

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 Wacasassa 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.

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

WHEREAS, A bill passed the Legislature at its last session, and approved by the Governor February 16, 1872, which granted 160 acres of land as a homestead on the swamp and overflowed lands of the State to actual settlers ; and, whereas, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were charged with the execution of the aforesaid act, and the said act was to take effect on and after the 1st of April, 1872 ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate, That the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the Senate why the said Trustees have not put the said act in operation for the benefit of the people ;

Which was adopted.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution in Relation to a Joint Committee to Visit the Penitentiary,

Came up and, on motion of Mr. Potter, was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Printing made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 7, 1873. }

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

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. —, entitled An act to Repeal an act for the Election of a Public Printer, and for other purposes, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and the majority of said committee recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully,

HIRAM POTTER, Chairman.
L. G. DENNIS,
ROBERT MEACHAM.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, February 7, 1873.

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

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 20 :
Entitled An act to Authorize the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad Company of Florida to Construct, Own, and Operate a Telegraph Line in the County of Escambia ;
Senate Bill No. 34 :
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 ;

Senate Bill No. 41 :

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

Senate Bill No. 43 :

An act entitled an act to Improve the Navigation of the Chipola River by Steam ; beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Respectfully,

E. T. STURTEVANT, Chairman.
L. BILLINGS,
M. G. FORTNER,
JNO. L. CRAWFORD,
T. W. LONG.

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

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, February 7, 1873.

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

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred Senate Resolution of Inquiry No. 6, asking information of the Attorney-General, &c., beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it be adopted with an amendment by striking out the last paragraph.

Respectfully,

LIBERTY BILLINGS,
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.
HIRAM POTTER,
A. D. MCKINNON.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 7, 1873. }

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

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 9, An act entitled an act Extending the Time for the Collection of Taxes for the Year 1872, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully,

D. EAGAN,
Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

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

The Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, February 7, 1873.

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

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred 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, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully,

ROBERT MEACHAM,
Chairman Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.
HIRAM POTTER,
D. EAGAN.

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

The select committee on Senate Bill No. 30 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. 30, entitled An act to Aid the Cause of Temperance in the State by the Abolition of the Tax on Soda Fountains, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend the adoption of the following substitute:

A bill entitled An act in Relation to Tax on Soda Fountains.

The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: SECTION 1. That the tax now required on soda fountains is hereby abolished.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

JOHN A. HENDERSON,
L. G. DENNIS,
ROBERT MEACHAM.

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, Fla., February 7, 1873.

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

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 47, entitled An act in Relation to Wharfage, 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Bill No. 5½:

An act to Repeal an act for the Election of a Public Printer, and for other purposes,

Came up on its second reading and, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

Senate Bill No. 47:

An act entitled an act in Relation to Wharfage,
Was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

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,

Was read the second time.

Senate Bill No. 9:

Entitled An act Extending the time for the Collection of Taxes for the Year 1872,

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

Senate Bill No 41:

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

Was read the third time.

Upon the question—Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Billings, Crawford, Dennis, Eagan, Fortner, Ginn, Hill, Johnson, Knight, Long, McAuley, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Pearce, Pope, Potter, Smith, Sturtevant, and Sutton—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 20:

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

Was read the third time.

Upon the question—Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 43 :

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

Was read the third time.

Upon the question—Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Billings, Crawford, Dennis, Eagan, Fortner, Ginn, Hill, Johnson, Knight, Long, McAuley, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Pearce, Pope, Potter, Smith, Sturtevant, and Sutton—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 7, 1873. }

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

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 5, entitled An act Making Appropriations to Supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for Printing and Advertising for the Year 1872, and for other purposes, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and found it correctly enrolled.

Respectfully,

HIRAM POTTER, Chairman.
ROBERT MEACHAM,
A. D. MCKINNON,
H. JENKINS,
M. A. KNIGHT.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill was signed by the officers of the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 34 :

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 third time.

Upon the question—Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

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

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 52 :

A bill to be entitled An act for the Conduct of Elections, Came up and, on motion of Mr. Eagan, the rules were unanimously waived, and the bill read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Senate Bill No. 53 :

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

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

The Memorial to Congress to amend the Homestead act, Came up and, on motion of Mr. Dennis, was referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Under a suspension of the rules the Committee on State Affairs made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, February 7, 1873.

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

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 44, entitled An act for the Employment of Private Secretary by the Governor, and Clerks in Various Offices of this State; beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that the bill pass with the following amendments:

First. For Private Secretary of the Governor strike out "\$1,500" and insert "\$1,200."

Second. For Clerk of Comptroller strike out "\$1,500" and insert "\$1,200."

Third. To strike out "Treasurer" and insert "Commissioner of Land and Immigration."

Respectfully,

L. G. DENNIS,
Chairman of Committee on State Affairs.

The following communication was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 7, 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. Ten (10), an act for the relief of John F. Bartholf; No 19, An act to amend an act to provide for the Creation of Corporations and to prescribe their General Powers and Liabilities, and No. 28, to be entitled An act relating to Warehouse-men and Wharfingers.

Also, Assembly Bill No. Sixty-seven (67), entitled An act to Provide for the More Efficient Collection of Revenue.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Assembly Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide for the more Efficient Collection of the Revenue,

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

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. McCaskill obtained permission to introduce Senate Bill No. 54:

A bill to be entitled An act Making Mrs. Martha F. Judge and Mrs. Joseph H. Rowe Free Dealers,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Johnson obtained permission to introduce Senate Bill No. 55:

A bill entitled An act Providing for the Faithful Discharge of Public Duties by Certain Officers.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the rules were unanimously waived, the bill read first time by its title, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Dennis obtained permission to introduce Senate Bill No. 56:

Entitled An act for the Relief of J. W. Childs.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, the rules were unanimously waived, the bill read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the Senate went into Executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following Executive nominations were confirmed:

Daniel Campbell, to be County Judge of Walton county.

Neil P. Campbell, to be Sheriff of Walton county.

Geo. W. Bogue, to be Sheriff of Madison county.

The doors were opened.

Mr. Jenkins, by request, was excused from serving on the Joint Committee on Appropriations, and Mr. Meacham appointed in his place.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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, Eagan, Fortner, Ginn, Hill, McAuley, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Sutton—14.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Mr. Johnson introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That whereas on yesterday the Assembly extended to Gen. John Tyler an invitation to deliver an address in the Hall of the Assembly, on Monday evening next, at 7½ o'clock, "On the Course of Commerce Associated with the Course of Empire," we, the Senate, cordially unite in the same;

Which, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Potter introduced Bill No 57, a bill to be entitled An act to Incorporate the Gulf Coast and Florida Peninsular Canal Company, and to Grant Certain Privileges therein named,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Billings introduced Senate Bill No. 58, An act to Encourage Manufactures,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hill introduced Senate Bill No. 59:

A bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of _____ and _____ for Services Rendered as School Teachers in Jefferson County in the year 1868,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Billings' resolution, inquiring of the Attorney-General whether any decree has been made by the United States courts in regard to prohibiting State officers from performing their duties imposed by the Internal Improvement Law,

Came up, and the committee amendment striking out the last clause was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Billings the resolution as amended was adopted, and ordered to be certified to the Attorney-General.

Assembly Resolution in relation to the appointment of a Delegate to the National Agricultural Convention,

Was read first time and, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report: