

For J. T. Walls—Messrs. Osgood, Gass, and Washington—3.

For R. H. Dennis—Messrs. Pope, Harris, Livingston, Martin, Morehead, Nixon, Petty, Proctor, Purman, Small, Tilghman, Thompson, and Witherspoon—13.

For P. W. White—Mr. Hannah—1.

For C. B. Simmons—Messrs. Armstrong, Grant, and Lee—3.

For E. Hopkins—Messrs. Bass and Wilson—2.

For C. W. Jones—Messrs. Berry, Brown, Bryan, Hicks, Mitchell, and Stanfill—6.

For M. Martin—Mr. Dennis of Jackson—1.

For D. S. Walker—Messrs. Duncan, Ferrill, Frisbee, Gillis, and Jones of Levy—5.

For J. L. F. Cottrell—Messrs. McGuire and Sutton—2.

For Sherman Conant—Mr. Montgomery—1.

For W. J. J. Duncan—Mr. Orman—1.

For W. W. McCall—Messrs. Pons and Roberts—2.

No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, the President declared that there was no election.

Mr. Osgood moved that the joint session of the General Assembly adjourn until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On this question a division was called for, which showed the matter determined in the affirmative.

The joint session was declared adjourned accordingly.

SESSION OF THE SENATE.

The Senate returned to its Chamber and proceeded with its regular business.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

On the question of adjournment a division was called for, which showed the matter determined in the affirmative.

The President declared the Senate adjourned accordingly.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1875.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Durkee, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reading of the Journal.

Mr. Osgood moved, that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Meacham introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be requested to report on to-morrow whether or not there are any contested election cases before them which comes within the purview of the law regulating contested election cases as declared to be in force by the Attorney-General;

Which was received and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Meacham introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, relative to giving to the State the lands reserved by the General Government, and lying on the Suwannee river;

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

Mr. Meacham moved that the Engrossing and Enrolling Clerks of the Senate come forward and be sworn in;

Which was agreed to, and the said clerks came forward and were sworn in by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Leon county.

Mr. Durkee introduced a petition of certain citizens of Mandarin, asking that the schools kept at that place by the Sisters of St. Joseph be recognized by the Legislature;

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

Mr. Durkee, under a suspension of the rule, introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is alleged that members of this Senate have been assaulted by parties acting under the direction and authority of a less number than a quorum of this body, and the privileges of such assaulted members transgressed by the direction and approval of said body; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into and report to this body the facts in the case, and that said committee be empowered to send for persons and papers.

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Durkee introduced Senate Bill No. 25;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Johnson introduced Senate Bill No. 26;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Meacham introduced Senate Bill No. 27;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.
Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Oliveros introduced Senate Bill No. 28;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.
Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Oliveros introduced Senate Bill No. 29;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.
Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Fortner introduced Senate Bill No. 30;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.
The resolution of Mr. Meacham requesting a report from the Committee on Privileges and Elections to-morrow as to cases of contested elections, &c., was taken up, read and adopted.

Mr. Johnson moved that the consideration of the special order for half-past 10 to-day be postponed until 11 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dennis moved that the consideration of the special order for quarter-past 10 to-day be postponed until half-past 10 to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5, referring to the giving to the State of lands which had been reserved by the General Government, was taken up and read.

Mr. Meacham moved its adoption;

Which was agreed to.

The resolution of Mr. Durkee, calling for a special committee to investigate the alleged assault on certain Senators, was taken up and read.

Mr. Cottrell moved to refer to a special committee of three.

Mr. Cottrell withdrew his motion to refer, and offered the following as a substitute for the preamble of the resolution:

WHEREAS, It is alleged that parties, appointed by the Senate to compel the presence of absent members, in the execution of that duty did assault members of this body; therefore,

On the question of the adoption of the substitute the yeas and nays were called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, and Oliveros—9.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Sturtevant, and Wallace

—13.

So the substitute was not adopted.

Mr. Osgood moved the adoption of the original resolution;

On which the ayes and nays were called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Dennis, Durkee, Fortner, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—16.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Hendry, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, and Oliveros—8.

So the original resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the committee called for by the resolution be appointed by the Chair ;

Which was agreed to, and the Chair appointed as said committee Messrs. Durkee, Oliveros, and Howell.

Assembly joint resolution relative to the appointment of a committee to examine the offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer was taken up and read first time and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Assembly joint resolution in regard to certain suits now before the Supreme Court was taken up and read first time, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill No. 1 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Regulate the Eligibility to Office in the State of Florida,

Was taken up, read first time by its title and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill No. 4 :

A bill entitled An act Fixing the Time for Holding the Circuit Courts of the Fifth Judicial Circuit,

Was taken up, read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee on City and County Organizations submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 28, 1875. }

Hon. A. L. McCaskill, President of the Senate :

SIR: The Committee on City and County Organizations, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 21, An act to More Particularly Define the Boundary Lines of St. Johns County, have examined the same and find that it does not contemplate to alter or change the present boundary, but only to establish the same, and recommend its passage. All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. F. OLIVEROS,
Chairman City and County Organizations.

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

The Committee on Claims submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 28, 1875. }

Hon. A. J. McCaskill, President of the Senate :

SIR : The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 20, entitled An act for the Relief of the Sureties of D. Brownell, Collector of Revenue for Holmes County, have examined the same, and recommend that it pass.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. PARLIN, Chairman.
H. T. LYKES,
M. A. KNIGHT.

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

The special committee to whom was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, in reference to Freedman's National Savings Bank, made the following report :

COMMITTEE-ROOM, January 28, 1875.

Hon. A. L. McCaskill, President pro tem. of the Senate :

SIR : Your special committee, to whom was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, in reference to the National Freedman's Savings Bank, have carefully examined the said resolution and recommend that it be adopted.

JOHN WALLACE, Chairman.
ROBERT MEACHAM,
B. F. OLIVEROS.

Which was received and the accompanying resolution placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 10, has had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the same to the Senate without amendment.

COTTRELL, Chairman.

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

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 13, have considered the same, and instructed me to report the same to the Senate without amendment.

COTTRELL, Chairman.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senator Cottrell's motion to reconsider the vote taken Tuesday, on the special order for to-day at half-past 10 o'clock, was taken up and, on motion of Mr. Cottrell, was passed over, and the motion allowed to take its place among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Senate Bill No. 21 :

A bill to be entitled An act to More Particularly Define the Boundary Line of St. Johns County,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Knight moved the postponement of the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 20 :

A bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of the Sureties of D. Brownell, Collector of Revenue for Holmes County,

Was taken up, read a second time, and ordered engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Senate Bill No. 13 :

A bill to be entitled An act Prescribing the Time of Holding the Circuit Courts in and for the County of La Fayette.

Was taken up, read a second time, and was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading to-morrow.

Senate Bill No. 10 :

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an Act to Prevent Obstructions to Drains and Waters,

Was taken up, read a second time, and was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Senate concurrent resolution relative to Freedman's National Savings Bank, was taken up, read, and adopted.

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. McKinnon introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Senate instruct the Secretary of State to purchase a journal for the use of the Senate.

Which was adopted.

The Private Secretary of the Governor appeared at the bar of the Senate with a message from his Excellency on Executive business.

The message was received.

The President *pro tem.* made the following reference of certain portions of the Governor's message :

All that portion of the Governor's message which refers to the courts and due execution of the laws—to the Committee on Judiciary.

That portion referring to the general condition of the State—to the Committee on State Affairs.

That portion referring to agriculture—to the Committee on Agriculture.

That portion referring to printing—to the Committee on Printing.

That portion referring to the finances of the State—to the Committee on Tax and Finance.

That portion referring to railroads and rail bonds—to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

That portion referring to education, including the seminaries and agricultural college—to the Committee on Education.

That portion referring to militia—to the Committee on Militia.

Mr. Meacham moved that the Senate go into Executive session.

Which was agreed to.

At the close of the Executive session the doors were opened.

Mr. Meacham moved that the Senate take a recess until 12 o'clock.

Which was agreed to, and the President declared the Senate adjourned until 12 o'clock.

TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Senate proceeded to the Assembly Hall to meet the Assembly in joint session.

JOINT SESSION.

The Legislature met in joint session according to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* of the Senate occupying the chair.

The President of the Senate ordered the Secretary to call the roll of the Senate.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Durkee, Fortner, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—24.

The Speaker of the Assembly ordered the Chief Clerk to call the roll of the Assembly.

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

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Armstrong, Avery, Bass, Berry, Browne, Bryan, Carter, Chadwick, Coleman, Corley, Dennis, Duncan, Ferrell, Fisher, Frisbee, Gass, Gillis, Grant, Harris, Hagan, Hicks, Hill, Jackson, Jones of Escambia, Jones of Bradford, Jones of Levy, Judge, Lee, Livingston, Martin, McAlpin,

McGuire, Mitchell, Morehead, Montgomery, Nixon, Orman, Petty, Pons, Proctor, Purman, Roberts, Russell, Small, Stanfill, Sutton, Tilghman, Thompson, Tucker, Washington, Wilson, and Witherspoon—53.

The President *pro tem.* of the Senate ordered the Secretary to read that portion of the Senate Journal of yesterday which related to the ballot for United States Senator.

Mr. Osgood moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham moved that the Legislature now proceed to ballot for a United States Senator;

Which was agreed to.

The roll of the General Assembly was then called with the following result:

For D. S. Walker—Messrs. McCaskill, Brantley, Hendry, McKinnon, Smith, Cottrell, Hannah, Browne, Bryan, Carter, Corley, Duncan, Ferrell, Gillis, Hagan, Jackson, Jones of Escambia, Jones of Levy, Judge, McAlpin, Mitchell, Orman, Pons, Roberts, Russell, Stanfill, and Wilson—27.

For S. Walker—Messrs. Hill of Gadsden, Meacham, Long, Wallace, Armstrong, Coleman, Gass, Grant, Lee, Proctor, and Washington—11.

For A. Gilbert—Messrs. Dennis of Alachua, Durkee, Sturtevant, and Avery—4.

For J. E. Proctor—Messrs. Pope, Dennis of Jackson, Fisher, Harris, Livingston, Martin, Morehead, Nixon, Petty, Purman, Small, Tilghman, and Witherspoon—13.

For Wilk. Call—Messrs. Crawford, Fortner, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, Oliveros, Frisbee, and Jones of Bradford—8.

For S. B. McLin—Messrs. Howell, Johnson, Osgood, Parlin, Bass, Chadwick, Hicks, Hill of La Fayette, Montgomery, Sutton, Thompson, and Tucker—12.

For W. W. Hicks—Mr. Berry—1.

For A. E. Maxwell—Mr. McGuire—1.

Total vote cast, 77.

Highest vote cast for any one candidate, 27.

No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, the President declared that there was no election.

Mr. Hicks moved that the Legislature proceed to take another ballot;

Which was agreed to.

The roll of the General Assembly was then called with the following result:

For Wilk. Call—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, Oliveros, Smith, Bryan, Carter, Corley, Duncan, Ferrell, Frisbee, Hagan, Jackson, Jones

of Bradford, McAlpin, Orman, Pons, Roberts, Russell, and Wilson—25.

For S. B. McLin—Messrs. Howell, Johnson, Osgood, Parlin, Bass, Chadwick, Hicks, Hill of La Fayette, Montgomery, Sutton, and Tucker—11.

For D. S. Walker—Messrs. McCaskill, McKinnon, Hannah, Berry, Browne, Gillis, Jones of Escambia, Jones of Levy, Judge, and Mitchell—10.

For Abijah Gilbert—Messrs. Dennis of Alachua, Durkee, and Sturtevant—3.

For S. Walker—Messrs. Hill of Gadsden, Long, Meacham, Wallace, Armstrong, Gass, Thompson, Washington, and Witherspoon—9.

For G. W. Witherspoon—Messrs. Pope, Dennis of Jackson, Fisher, Harris, Livingston, Martin, Morehead, Nixon, Petty, Proctor, Purman, Small, and Tilghman—13.

For LeRoy D. Ball—Mr. Avery—1.

For Alfred Grant—Messrs. Coleman and Lee—2.

For O. Coleman—Mr. Grant—1.

For A. E. Maxwell—Mr. McGuire—1.

For C. C. Young—Mr. Stanfill—1.

Total number of votes cast, 77.

Highest vote cast for any one candidate, 25.

No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, the presiding officer declared that there was no election.

Mr. Meacham moved that the Legislature proceed to take another ballot;

Which was agreed to.

The roll of the General Assembly was called with the following result:

For Wilk. Call—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, Oliveros, Smith, Bryan, Carter, Corley, Duncan, Ferrell, Frisbee, Hagan, Jackson, Jones of Bradford, Jones of Levy, Judge, Pons, Roberts, Russell, and Wilson—25.

For S. B. McLin—Messrs. Howell, Johnson, Parlin, Bass, Chadwick, Hicks, Hill of La Fayette, Livingston, Montgomery, Sutton, and Tucker—11.

For B. F. Livingston—Messrs. Pope, Dennis of Jackson, Fisher, Harris, Martin, Morehead, Nixon, Petty, Proctor, Purman, Small, Tilghman, and Witherspoon—13.

For D. S. Walker—Messrs. McCaskill, McKinnon, Hannah, Berry, Brown, Gillis, Jones of Escambia, McGuire, Mitchell, Orman, and Stanfill—11.

For Abijah Gilbert—Messrs. Dennis of Alachua, Durkee, Osgood, and Sturtevant—4.

For Samuel Walker—Messrs. Hill of Gadsden, Levy, Meacham, Avery, Gass, Thompson, and Washington—7.

For LeRoy D. Ball—Mr. Wallace—1.

For Liberty Billings—Messrs. Armstrong, Grant, and Lee—3.

For Jefferson Davis—Mr. Coleman—1.

For G. B. Gordon—Mr. McAlpin—1.

Total number of votes cast, 77.

Highest number of votes cast for any one candidate—25.

No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, the presiding officer declared that there was no election.

Mr. Wallace moved that the joint session adjourn until tomorrow at 12 o'clock.

On this question a division was called for, which showed the matter determined in the affirmative.

So the presiding officer declared the joint session adjourned accordingly.

SESSION OF THE SENATE.

The Senate returned to its Chamber and proceeded with its regular business.

Mr. Osgood moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock;

Which was agreed to, and the President declared the Senate adjourned accordingly.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1875.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Durkee, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—21.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reading of the Journal.

Mr. Long moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the Journal was corrected and approved;

Mr. McKinnon introduced the following resolution: