr. Henderson presented the following memorial:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of
the State of Florida in General Assembly convened :

The undersigned citizens and tax-payers of Duval county respectfully present their petition for relief from a taxation more onerous than they are able to bear. They would ask such relief for the year past as well as for the present and future. That the county taxes imposed may be limited by law to fifty per cent. of the State tax, and that the people may be authorized to pay their taxes with properly authenticated State scrip.

They beg to assure your honorable body that if speedy relief is not given the consequences will be ruinous to the State and destructive of all private enterprise :

C. B. Wilder,
A. B. Hussey,
Columbus Drew,
A. C. Small,
Edw. Hopkins & Co.,
D. C. Dawkins,
T. A. Love,
A. N. Pace,
Fed. M. Hearn,
J. H. Buntou,
R. V. Jeffreys,
A. B. Brookins,
Zacharias & Co.,
M. H. Cohen,
J. H. Crowell,
A. D. Hussing,
H. P. Fridenberg,
O. R. Read,
J. E. Townsend,
George Chelerboggy,
Sledgby Jones,
J. E. McCormick,
Wilson & Bro.,
Uriah Bowden,
J. C. Brown,
Wm. Groth,
Wm. A. Jones,
Jacob Brock,
Togni & Bettelini,
Calvin Oak,
T. E. Buckman,
J. M. Fairbanks,
J. R. Campbell,
O. L. Henry,

George C. Wilson,
Jno. Smith,
Rival & Koopman,
J. Ferren,
S. Fobes Doggett,
S. L. Cook,
E. Houston,
L. C. Anderson,
John Daniels,
Morris Burny,
Wm. Caulk,
B. Thebunt,
B. A. Thebunt,
Joseph Santo,
F. S. Hernandez,
J. N. Divine,
A. Huling,
J. H. Norton,
James Johnson,
George H. Mays,
Spencer, Maxwell & Co.,
L. A. Spencer,
S. B. Hulbard,
R. P. McCantz,
A. M. Jones,
Hull & Jones,
L. Warrock,
F. C. Sollie,
Richard & Co.,
H. F. Hopkins,
J. W. Driggs,
Geo. A. Peck,
J. J. Holland,
W. C. C. Branning,

Joseph Dacy, Treas. for the	Jas. Baya & Son,
Jacksonville Co.,	D. R. Howell,
D. Marks,	W. H. McKinley,
C. K. Bingham,	H. T. Baya,
C. B. Dibble,	Wm. T. Kelly,
C. B. Hazeltine,	Wm. H. Latimer,
A. B. Marvin,	C. R. Merrill,
F. K. Howard,	J. W. Grinson,
D. Greenleaf,	Zurchgott, Benedict & Co.,
Miles Price,	W. M. Bostwick,
James A. Rupert, Jr.,	J. H. H. Bours.
Alex. Wallace,	

And moved its reference to the Committee on Finance and Taxation ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wentworth moved that a committee of three be appointed to inform the Assembly that the Senate had elected Senator Liberty Billings President pro. tem ;

Which was agreed to.

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

The managers, on behalf of the Assembly, then appeared at the bar of the Senate to present articles of impeachment against His Excellency Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida.

The Sergeant-at-arms made proclamation :

Hear ye ! Hear ye ! Hear ye ! All persons are commanded to keep silence, on pain of imprisonment, while the Assembly is exhibiting to the Senate of the State of Florida articles of impeachment against Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida.

Mr. Henderson moved that the articles be received ;

Which was agreed to.

The managers then exhibited the articles of impeachment and read the same to the Senate :

Mr. Henderson moved that the articles be received, and that the Secretary notify the Assembly that the Senate will set as a High Court of Impeachment on Wednesday, the 14th inst., for the trial of His Excellency Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Henderson moved that the Senate adjourn to Monday morning, at 10 o'clock a. m. ;

Which was agreed to.

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