

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 ;

Which was agreed to.
Mr. Locke moved that the petition be read by the Secretary;
Which was agreed to and referred to Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Mr. Fortner offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, That Rule 21 be amended by instructing the President to appoint a committee of five on Indian Affairs;

Which was adopted.

The President appointed the following committee:

Messrs. Fortner, Dennis, Ginn, Johnson, and Pope.

Mr. Henderson, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 1:

To be entitled An act Making an Appropriation to Cover Deficiency in the Payment of Members and Attaches of the last General Assembly;

Mr. Henderson moved that the rules be suspended and the bill read the first time by its title, which was unanimously agreed to.

The bill was read first time by its title and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2:

To be entitled An act Making an Additional Appropriation for the Payment of Jurors and State Witnesses;

Which was, under the unanimous suspension of the rules, read first time by its title and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Oliveros, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 3:

To be entitled An act Extending the Time for the Collection of Taxes for the year 1872;

Which was, under the unanimous suspension of the rules, read first time by its title and referred to Committee on Taxation.

Mr. Meacham, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 4:

To be entitled An act to Incorporate a Company to be called the Fernandina, Jacksonville and New Orleans Steamboat Canal Company, with Power to Construct a Canal or Railway between the Mississippi River at or near New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Harbor of Fernandina, in the State of Florida;

Which was, under the unanimous suspension of the rules, read first time by its title and referred to Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Eagan, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 5:

To be entitled An act Making Appropriations to Supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for Printing and Advertising for the year 1872, and for other purposes;

Which was, under the unanimous suspension of the rules,

read first time by its title and referred to Committee on Public Printing.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive session.

The doors were opened, and the following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 13, 1873. }

Hon. M. L. Stearns, President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has this day passed—

Assembly Bill No. 14, entitled A Bill to Authorize the Execution of an Appeal Bond in behalf of the State.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Mr. Henderson moved that the rules be suspended, and Assembly Bill No. 14 be read by its title;

Which was unanimously agreed to.

The bill was read by its title.

Mr. Henderson moved that the rules be suspended, and Assembly Bill No. 14 be put upon its second reading;

Which was unanimously agreed to.

The Secretary read the bill.

Mr. Henderson moved that the rules be suspended and Assembly Bill No. 14 be read the third time and put upon its passage;

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Billings, Crawford, Dennis, Eagan, Fortner, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Jenkins, Johnson, Knight, Long, McAuley, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Pearce, Pope, Potter, Smith, Startevant, and Sutton—22.

Those voting in the negative—None.

Mr. Locke and Oliveros were excused from voting.

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

Mr. Meacham moved that the Senate do now proceed to elect an Enrolling Clerk.

Mr. Potter offered the following resolution as a substitute:

Resolved, That the committees on Engrossing and Enrolling be authorized to employ each a clerk to perform the duties of enrolling and engrossing the same, to be paid as follows: The Engrossing Clerk 15 cents per folio, and the Enrolling Clerk 30 cents per folio;

Which was adopted.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 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. Crawford, Dennis, Eagan, Fortner, Ginn, Hill, Jenkins, Johnson, Knight, Locke, Long, McAuley, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Pope, Potter, Smith, Sturtevant, and Sutton—21.

A quorum present.

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

No objections being offered, it was so ordered, and the journal as corrected was approved.

Mr. McCaskill offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That it is the opinion of the Legislature of Florida that persons holding Federal appointments or offices should not hold official positions under the State government.

Resolved 2nd, That a special committee of five, two from the Senate and three from the Assembly, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to inquire into and report the number holding Federal offices in this State who at the same time hold positions under the State government as members of the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Departments.

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

Mr. Eagan offered the following petition, and asked that it be read and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections:

To the Honorable the Senate of the State of Florida:

The petitioner, Moses L. Duncan, respectfully shows to your honorable body that an election was held on the fifth day of November, A. D. 1872, in the counties of Hamilton and Suwannee, in the State of Florida, comprising the Eleventh Senatorial District of said State, he was duly elected Senator to represent said Senatorial District in the Senate of the State of Florida for the ensuing four years, and that he is entitled to a seat in your honorable body; but that one Angus McAuley now fills the seat claimed by your petitioner and is acting as such Senator, though never elected to the same.

Petitioner therefore prays your honorable body that he may be admitted as such Senator in accordance with the wishes of the voters of said Eleventh Senatorial District in place of said Angus McAuley.

MOSES L. DUNCAN.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 13, 1873.

The petition was read and referred to the committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Oliveros offered the following memorial:

MEMORIAL TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, Would respectfully request our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States to use their utmost endeavors to secure from the general government a donation to the city of St. Augustine, in East Florida, of all inundated unsurveyed marsh lands within the incorporate limits of said city, and that the Secretary of State be directed to forward a copy of this memorial to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress at an early day;

Which was read and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Long offered the following memorial:

Memorial to Congress for an Appropriation for the Survey and Estimates of a Ship Canal from the Waters of the Gulf of Mexico to the Waters of the Atlantic Ocean by the most Direct and Practicable Transit of the Peninsula of Florida.

WHEREAS, It is believed that a ship canal can be constructed from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean; therefore,

The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, Would respectfully request our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States to use their earnest efforts to get an appropriation for the survey and estimates of cost of a ship canal across the peninsula of Florida from the waters of the Gulf of Mexico along the line of waters of the Withlacoochee, Blue Spring, Silver Spring, Ocklawaha, and St. Johns rivers, and their adjacent lakes, to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean by the most direct and practicable route.

The Secretary of State is hereby instructed to furnish a copy of this memorial to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress;

Which was read and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Long, by permission, introduced Senate Bill No. 6:

To be entitled An act to allow Hugh Miller to Practice Law in all the Courts of this State;

Which was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.