

W. H. LeCain, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion county, vice James A. Harris, removed.

W. J. McGrath, to be Sheriff of Marion county, vice J. A. Mathews, removed.

Allen J. Cassady, to be County Judge of Sumter county, reappointed.

Mathew W. Dozier, to be Sheriff of Sumter county, vice J. S. Dyclus, removed.

The doors were opened.

The Chair appointed Mr. Billings to succeed Mr. Locke, resigned, on the following committees:

Corporations, Legislative Expenses, Appropriations, and Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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, Egan, Fortner, Ginn, Henderson, Hill, Johnson, Knight, Long, McAuley, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Pope, Potter, Smith, Sturtevant, and Sutton—19.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Fortner the reading of the journal was dispensed with and approved.

Mr. Henderson presented the claim of B. C. Lewis against the State of Florida for moneys loaned to the Comptroller of the State, of date August 3, 1869, and November 4, 1869, and for interest and commissions, and asked their reference to the Committee on Claims for their consideration;

Which was received and referred to Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hill introduced Senate Bill No. 49:

To be entitled An act to Authorize John W. McCall, a minor, to take charge of and control his estate;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Henderson introduced Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled An act in Relation to Hotels and the Liability of Hotel Keepers;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Potter introduced Senate Bill No. 51:

An act to Incorporate the Perdido Boom Company of Florida;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Under suspension of the rules Mr. Dennis obtained permission to introduce the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Chair whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report immediately if any State bonds have been issued within the last two years to the South Florida Railroad Company, or to the Florida Railroad Company, or to any person in connection with said corporations whether under its former or present corporate title, or any State guarantee of the bonds of said corporations, or on account of said corporations or either of them, and if so, what amount, the style of the bonds, when issued, and by whom, to whom, and when delivered, and by whom delivered, under what authority of law, if any, what security, if any, the State received from said corporations for the bonds issued, and all other facts in connection with the issue of said bonds or State guarantee, and said committee is hereby authorized to send for persons and papers and to take testimony under oath;

Which was adopted.

The Chair appointed the following committee:

Messrs. Dennis, Crawford, and Johnson.

Senate concurrent resolution, offered by Mr. Johnson on yesterday, came up and, on motion of Mr. Johnson, the consideration of the resolution was postponed until Tuesday next.

The following communication was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 5, 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 adopted Assembly joint resolution for the appointment of a joint committee on an Appropriation Bill;

Also:

That the Assembly has passed Assembly Joint Resolution Requesting the Governor to Appoint a Delegate to the National Agricultural Convention;

Also:

Assembly Bill No. 16:

Making Appropriations to Cover Deficiencies for the Year 1872;

Also:

Assembly Bill No. 39;

Also:

Assembly Bill No. 31:

An act to Adopt a Child;

Also:

Assembly Bill No. 23:

An act Relating to Criminal Practice;
 Also:
 Assembly Bill No. 35:
 Repealing An act Concerning Legal Advertisements.
 Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
 Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills and resolutions placed among the orders of the day.

Under suspension of the rules Mr. Meacham obtained permission to introduce the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Claims is requested to inquire into and report by bill or otherwise, any and all claims that school-teachers may have against the State, which were authorized to teach school by Rev. E. B. Duncan, for the year 1868.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
 TALLAHASSEE, February 6, 1873. }

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

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 43, entitled An act to Improve the Navigation of Chipola River by Steam, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it pass.

Respectfully,

HIRAM POTTER, Chairman.
 LIBERTY BILLINGS,
 JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
 B. F. OLIVEROS.

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

The Committee on Education made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, February 6, 1873.

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

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 40, a bill to be entitled An act to Provide for the Removal of the State Seminary East of the Suwannee, from Gainesville to Lake City, Florida, report that we have examined the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully,

C. H. PEARCE, Chairman.
 E. T. STURTEVANT,
 A. L. McCASKILL,
 B. F. OLIVEROS.

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

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
 TALLAHASSEE, February 6, 1873. }

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

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred petition of ship-masters of the port of Jacksonville, and leading merchants of that city, for a change in the pilot laws, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that the petition be not granted, believing as they do that the pilot laws should be made even more stringent rather than less so.

Respectfully,

HIRAM POTTER, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Knight's motion of reconsideration of yesterday came up. Mr. McKinnon moved to lay the motion on the table;

Which was agreed to.

The following communications were received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
 TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 6, 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 Senate Bill No. 5, with the following amendment: In the first line of section three strike out "two" and insert "five hundred copies" and ask the concurrence of the Senate in said amendments.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
 Clerk of the Assembly.

Also:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
 TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 5, 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 adopted Senate Joint Resolution Relating to Adjournment;

Also, that the Assembly has this day passed Assembly Bill No. 45 and Assembly Bill No. 18;

Also, that the Assembly has adopted Assembly Memorial Relating to Homesteads ;

And also has passed Assembly Bills No. 25 and 26 and No. 31.
Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which were read and the accompanying bills and resolutions placed among the orders of the day.

Under the suspension of the rules Mr. Eagan obtained permission to introduce the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be authorized to send the Sergeant-at-arms, or such person as they may appoint, to Hamilton county or such other places as they may direct, for the purpose of subpoenaing witnesses to appear before that committee ;

Which was adopted.

Senate Bill No. 4 :

A bill to Incorporate a Company to be called the Fernandina, Jacksonville and New Orleans Steamboat Canal Company, with Power to Construct a Canal or Railroad between the Mississippi River at or near New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Harbor of Fernandina, Florida,

Came up on its second reading and, on motion of Mr. Henderson, was ordered printed.

Senate Bill No. 20 :

An act entitled an act to Authorize the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad of Florida to Construct, Own, and Operate a Telegraph Line in the County of Escambia,

Was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 26 :

Entitled An act to Allow Maimed Persons to Sell Liquor and Peddle without Payment of License Tax,

Was read the second time and, on motion of Mr. Eagan, was indefinitely postponed.

Senate Bill No. 34 :

An act entitled an act to repeal an act entitled An act to Provide for the Protection of the Citizens of this State against Defaulting Foreign Corporations,

Was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 40 :

An act to Provide for the Removal of the State Seminary East of the Suwannee River, from Gainesville to Lake City, Florida,

Was read the second time and, on motion of Mr. Henderson, was indefinitely postponed.

Senate Bill No. 41 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Define the Boundaries of Washington County,

Was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 42 :

A bill to Authorize the Southern Inland Navigation Company to Merge its Corporate Powers with the Southern Inland Navigation and Improvement Company,

Was read the second time.

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

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dennis moved to lay the bill upon the table ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 43 :

An act entitled an act to Improve the Navigation of Chipola River by Steam,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Meacham moved to amend the enacting clause by adding the words "as follows,"

Which was agreed to, and the bill ordered engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 32 :

Entitled An act to Incorporate the Perdido Lumber Company,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question—Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Billings, Crawford, Dennis, Eagan, Fortner, Ginn, Hill, Knight, Long, McAuley, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Pearce, Pope, Potter, Smith, Startevant, and Sutton—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 5 came up.

Mr. Potter moved that the Senate concur in the Assembly amendment.

The roll was called with the following result :

Yeas—Messrs. Billings, Crawford, Dennis, Fortner, Ginn, Hill, Knight, Long, McAuley, Meacham, Oliveros, Pearce, Pope, Potter, Smith, Startevant, and Sutton—17.

Nays—Messrs. McCaskill and McKinnon—2.

So the amendment was concurred in.

Senate Bill No. 45 :

Entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to Provide for the Registration of Electors and the Holding of Elections,

Was read the first time and, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to have the bill printed if reported on favorably ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 46:

A bill to Locate the County Site of Brevard County,
Was read first time, and referred to the Committee on City
and County Organizations.

Senate Bill No. 47:

An act entitled an act in Relation to Wharfage,
Was read first time, and referred to the Committee on Com-
merce.

Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide for the Incorporation
of Towns and Cities,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. Dennis, the rules were unani-
mously waived, the bill read first time by its title, and referred
to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate Bill No. 49:

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize John W. McCall, a
Minor, to take Charge of and Control his Estate,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. Meacham, the rules were
unanimously waived, the bill read the first time by its title, and
referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill entitled An act in Relation to Hotels and the Liability
of Hotel Keepers,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. Meacham, the rules were unani-
mously waived, the bill read first time by its title, and referred
to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill No. 51:

An act to Incorporate the Perdido Boom Company,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. Potter, the rules were unani-
mously waived and the bill read first time by its title and re-
ferred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Mr. Meacham's Memorial from the Legislature to Congress
relative to a Mail Route,

Was read first time and placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly Bill No. 23:

An act in Relation to Criminal Practice,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, the rules were
unanimously waived, bill read first time by its title, and referred
to the Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill No. 31:

An act to Provide for the Adoption of Marion Newton Wald-
ron by David E. and Mary Waldron,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, the rules were
unanimously waived, bill read first time by its title, and referred
to the Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill No. 31:

An act to Adopt a Child by Zelotes H. Mason and Christianna
Mason,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, the rules were
unanimously waived, the bill read first time by its title and
referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill No 35:

An act to Repeal an act Concerning Official and Legal Ad-
vertisements,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. Potter, the rules were unani-
mously waived, the bill read first time by its title, and referred
to the Committee on Public Printing.

Assembly Bill No 16:

A bill to be entitled An act to make Appropriations for Defi-
ciencies in the Appropriations for the Expenses of the State for
the fiscal year ending December 31, 1872,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. Pearce, the rules were unani-
mously waived, the bill read first time by its title, and referred
to the Committee on Appropriations.

Assembly Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act to require
County Treasurers to Keep Accurate Accounts of Public
Moneys, and Exhibit their Books and Copies thereof to the
Board of County Commissioners and to Grand Juries; Ap-
proved February 17, 1872.

Came up and, on motion of Mr. Meacham, the rules were
unanimously waived, and the bill read the first time by its
title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Assembly Bill No. 39:

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act
to Incorporate the Monticello and Georgia Railroad Company,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, the rules were
unanimously waived, and the bill read the first time by its title
and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Assembly Bill No. 45:

A bill for the Better Protection of Animals Running at
Large,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, the rules were
unanimously waived, and the bill read the first time by its title
and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Assembly Bill No. 25:

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize Actions Against
Railroad Companies in Cases of Death Resulting from Negli-
gence,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, the rules were
unanimously waived, the bill read the first time by its title, and
referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize Richard C. Winters
to take Charge of and Manage His Estate,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. Meacham, the rules were

unanimously waived, the bill read first time by its title, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The following Assembly concurrent resolution was called up:

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That a joint committee of three on the part of the Assembly and two on the part of the Senate be appointed to prepare and report an appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1873.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the Senate concur;
Which was agreed to.

The President appointed the following committee on the part of the Senate:

Messrs. Jenkins and McCaskill.

The following communication was received from the Attorney-General:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 6, 1873.

SIR: I have received the Senate Resolution No. 5, requesting me "to frame a bill devising the best means for the redemption of the four hundred thousand Florida bonds now hypothecated in New York."

I beg leave to ask that, in order to enable me to comply with the request contained in the resolution, I may be furnished by authority of the Senate with such data as will enable me to understand the plan of redemption to be carried into execution by a law to be enacted. Without such information I will not be able to comply with the request contained in the resolution, it not being within my province as Attorney-General to suggest plans for the management of the finances of the State.

I respectfully suggest that the subject be referred to a committee, to be also further authorized to examine into the history and condition of other bonds hypothecated in Europe or elsewhere, involving the financial credit of the State, upon whose report, if confirmed by the Senate, I can draft a bill providing for the execution of a scheme of redemption, as will be thus marked out for my governance and direction in framing the bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ARCHER COCKE,
Attorney-General, Florida.

To the Hon., the President of the Senate, M. L. STEARNS.

And, on motion of Mr. Eagan, was ordered to be spread upon the journal.

On motion of Mr. McCaskill, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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, Hill, Knight, Long, McAuley, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Pope, Potter, Smith, Sturtevant, and Sutton—17.

On motion of Mr. Crawford the reading of the journal was dispensed with and approved.

Mr. Knight introduced the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, First, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Chair, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the history and present condition of the four hundred thousand dollars of Florida bonds hypothecated in New York, and report as early as practicable. Second, That said committee also be authorized to inquire into the history and present condition of the four million Florida Railroad Aid bonds, sold or hypothecated in Europe or elsewhere, and report as early as practicable, and that said committee be authorized to send for persons and papers, and take testimony under oath.

Which was adopted.

The Chair appointed the following committee:

Messrs. Knight, Sturtevant, and Jenkins.

Mr. Jenkins moved that the Secretary be instructed to certify to the Assembly the action of the Senate in relation to the joint assembly resolution for the appointment of a committee to prepare and report a bill on appropriations,

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crawford introduced Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled An act for the Conduct of Elections;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Dennis offered the following memorial:

To the Honorable Postmaster-General of the United States:

The people of the State of Florida in Senate and Assembly, Would respectfully request that a mail route be established from Gainesville to Wacassassa via Louisville, and that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to our representatives in Congress;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Potter introduced Senate Bill No. 53:

A bill to be entitled An act Imposing a Tax upon Commissions and Prescribing the Mode of Payment thereof;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.