

Berry, Carter, Chadwick, Coleman, Corley, Dennis, Duncan, Ferrell, Gass, Gillis, Harris, Hagan, Hill, Jackson, Jones of Escambia, Jones of Levy, Livingston, Martin, Montgomery, Nixon, Orman, Petty, Purman, Small, Stanfill, Sutton, Thompson, Tucker, and Washington—48.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Knight, Long, Oliveros, Wallace, Hannah, Armstrong, Bass, Browne, Bryan, Fisher, Frisbee, Grant, Hicks, Jones of Bradford, Judge, Lee, McAlpin, McGuire, Mitchell, Morehead, Pons, Proctor, Roberts, Russell, Tilghman, Wilson, and Witherspoon—29.

So the joint assembly was declared adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

SESSION OF SENATE.

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

The President appointed Messrs. Cottrell, Dennis, and Lykes to act as committee to investigate charges of corruption, in accordance with the resolution of Mr. Cottrell.

Mr. Johnson 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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—21.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reading of the Journal.

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

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Johnson introduced Senate Bill No. 46:

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide for the Organization and Government of the Supreme Court;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Fortner introduced Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend An act in Relation to the Recording of Judgments in Justices' Courts, approved February the 19th, 1874;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Wallace introduced Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled An act Fixing the Time for Holding the Circuit Courts in the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Johnson introduced Senate Bill No. 49:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section five of an act entitled An act to Provide for the Registration of Electors and Holding of Elections;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Fortner introduced Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled An act to Alter and Amend Section Eight of Chapter 71 of the Laws of Florida, approved January the 23d, 1869;

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

The Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 6, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 67, a bill to be entitled An act Regulating the Sale of Railroad Tickets, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Which was received and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day for a second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 6, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 14, a bill to be entitled An act for the

Relief of Hernando County, have examined the same and do find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. STURTEVANT, Chairman.
G. C. BRANTLEY,
M. G. FORTNER.

Which was received and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day for a third reading.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Bill No. 46:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section two of An act to Provide for the Organization and Government of the Supreme Court,

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

Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend An act in Relation to the Recording of Judgments in Justices' Courts, approved February 19, 1874,

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

Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled An act Fixing the Time for Holding the Circuit Courts in the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida,

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

Senate Bill No. 49:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section five of an act entitled An act to Provide for the Registration of Electors and the Holding of Elections,

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

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled An act to Alter and Amend Section Eight, of Chapter 71, of the Laws of Florida, approved January the 23d, 1869,

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

Assembly Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled An act Regulating the Sale of Railroad Tickets,

Was taken up, read the second time, and placed among the orders of the day for a third reading Monday.

Senate Bill No. 14:

A bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of Hernando County,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Parlin, Pope, Sturtevant, and Wallace—18.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. President and Mr. Osgood—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Assembly Bill No. 35 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section four of An act Allowing the Voters of the Several Counties in this State to Locate their Respective County Sites, approved February 27, 1872,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Parlin, and Sturtevant—13.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Meacham, Osgood, Pope, and Wallace—6.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee to inform the Assembly that the Senate have appointed a committee of three, consisting of Senators Cottrell, Lykes, and Dennis, to investigate the charges made against members of the Legislature on Thursday last, in the joint assembly, and that the presence before that committee of the honorable W. W. Hicks, a member of the Assembly, from the county of Dade, is requested by the Senate, and the assent of the Assembly is asked thereto.

Mr. Cottrell moved the adoption of the resolution ;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed the following Senators to act on the committee called for by the resolution, viz. : Messrs. Cottrell, Dennis, and Lykes.

The committee returned to the bar of the Senate, reported that they had performed their duty, and were discharged.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the consideration of the special order for 11 o'clock to-day be postponed until the same hour on Monday ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Durkee moved that the Senate now go into Executive session ;

Which was agreed to.

The doors being opened, Mr. Dennis moved that the Senate take a recess until two minutes to 12 o'clock ;

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

TWO MINUTES TO TWELVE.

The Senate resumed its session.

The hour of 12 having arrived, 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 *pro tem.* 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, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Startevant, and Wallace—21.

The President *pro tem.* of the Senate 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, 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—52.

A quorum present.

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.

The Journal was read, corrected, and approved.

The President *pro tem.* of the Senate declared as the next business in order the election of a United States Senator to fill the vacancy to be occasioned by the expiration of the term of the Hon. Abijah Gilbert on the 4th of March.

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

For C. W. Jones—Messrs. McCaskill, McKinnon, Smith, Hannah, Berry, Carter, Corley, Gillis, Hicks, Jones of Levy, McAlpin, McGuire, Roberts, and Russell—14.

For D. S. Walker—Messrs. Brantley, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, McAuley, Bryan, Duncan, Hagan, Jackson, and Jones of Bradford—10.

For C. E. Dyke, Sr.—Mr. Crawford—1.

For A. L. McCaskill—Mr. Cottrell—1.

For J. W. Price—Messrs. Dennis, Howell, Johnson, Avery, Bass, Chadwick, Grant, Martin, Montgomery, Petty, Purman, and Tucker—12.

For Mr. Curry—Messrs. Durkee, Lykes, Browne, and Jones of Escambia—4.

For Horatio Bisbee, Jr.—Messrs. Hill, Parlin, Pope, Sturtevant, and Nixon—5.

For Samuel Walker—Messrs. Long, Osgood, and Coleman—3.

For J. W. Johnson—Mr. Meacham—1.

For James D. Westcott, Jr.—Messrs. Wallace, Fisher, Livingston, Morehead, and Proctor—5.

For H. H. Hoeg—Messrs. Armstrong, Frisbee, and Witherspoon—3.

For James T. Magbee—Mr. Dennis—1.

For W. U. Saunders—Messrs. Gass, Small, and Thompson—3.

For A. E. Maxwell—Mr. Judge—1.

For Joseph H. Durkee—Mr. Mitchell—1.

For Geo. P. Raney—Messrs. Orman and Stanfill—2.

For W. G. M. Davis—Mr. Pons—1.

For L. G. Dennis—Mr. Washington—1.

For blank—Messrs. Oliveros, Harris, Hill, Lee, Sutton, Tilghman, and Wilson—7.

Total number of votes cast, 76.

Highest number of votes cast for any one candidate, 14.

No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, the President *pro tem.* of the Senate declared there was no election.

Mr. Witherspoon moved that the joint assembly proceed to another ballot.

Mr. Dennis moved that the Legislature, now in joint session, adjourn for one year.

The President *pro tem.* declared the motion of Mr. Dennis out of order.

Mr. Montgomery moved that the joint assembly adjourn until Monday at 12 o'clock.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Durkee, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, Hannah, Avery, Bass, Berry, Browne, Bryan, Carter, Chadwick, Coleman, Corley, Dennis, Duncan, Frisbee, Gass, Gillis, Harris, Hagan, Hill, Jones of Escambia, Jones of Bradford, Jones of Levy, Judge, Livingston, Martin, Mitchell, Montgomery, Nixon, Petty, Purman, Roberts, Small, Stanfill, Sutton, Tilghman, Thompson, Tucker, Washington, and Wilson—56.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Johnson, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Wallace, Armstrong, Fisher, Grant, Hicks, Jackson, Lee, McAlpin, McGuire, Morehead, Orman, Pons, Proctor, Russell, and Witherspoon—19.

So the joint session was declared adjourned accordingly.

SESSION OF THE SENATE.

The Senate returned to its Chamber and resumed its regular business.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 6, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 22, a bill to be entitled an act to amend section two of An act to Establish and Keep in Good Repair the Public Roads and Highways in this State, approved February 19, 1874, have carefully considered the same and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MEACHAM, Chairman.

Which was received and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day for a second reading.

Mr. Osgood moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:30 o'clock Monday;

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