

cast was declared elected 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, 1875.

The President *pro tem.* of the Senate then declared the joint assembly adjourned *sine die*.

SESSION OF THE SENATE.

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

Mr. Osgood moved that the Senate adjourn.

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

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

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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, 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. Knight moved that the reading of the Journal be suspended;

Which was not agreed to, and the reading of the Journal was continued.

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

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

Mr. Long offered the following concurrent resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the Legislature adjourn *sine die* on Monday, February 22, at 12 o'clock M., and that no new business be introduced after the 18th inst.

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Oliveros introduced Senate Bill No. 63:

A bill to be entitled An act to Incorporate a Company Under the Name and Style of the Florida Coast-line Steamboat and Railway Company,

Was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The concurrent resolution relative to adjournment, offered by Mr. Long, was taken up and read.

Mr. Oliveros moved to lay it on the table.

On the motion to lay on the table, the yeas and nays were called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Knight, McAuley, Oliveros, Smith, and Wallace—12.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Howell, Johnson, Long, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Pope, and Sturtevant—8.

So the resolution was laid on the table.

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

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to draft rules to carry into effect the eighth section of the fourth Article of the Constitution.

Which was adopted.

The President *pro tem.* handed to the Secretary certain papers relative to the above case, which were ordered to be placed in the hands of the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The petition of F. M. Weeks was taken up and read.

Mr. Smith moved that it be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment to the motion of Mr. Smith:

With instructions to report on to-morrow, or as soon thereafter as possible, whether or not the contestant has complied with the law governing contested election cases as declared to be in force by the Senate.

The amendment was accepted and the motion was agreed to.

Assembly memorial to Congress for the establishment of certain mail-routes, was taken up.

Mr. Osgood moved its indefinite postponement;

Which was agreed to.

The substitute for said memorial, offered by the special committee on mail-routes, was taken up and read.

Mr. McKinnon offered the following amendment:

Insert after the word "Louisiana" the words "by steamboat;"

Which was adopted, and also the memorial as amended.

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Cottrell introduced Senate Bill No. 64, a bill to be entitled An act Establishing the Line Between the Counties of Taylor and La Fayette;

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

The special order for 10:30 to-day was taken up, viz.: Consideration of substitute for Senate Bill No. 6, a bill to be entitled An act for the Protection of the Agricultural Interests of the State of Florida.

Mr. Johnson moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until 12 o'clock;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hill moved the following amendment to section one:

Strike out the words "less than one bale" wherever they occur in the first section.

Which was adopted.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the following messages from the Assembly were received:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 12, 1875. }

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

SIR: I am directed to inform the Senate that the following memorial has been signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and to request the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate thereto: Memorial asking Congress for an appropriation to construct a canal connecting the waters of Indian river and Mosquito lagoon. Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,  
Clerk Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 11, 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 passed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, relative to the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, with an amendment; also, Assembly memorial asking Congress for the establishment of certain mail-routes and post-offices. Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,  
Clerk Assembly.

The consideration of Senate Bill No. 6 was resumed.

On the question, Shall the substitute for Senate Bill No. 6 be engrossed?

The yeas and nays were called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Knight, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, and Smith—12.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Howell, Johnson, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Sturtevant, and Wallace—10.

So the bill was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading to-morrow.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 12, 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 Concerning Divorces, have considered the same and directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

COTTRELL, Chairman.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 11, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 29:

Entitled an act supplementary to an act entitled An act to Provide for the Incorporation of Benevolent and Charitable Societies, approved August 6, 1868;

Also:

A bill entitled an act to amend the twenty-third section of An act to Provide for the Incorporation of Cities and Towns, and to Establish a Uniform System of Municipal Government in this State, approved February 4, 1869; beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that they do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. DENNIS, Chairman.

ANGUS MCAULEY,

F. A. HENDRY.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 12, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 16, An act to Perpetuate Testimony Relating to Property Sold for Direct Taxes for the Years 1863, 1864, and 1865, and to Quiet the Titles of the Same, have examined it, and do find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 12, 1875. }

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

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

Senate Bill No. 26 :

An act entitled An act to Provide for the Taking of the Census of the State of Florida;

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 Ichucknee River;

Amendments to Assembly Bill No. 41 :

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

Amendments to Assembly Bill No. 28 :

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

Substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 8, 18, and 39:

A bill to be entitled An act to Exempt Certain Persons from a License Tax; have examined them, and do find them correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 12, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 9, an act entitled An act Declaring Four-mile Creek, in Walton County, Navigable; joint resolution relating to a republican government in Cuba; have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. KNIGHT, Chairman.

Which was received and the accompanying bill and resolution placed before the proper officers of the Senate for their signature.

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled bills:

Joint resolution and Assembly memorial;

Senate Bill No. 9:

An act entitled An act Declaring Four-mile Creek, in Walton County, Navigable;

Joint resolution relating to a republican government in Cuba;

Memorial asking appropriation from Congress for a canal connecting the waters of Indian river and Mosquito inlet.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Bill No. 63:

A bill to be entitled An act to Incorporate a Company under the Name and Style of the Florida Coast-line Steamboat and Railway Company,

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

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

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 64:

A bill to be entitled An act Establishing the Line Between the Counties of La Fayette and Taylor,

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

Senate Bill No. 60:

A bill to be entitled An act Concerning Divorces,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to and the bill indefinitely postponed.

Senate Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act supplementary to an act entitled

An act to Provide for the Incorporation of Benevolent and Charitable Societies, approved August 6, 1868,

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

Senate Bill No. 15 :

A bill to be entitled An act Relating to Proceedings before Justices of the Peace and Judgments of Justices' Courts,

Was taken up on its second reading.

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

Which was agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 16 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the twenty-third section of An act to Provide for the Incorporation of Cities and Towns, and to Establish a Uniform System of Municipal Government in this State, approved February 14, 1869,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following amendment :

Strike out "two" in the sixth line from bottom of section one and insert "one."

Mr. Johnson moved the following as an amendment to the amendment :

Strike out "one" and insert "one and a half" in the sixth line from the bottom of section one.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Dennis, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Meacham, Parlin, and Pope—7.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, Long, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Osgood, Smith, and Sturtevant—14.

So the amendment to the amendment was not adopted.

The amendment offered by Mr. Cottrell was then adopted and the bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

Assembly Bill No. 37 :

A bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of G. H. Johnson, Was taken up and read the second time, and placed among the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

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.

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 the second time, and placed among the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

Assembly Bill No. 38:

A bill to be entitled An act to Amend Section Five, Chapter 1,628, of the Laws of Florida, Reducing the Number of Grand and Petit Jurors,

Was taken up on its second reading.

The following amendment, recommended by the Judiciary Committee, was read and adopted:

Strike out all after the word "and" in the fourth line from the bottom and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"In counties having over one thousand registered voters the names of twenty-four persons, and in counties containing less than one thousand registered voters the names of twelve persons to serve as petit jurors at such court of the respective counties."

The bill was then placed among the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

Senate Bill No. 2:

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

Was taken up on its third reading, and, on motion of Mr. McKinnon, informally passed over for the present.

The substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 8, 18, and 39:

A bill to be entitled An act to Exempt Certain Persons from a License Tax,

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, Dennis, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, and Startevant—17.

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide for the Taking of the Census of the State of Florida,

Was taken up and read a 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, Crawford, Dennis, Durkee, Fortner, Hen-



dry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—19.

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 41 :

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

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—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—18.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis and Durkee—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 16 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Perpetuate Testimony Relating to Property Sold for Direct Taxes for the Years 1863, 1864, and 1865, and to Quiet the Title of the same,

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, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—19.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. Osgood—1.

So the bill passed.

Mr. Oliveros moved to amend the title by inserting the words "United States" before the word "direct ;"

Which was agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 28 :

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

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, Dennis, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—20.

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Assembly Bill No. 41 :

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

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—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—18.

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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 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—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—18.

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Assembly joint resolution relating to Moccasin slough,

Was taken up and read a third time.

On the question, Shall the resolution pass?

The roll was called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, McAuley, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—18.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. Long—1.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Dennis moved to reconsider the vote by which Assembly Bill No. 1 was passed to its third reading.

The motion to reconsider was placed first among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The President announced the appointment of Messrs. Cottrell, Dennis, and Oliveros as the committee called for by the resolution of Mr. Cottrell.

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

Which was agreed to.

The doors being opened Mr. Dennis moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock ;

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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, Hendry, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—19.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reading of the Journal.

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

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

Mr. Johnson offered the following resolution :

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the present session of the Legislature adjourn *sine die* on Monday, the 22d inst., at 12 o'clock meridian.

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Knight introduced Senate Bill No. 65 :

A bill to be entitled An act in Relation to the School and Seminary Fund ;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Dennis introduced Senate Bill No. 66 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide a General Law Authorizing the Establishment of Ferries ;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Hendry introduced Senate Bill No. 67 :

A bill to be entitled An act Defining the Boundaries of Certain Counties therein mentioned ;

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

The resolution offered by Mr. Johnson was taken up and read.

Mr. Oliveros moved that, in lieu thereof, the Assembly concurrent resolution on the same subject be concurred in.