

Which was accepted, and substitute adopted.

Mr. Dennis moved that the election for President *pro tem.* be reconsidered ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dennis moved that the Senate adjourn to 4 o'clock.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Henderson moved that the Senate now proceed to elect a President *pro tem.*

Mr. Dennis nominated Mr. Eagan.

Mr. Pearce nominated Mr. Billings.

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

For Mr. Billings—Messrs. Billings, Crawford, Fortner, Ginn, Henderson, Knight, McAuley, McCaskill, McKinnon, Oliveros, Pearce, Smith, and Sutton—13.

For Mr. Eagan—Messrs. Dennis, Hill, Jenkins, Johnson, Locke, Long, Meacham, Pope, Potter, and Startevant—10.

For Mr. Ginn—Mr. Eagan—1.

Mr. Billings was declared elected.

Mr. Meacham moved that the Senate do now adjourn until to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M. ;

Which was agreed to.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1873.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Billings, Crawford, Eagan, Ginn, Henderson, Jenkins, Johnson, Knight, Locke, Long, McAuley, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Potter, Smith, Startevant, and Sutton—20.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong offered prayer.

The journal of yesterday was read by the Secretary.

The President ordered that the journal, as corrected, stand approved.

Mr. Billings offered the following motion :

That fifty copies of the journal of yesterday, as corrected, be furnished the Senate immediately ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Potter offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-arms be authorized to supply each Senator with necessary stationery, the Secretary of the Senate to assist in the selection thereof, and that the same be furnished each Senator upon his written requisition.

Mr. McCaskill offered the following amendment :

Which requisition shall be the voucher to these officers for such stationery as is supplied ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dennis offered the following as a substitute :

That the Sergeant-at-arms be instructed to furnish stationery for the use of the Senate on requisition of the Secretary.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the substitute be laid on the table ;

Which was agreed to.

The amendment offered by Mr. McCaskill was then agreed to, and the original resolution adopted.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to inform the Governor, in accordance with the request of the Assembly, that the Legislature is organized and ready to receive any communication he may desire to make ;

Which was adopted.

The President appointed the following as the committee: Messrs. Jenkins and McCaskill.

Mr. Eagan moved that the committee notify the Assembly that they have been appointed to wait upon the Governor ;

Which was agreed to.

The committee retired, and after a brief absence returned and reported that the Governor would communicate to the Legislature at an early day, and were discharged.

Mr. Johnson offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That a committee of two from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to examine and investigate the books and accounts of the Treasurer's and Comptroller's offices before the same are turned over to their successors ;

Which was adopted and ordered to be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Dennis offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That not more than \$10 worth of stationery shall be furnished to any one Senator during the present session of the Legislature ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Potter offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to employ a shorthand assistant until he can dispense with his services, at a reasonable compensation, not to exceed \$3 a day.

Mr. Henderson offered the following amendment :

Provided, That the services shall be paid for by the Secretary out of his per diem.

Mr. Dennis moved that the resolution be laid on the table;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Henderson offered the following petition:

To the Honorable the Senate of the Legislature of Florida:

The petitioner, Israel M. Stewart, respectfully shows to your honorable body that at an election held on the 5th day of November, 1872, in the counties of Dade and Brevard, in the State of Florida, composing the Twenty-first Senatorial District of said State, he was duly elected Senator to represent said Senatorial District in the Senate of the Legislature of Florida for the then ensuing term of four years, and that he is entitled to a seat in your honorable body as such Senator, but that one E. T. Sturtevant is now filling the seat claimed by petitioner, and is acting as such Senator, although never elected to the same. Petitioner therefore prays that he may be admitted to your honorable body as such Senator in the place of the said Mr. Sturtevant.

ISRAEL M. STEWART.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 8, 1873.

Mr. Egan moved that the same be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections;

Which was agreed to.

The following standing committees were announced:

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. LOCKE, Chairman.

Messrs. HENDERSON, MCKINNON,
 POTTER, DENNIS.

Committee on Education.

Mr. PEARCE, Chairman.

Messrs. McCASKILL, OLIVEROS,
 STURTEVANT, EAGAN.

Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. EAGAN, Chairman.

Messrs. CRAWFORD. HENDERSON,
 JOHNSON, JENKINS.

Committee on Claims.

Mr. HILL, Chairman.

Messrs. KNIGHT, BILLINGS,
 JOHNSON, STURTEVANT.

Committee on Corporations.

Mr. JENKINS, Chairman.

Messrs. SMITH, GINN,
 LOCKE, MEACHAM.

Committee on City and County Organizations.

Mr. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Messrs. OLIVEROS, FORTNER,
 PEARCE, POTTER.

Committee on Militia.

Mr. POPE, Chairman.

Messrs. SUTTON, BILLINGS,
 DENNIS, McAULEY.

Committee on Legislative Expenses.

Mr. LONG, Chairman.

Messrs. McCASKILL, JOHNSON,
 LOCKE, SUTTON.

Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. PEARCE, Chairman.

Messrs. SMITH, GINN,
 POPE, STURTEVANT.

Committee on Public Printing.

Mr. POTTER, Chairman.

Messrs. OLIVEROS, McCASKILL,
 DENNIS, MEACHAM.

Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. POTTER, Chairman.

Messrs. KNIGHT, MCKINNON,
 MEACHAM, JENKINS.

Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. STURTEVANT, Chairman.

Messrs. CRAWFORD, FORTNER,
 LONG, BILLINGS.

Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. DENNIS, Chairman.

Messrs. MCKINNON, McAULEY,
 LONG, HILL.

Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Mr. MEACHAM, Chairman.
 Messrs. McCASKILL, KNIGHT,
 EAGAN, POTTER.

Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. JOHNSON, Chairman.
 Messrs. CRAWFORD, GINN,
 POPE, STURTEVANT.

Committee on Privileges and Election.

Mr. EAGAN, Chairman.
 Messrs. HENDERSON, SMITH,
 HILL, JENKINS.

Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. JENKINS, Chairman.
 Messrs. CRAWFORD, HENDERSON,
 EAGAN, LOCKE.

Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. DENNIS, Chairman.
 Messrs. OLIVEROS, SUTTON,
 LONG, BILLINGS.

Mr. Henderson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be instructed to appoint a Standing Committee on State Boundaries ;

Which was agreed to.

The following committee were then appointed :

Messrs. Henderson, Meacham, McCaskill, Potter, and Sturtevant.

Mr. Eagan gave notice that Mr. M. L. Duncan will contest the seat of A. J. McAuley, of the Eleventh District.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins, the Senate adjourned until Monday at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1873.

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. Billings, Crawford, Fortner, Ginn, Henderson, Hill,

Jenkins, Johnson, Knight, Locke, McAuley, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Sutton—19.

A quorum present.

Reading of the journal ordered.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with.

The journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Henderson offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the committees on Judiciary, and Finance and Taxation, and Education, of each body, be authorized to sit together as one committee in the consideration of questions brought before the respective committees.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Potter offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Rule 21 be so amended as to authorize the Chair to appoint a standing committee of five on Commerce and Navigation.

Which was adopted.

The Chair appointed the following committee :

Messrs. Potter, Oliveros, Billings, Crawford, and Locke.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following petition, and asked that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., 6th January, 1873.

To Hon. Horatio Jenkins, Senator from Duval county :

SIR : The undersigned prominent ship-masters at this port and leading merchants of this section of country, respectfully urge you, sir, as a Senator representing the interests of this portion of the country, to use every influence in your power to secure the passage of a bill whereby the pilot laws of 1872 shall be repealed so that all duly qualified master mariners and properly educated pilots shall have full privilege to establish such boat or boats as may conduce to the mercantile interests of this community without the apprenticeship now required by the law now in force as above stated.

And your petitioners will ever pray,

Captain O. I. SHAILER,

Captain JOSEPH BAYLES,

Captain JACOB W. POWELL,

And a large number of others.

The petition was referred.

Mr. Locke moved that the vote to refer the petition to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation be reconsidered ;