

The yeas and nays were called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Durkee, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—22.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. Osgood—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reading of the Journal.

Mr. Osgood moved that the further 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 by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall adjourn their respective Houses *sine die* on Thursday, the 18th inst., at 12 o'clock meridian.

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

Mr. Dennis offered the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be and they are hereby instructed to report in all cases of contest, if any, now pending before said committee, on or before Friday next;

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

The resolution introduced by Mr. Meacham was taken up and read.

Mr. Oliveros moved that the resolution be postponed until Saturday next.

On the question of postponing until Saturday the yeas and nays were called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, Oliveros, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—13.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, and Pope—10.

So the further consideration of the resolution was postponed until Saturday.

The resolution introduced by Mr. Dennis was taken up and read.

Mr. Dennis moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution was adopted.

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Cottrell introduced Senate Bill No. 60:

A bill to be entitled An act Concerning Divorces;

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

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act to Alter and Change the Boundary Line between the Counties of Calhoun and Jackson, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage. They have also considered the bill entitled An act to Authorize Certain Minors of the State of Florida to take Charge of and Manage their own Estates, and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and to say in their opinion it is inexpedient to pass the same.

Respectfully submitted,

COTTRELL, Chairman.

Which was received and the accompanying bills 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 10, 1875. }

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

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 17:

A bill entitled An act in Relation to Non-residents Hunting in this State;

Senate Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of William F. Robertson;

Senate Bill No. 45:

A bill entitled An act for the Relief of Samuel B. McLin;

Senate Bill No. 46:

An act entitled an act to amend section two of an act entitled An act to Provide for the Organization and Government of the Supreme Court;

Senate Bill No. 51:

An act to Amend the Laws in Relation to the Establishment of Lost Papers;

Senate Bill No. 52:

An act to Provide Summary Proceedings Against Delinquent Tenants;

Senate Bill No. 54:

An act to be entitled An act to Protect Laborers and Lumbermen;

Senate Bill No. 58:

An act to Repeal the Second Section of Chapter 2,016 of the Laws of Florida, approved February 12, 1874, and to Revive Certain Sections Thereby Repealed; and substitute for

Senate Bill No. 37:

A bill to be entitled An act Providing for the Payment of Witnesses and Jurors who Attend Courts to which they are Summoned, whether the Court be held or not;

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and do find them correctly engrossed.

Respectfully,

E. T. STURTEVANT, Chairman.

M. G. FORTNER,

G. C. BRANTLEY.

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

The following messages were received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 9, 1875. }

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

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly Bill No. 93, a bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of John Frazier & Co., of Suwannee County, Florida. Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,  
Clerk Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 9, 1875. }

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

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted concurrent resolution relative to the adjournment of the Legislature *sine die*.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,  
Clerk Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 8, 1875. }

*Hon. A. L. McCaskill, President pro tem. 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 a republican government in Cuba.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,  
Clerk Assembly.

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

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

Resolution in reference to the bonds of the State of Florida, issued under the second section of an act entitled an act to alter and amend an act entitled An act to Perfect the Public Works of the State, approved June 24, 1869; approved January 28, 1870.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved, that the bonds issued under the second section of the act mentioned in the title of this resolution were illegally and improperly issued, and it is hereby declared that the people of the State of Florida shall not, under any circumstances, be taxed to pay either principal or interest on said bonds.

SECTION 2. Be it further resolved, that the Governor of the State of Florida is requested by the Senate and Assembly to discontinue any and all legal proceedings instituted in behalf of the State which may affirm in any manner the legality of such bonds.

SECTION 3. Be it further resolved, that the Governor is requested to inform the Senate and Assembly what amount of money has been expended by him in the payment of attorneys' fees and for other expenses incident to the prosecution of such suit to establish the validity of said illegal bonds.

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

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 8:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend An act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue;

Also:

Senate Bill No. 18:

An act to Alter and Amend Section Eleven, of Chapter 1,976, of the Laws of Florida, entitled An act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 7, 1874;

Also:

Senate Bill No. 39:

A bill to be entitled An act to Exempt Blind Persons from Professional and Occupational Tax; beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and submit the accompanying bill, a bill to be entitled An act to Exempt Certain Persons from a License Tax, as a substitute for the whole.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DURKEE, Chairman.  
A. D. MCKINNON,  
G. C. BRANTLEY,  
JOHN L. CRAWFORD,  
JOHN W. HOWELL.

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

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

*Resolved*, That the special committee appointed to investigate the conduct of the assistant Sergeant-at-arms, appointed by less than a *quorum* of the Senate, be, and are hereby, requested to report what action, if any, has been had by said committee;

Which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 40, a bill to be entitled An act to

Authorize the Comptroller to Purchase Stationery for the Official Use of the Governor, Members of the Cabinet, and Legislature, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DURKEE, Chairman.  
A. D. MCKINNON,  
G. C. BRANTLEY,  
JOHN L. CRAWFORD,  
JOHN W. HOWELL.

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

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 56, An act to Amend Certain Sections of an Act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend its passage with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DURKEE, Chairman.  
A. D. MCKINNON,  
G. C. BRANTLEY,  
JOHN L. CRAWFORD,  
J. W. HOWELL.

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

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 40:

An act entitled an act to amend section two and to repeal section three of an act entitled An act to Raise Additional Revenue for the State;

Also:

Senate Bill No. 57:

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide for the Compensation

of the Sheriffs of Counties and Clerks of the Circuit and County Courts; beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that they do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DURKEE, Chairman.  
A. D. MCKINNON,  
G. C. BRANTLEY,  
JOHN L. CRAWFORD,  
JOHN W. HOWELL.

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

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled bills:

Senate Bill No. 20:

An act for the Relief of the Sureties of D. Brownell, Collector of Revenue for Holmes County;

Also:

Senate Bill No. 21:

An act to More Particularly Define the Boundary Line of St. Johns County.

The President announced the signing of the following concurrent resolutions:

Senate concurrent resolution in relation to School and Seminary Fund;

Also:

Senate concurrent resolution in regard to the Legislature visiting Fruit-Growers' Convention;

Also:

Senate concurrent resolution in regard to restoring to market certain lands on Suwannee river.

Under a suspension of the rule the Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 1875. }

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

SIR: Your committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 36, a bill entitled An act Declaring Homosassa River Navigable, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and do find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. STURTEVANT, Chairman.

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

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The President announced the following committees :

Joint Committee on Census and Apportionment on the part of the Senate—Messrs. Crawford, Oliveros, Durkee, and Hill.

Joint Committee on Annexation of West Florida on the part of the Senate—Messrs. McKinnon and Howell.

Joint Committee on the portion of Governor's Message relating to School and Seminary Fund on the part of the Senate—Messrs. Knight and Pope.

Senate Bill No. 59 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Further Declare who shall be Electors in this State ;

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

Senate Bill No. 60 :

A bill to be entitled An act Concerning Divorces ;

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

Assembly Bill No. 93 :

A bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of John Frazier & Co., of Suwannee County, Florida ;

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

Senate Bill No. 40 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section two, and to repeal section three of an act entitled An act to Raise Additional Revenue for the State,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Meacham moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed ;  
Which was agreed to, and the bill was declared indefinitely postponed.

Senate Bill No. 57 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide for the Compensation of the Sheriffs of the Counties and Clerks of the Circuit and County Courts,

Was taken up on its second reading, and, on motion, was indefinitely postponed.

Senate Bill No. 56 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend certain sections of An act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Smith moved to recommit the bill ;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was recommitted.

Senate substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 8, 18, and 39, recommended by the Committee on Finance and Taxation, was taken up.



Mr. Cottrell moved that the substitute, as offered by the committee, be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the substitute was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. McKinnon offered the following amendment:

Insert in section one, line four, after the word "restored," the words "and all persons who have lost the use of either leg or arm, from any cause whatever."

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

Which was agreed to.

The amendment offered by Mr. McKinnon was adopted, and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Under a suspension of the rule, the Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 41, to be entitled An act declaring McCoy's Creek Navigable, have carefully examined the same, and recommend its passage with the following amendments: In section two, in the sixth line, add after the word "act" the following: "Provided that this act shall not interfere with public improvement or vested rights; also, in the same section, in the third line, strike out the word "blockade" and insert "obstruct."

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN WALLACE, Chairman.

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

Under a suspension of the rule, the Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred—

Assembly Bill No. 62:

To be entitled An act for the Regulation of Pilots and Pilotage, have carefully examined the same, and recommend its passage.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 41:

To be entitled An act to Authorize John McKinney and George W. Martin to Erect a Dam for Milling Purposes Across the Ichtucknee River, recommend its passage, with the following amendment: In section two, in the fourth line, strike out "twenty years" and insert "twelve years."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WALLACE, Chairman.

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

Under a suspension of the rule the special committee on mail-routes made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 1875.

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

SIR: The Committee on Mail-routes, to whom was referred a memorial asking for a mail-route from Ocala to Bronson Station, Florida, have examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. OSGOOD, Chairman.

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

Assembly Bill No. 40:

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize the Comptroller to Purchase Stationery for the Official Use of the Governor, Members of the Cabinet, and Legislature.

Was taken up on its second reading, and ordered to be returned to the Assembly to be properly engrossed.

Assembly Bill No. 9:

A bill to be entitled An act to Enable Nathaniel E. Roberts, of the County of Bradford, to take Charge of and Manage his own Estate.

Mr. Long moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Long withdrew his motion.

Mr. Cottrell renewed the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Mr. Cottrell withdrew his motion,

And the bill was read a second time and placed upon the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 1875. }

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

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted Assembly concurrent resolution relative to homestead settlers.

Very respectfully,  
H. S. HARMON,  
Clerk Assembly.

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

Assembly Bill No. 94:

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize Certain Minors of the State of Florida to take Charge of and Manage their own Estates,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Johnson moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was declared indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Johnson moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 9, a bill to be entitled An act to Enable Nathaniel E. Roberts, of the County of Bradford, to take Charge of and Manage his own Estate;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Assembly Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled An act Making the Certificates of the Commissioners of Lands and Immigration Receivable in Evidence,

Was taken up on its second reading.

The Committee on Judiciary offered the following amendment to the bill:

Strike out the words "of the Florida State Land Office," in the fourth and fifth lines from the top, and insert in lieu thereof the words "the seal used by said Commissioner in his official capacity." After the word "civil," in line seven from the top, insert "and criminal."

The amendment was adopted, and the bill placed among the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

Assembly Bill No. 83:

A bill to be entitled An act to Alter and Change the Boundary Line Between the Counties of Calhoun and Jackson,

Was taken up, read the second time, and the bill placed among the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 1875. }

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

SIR: I am directed to inform the Senate that the following Assembly bills have been signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the Assembly, and to request the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate to the same :

A bill to be entitled An act to Repeal Section 27 of Chapter 1,987, Laws of Florida :

Also :

A bill to be entitled An act Fixing the Time for Holding the Circuit Courts in the Third Judicial Circuit.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,  
Clerk Assembly.

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled bills :

A bill to be entitled An act to Repeal Section 27 of Chapter 1,987, Laws of Florida ;

Also :

A bill to be entitled An act Fixing the Time for Holding the Circuit Courts in the Third Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Dennis moved that the Senate take a recess until five minutes to 12 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate took a recess until two minutes of 12.

TWO MINUTES BEFORE 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, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—24.

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, 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, 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 and approved.

Mr. Montgomery offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The President of the Senate of the State of Florida, in joint session February 9, 1875, ruled that the joint assembly had no control over the action of the Secretary of the Senate; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the joint assembly proceed to an election for a Secretary to act during the sitting of the joint assembly.

Mr. Oliveros moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Montgomery withdrew his resolution.

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 Horatio Bisbee, Jr.*—Messrs. Dennis of Alachua, Durkee, Hill of Gadsden, Howell, Johnson, Meacham, Long, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Sturtevant, Wallace, Armstrong, Avery, Chadwick, Coleman, Dennis, Fisher, Grant, Harris, Lee, Livingston, Martin, Morehead, Montgomery, Nixon, Petty, Proctor, Purman, Small, Tilghman, Thompson, Tucker, and Witherspoon—34.

*For J. L. Crawford*—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, Smith, Browne, Bryan, Carter, Corley, Duncan, Ferrell, Frisbee, Hagan, Jackson, Jones of Bradford, Jones of Levy, McAlpin, Mitchell, Orman, Roberts, Stanfill, and Wilson—25.

*For C. W. Jones*—Messrs. McCaskill, McKinnon, Oliveros, Hannah, Berry, Gillis, Hicks, McGuire, Pons, and Russell—10.

*For W. W. McCall*—Mr. Bass—1.

*For James T. Magbee*—Messrs. Gass and Washington—2.

*For S. B. McLin*—Mr. Hill—1.

*For R. B. Hilton*—Messrs. Crawford and Judge—2.

*For blank*—Messrs. Jones of Escambia and Sutton—2.

Total number of votes cast, 77.

Highest number of votes cast for any one candidate, 34.

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

Mr. Hicks moved that the joint assembly proceed to another ballot ;

Which was agreed to.

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

*For Horatio Bisbee, Jr.*—Messrs. Dennis of Alachua, Durkee, Hill of Gadsden, Howell, Johnson, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Sturtevant, Armstrong, Chadwick, Dennis, Grant, Lee, Livingston, Martin, Morehead, Montgomery, Nixon, Petty, Purman, Small, Thompson, and Tucker—26.

*For John L. Crawford*—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, Smith, Browne, Bryan, Carter, Corley, Duncan, Ferrell, Frisbee, Hagan, Jackson, Jones of Bradford, Jones of Levy, Judge, McAlpin, Mitchell, Orman, Roberts, and Wilson—25.

*For C. W. Jones*—Messrs. McCaskill, McKinnon, Oliveros, Hannah, Berry, Gillis, Hicks, McGuire, Pons, Russell, and Stanfill—12.

*For R. B. Hilton*—Mr. Crawford—1.

*For James D. Westcott, Jr.*—Messrs. Wallace, Avery, Fisher, and Proctor—4.

*For James T. Magbee*—Messrs. Gass and Washington—2.

*For Malachi Martin*—Messrs. Harris, Tilghman, and Witherspoon—3.

*For S. B. McLin*—Mr. Hill—1.

*For W. W. McCall*—Mr. Bass—1.

*For blank*—Messrs. Coleman, Jones of Escambia, and Sutton—3.

Total number of votes cast, 77.

Highest number of votes cast for any one candidate, 26.

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

Mr. Osgood moved that the joint session proceed to another ballot.

Mr. Dennis moved as an amendment that the joint session adjourn until to-morrow 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. McCaskill, Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Durkee, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, Wallace, Hannah, Avery, Bass, Berry, Browne, Bryan, Carter, Chadwick, Corley, Duncan, Ferrell, Frisbee, Gass, Gillis, Harris, Jackson, Jones of Escambia, Jones of Levy, Judge, Livingston, Martin, Morehead, Montgomery, Nixon, Petty, Pons, Purman, Sutton, and Tucker—52.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Osgood, Armstrong, Coleman, Dennis, Fisher, Grant, Hagan, Hicks, Hill, Jones of Bradford, Lee, McAlpin, McGuire, Mitchell, Orman, Proctor, Roberts, Russell, Small, Stanfill, Tilghman, Thompson, Washington, Wilson, and Witherspoon—25.

So the joint session was declared adjourned accordingly.

#### SESSION OF THE SENATE.

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

Mr. Dennis moved that the Senate take a recess until four o'clock.

On the question of taking a recess, the yeas and nays were called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Durkee, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—21

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Lykes, McAuley and Osgood—3.

So the Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock.

#### FOUR O'CLOCK.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Crawford, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Wallace—15.

A quorum present.

The consideration of Assembly bills on their second reading was resumed.

Assembly Bill No. 41:

A bill to be entitled An act Declaring McCoy's Creek Navigable,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Johnson moved that the bill be passed over for the present;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 41:

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize John McKinney and George W. Martin to Erect a Dam for Milling Purposes across the Ichtucknee River,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment:

In section two, line four, after the word "of" insert the word "twelve."

The amendment was adopted, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading to-morrow.

Assembly Bill No. 41:

A bill to be entitled An act Declaring McCoy's Creek Navigable,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment:

Insert in section two, line six, the words "provided that this act shall not interfere with public improvement or vested rights."

The amendment was adopted, and the bill was placed among the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Hendry introduced Senate Bill No. 61:

A bill to be entitled An act to Encourage the Civilization of the Seminole Indians;

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

Senate Bill No. 17:

A bill to be entitled An act in Relation to Non-residents Hunting in this State,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays were called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Pope, Sturtevant, and Wallace—14.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Crawford, Durkee, Osgood, and Smith—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.



## Senate Bill No. 45 :

A bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of Samuel B. McLin,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays were called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—17.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Durkee, Oliveros, and Wallace—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

## Senate Bill No. 54 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Protect Laborers and Lumbermen,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays were called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Sturtevant, and Wallace—18.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Durkee, Lykes, and Smith—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

## Senate Bill No. 36 :

A bill to be entitled An act Declaring Homosassa River Navigable,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays were called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

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

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

## Substitute for Senate Bill No. 37 :

A bill to be entitled An act Providing for the Payment of Witnesses and Jurors who Attend Courts to which they are Summoned whether the Courts be held or not,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays were called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Knight, Long, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, and Sturtevant—14.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Osgood and Wallace—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 46 :

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

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The yeas and nays were called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—19.

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 2 :

A bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of William F. Robertson,

Was taken up and read the third time.

Mr. Dennis moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow ;

Which was agreed to, and the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

Senate Bill No. 51 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Amend the Laws in Relation to the Establishment of Lost Papers,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The yeas and nays were taken with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

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

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. Johnson—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 58 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Repeal the Second Section of Chapter 2,016 of the Laws of Florida, approved February 12, 1874, and to Revive Certain Sections thereby Repealed,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The yeas and nays were called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—22.

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 52 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide Summary Proceedings Against Delinquent Tenants,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The yeas and nays were called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Smith, and Sturtevant—19.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Meacham, Pope, and Wallace—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Assembly Bill No. 10 :

A bill to be entitled An act Relating to the Publication of Official and Legal Advertisements,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The yeas and nays were called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Durkee, Hendry, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—16.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Osgood, and Parlin—6.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Assembly Bill No. 62 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend An act for the Regulation of Pilots and Pilotage,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Oliveros moved that the bill be referred to a special committee of three ;

Which was agreed to, and the President named the following Senators as said committee, Messrs. Oliveros, Parlin, and Durkee.

Mr. Durkee moved that the bill be printed ;

Which was agreed to.

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

## EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On Saturday, in Executive session, the Senate confirmed Robert B. Van Valkenburgh to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by the following vote:

Those voting for confirmation were—

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

Those voting against confirmation were—None.

## REGULAR SESSION.

The doors were opened.

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

Which was agreed to, and the Senate was declared adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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, Howell, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Osgood, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—18.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reading of the Journal.

Mr. Knight moved that the further reading of the Journal be suspended;

Which was agreed to, and the Journal approved.

Mr. Hendry introduced the following petition:

TALLAHASSEE, February 11, 1875.

*To the Hon. President and Senate of the State of Florida:*

The petition of Francis M. Weeks respectfully sheweth unto your honorable body that at the general election held on the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1874, in and for the Fourteenth (14th)