

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, and Smith—12.

Not a quorum present.

Mr. Crawford moved a call of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

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

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

Not a quorum present.

The Sergeant-at-arms was furnished with a list of the absent Senators, and instructed to go in search of the absent members.

The Sergeant-at-arms returned to the bar of the Senate and made the following report:

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

On going down the stairs I met Senators Parlin and Osgood, and informed them that their presence was required in the Senate. They told me that they were on their way to the Senate Chamber. The other absentees I could not find.

Respectfully,

J. BURKHAM,
Sergeant-at-arms Senate.

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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, and Smith—11.

Not a quorum present.

Mr. Brantley moved a call of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, and Smith—11.

The Secretary was instructed to furnish the Sergeant-at-arms with a list of the absentees;

Which was done, and the Sergeant-at-arms ordered to go in search of the absent Senators.

Before the Sergeant-at-arms left the Chamber Mr. Smith moved that he be instructed to return and report before twenty-five minutes after 10.

The motion was agreed to, and the Sergeant-at-arms so instructed.

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

Pending the consideration of the motion the Sergeant-at-arms returned accompanied by the absent Senators.

On the appearance of the absent Senators within the bar the President 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, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—22.

A quorum being present, further proceedings under the call were suspended.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of the Senate of Tuesday was taken up and read.

During the reading of the Journal Mr. Cottrell moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Objections having been made the President ordered the Secretary to proceed with the reading of the Journal.

The reading of the Journal was continued.

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

On the motion to suspend the further reading of the Journal a division was called for, which showed the matter determined in the negative.

The Journal having been read the President declared that the correction of the Journal was the next thing in order.

Mr. Cottrell moved the following corrections of the Journal:

That the Journal be amended by inserting the motion made by Mr. Cottrell as the same appears on the notes and minutes of proceedings kept by the assistant Secretary of the Senate, which is as follows, to wit: "Mr. Cottrell moved that special order for to-day at 10:30 o'clock be now taken up; which was agreed to, and the report of the committee read."

"Whereupon the President announced that the special order was before the Senate for consideration."

Pending the consideration of the corrections offered by Mr. Cottrell, Mr. Dennis asked the Chair to rule whether or not it required a motion to take up a special order set down for a certain hour.

The Chair ruled that it required a motion to take up a special order.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived Mr. Dennis moved that the special order for that time be taken up.

The Chair ruled that his present opinion was that both special orders had fallen to the ground, a day having intervened without action on them. He asked, however, for further time to consider this matter.

Mr. Osgood offered the following as a substitute for the corrections of the Journal offered by Mr. Cottrell:

Mr. Cottrell called the attention of the President *pro tem.* to the fact that the hour of 10:30 o'clock had arrived, and moved that the special order for that hour be taken up; whereupon the President *pro tem.* announced that if there be no objection the special order will be now taken up.

The substitute of Mr. Osgood was adopted.

The Journal was then declared approved.

The Journal of yesterday was taken up and read.

There being no corrections of the Journal, it was declared approved.

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Howell introduced the following petition:

MEMORIAL from the Duval County Agricultural Society asking aid in establishing State fair grounds:

To the honorable the Legislature of the State of Florida:

The undersigned committee of the Duval County Agricultural Society, appointed for the purpose, respectfully invite your attention to the following resolutions of said association, and ask your consideration of the same, viz.:

WHEREAS, A State fair ground, located at some central point in Florida, is of vital importance to the prosperity of our State, and whereas, the time has fully arrived, and the industrial classes are suffering for the want of said grounds; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Duval County Agricultural Society earnestly recommend and request the Legislature of Florida to give material aid in assisting the locating and erecting of said grounds, provided that said grounds be not used for any species of horse-racing, gambling, or drinking saloons.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of this society be re-

quested to forward a copy of these resolutions to his Excellency Governor Stearns, to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and to the Senator and Representatives of Duval county.

Resolved, That a committee of three, of which the president shall be chairman, be appointed to visit Tallahassee and urge this subject upon the attention of the Legislature.

In presenting these resolutions, the committee deem it unnecessary to urge upon the representatives of a people whose prosperity depends almost solely upon agricultural and industrial development the importance of fostering and encouraging such development by every legitimate means within their reach. The selection of a suitable location, and the appropriation of lands and means sufficient to enable the fitting up a place for an annual gathering of our agriculturists, fruit-growers, stock-raisers, and manufacturers to exhibit to the world the resources and industrial wealth and advantages of our State cannot but commend itself to the representatives of the people, and your memorialists most respectfully beg your earnest consideration of the subject.

And as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.,

HARRISON REED,

President Duval County Agricultural Society,
Chairman of Committee.

TALLAHASSEE, February 12, 1875.

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

Mr. Wallace introduced the following concurrent resolution :

WHEREAS, The Digest of the Laws of Florida, compiled by the Hon. Allen Bush and known as Bush's Digest, has many errors and omissions of the laws of this State ; and, whereas, the index of said Digest is imperfect ; be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That a committee of three, one from the Senate and two from the Assembly, be appointed to select some suitable person to make a supplement to the said Bush's Digest containing corrections of such errors as are contained in said Digest, together with whatever laws that have been omitted in the compilation of said Digest, and also a compilation of all laws passed since the compilation of said Digest, and that shall be passed during the present session of the Legislature. Be it further

Resolved, That such person so selected shall also correct and revise the index of Bush's Digest. Be it further

Resolved, That said committee shall report to the Legislature, at its present session, their action under this resolution, stating who they have selected to do said work, and what amount will be required to complete the same—their action to

be received or rejected as the sense of the Legislature shall direct. Be it further

Resolved, That if the action of the committee be received and approved, that an appropriation for the payment of said work be made by the present session of the Legislature. Be it further

Resolved, That the supplement so made shall be, upon its completion, submitted to any two judges of the Supreme Court and Attorney-General, who shall have power to approve or reject it, and upon its approval by said two judges and Attorney-General, or any two of these, the said appropriation shall be forthwith paid to the said person making said supplement, otherwise he shall receive nothing.

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.
Mr. Smith introduced the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Comptroller be requested to furnish to this Legislature a list of all defaulting tax collectors of this State since the year 1868, when and by whom appointed, and the amounts of such defalcations.

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.
Mr. Fortner introduced the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That a committee of five, two on the part of the Senate and three from the Assembly, be appointed to take charge of and see that all bills that shall have passed the Legislature are properly enrolled and turned over to his Excellency the Governor, the said committee to remain at the Capital for five days after the adjournment of the Legislature, and that the said committee shall be allowed the per diem of members during the time they shall be engaged.

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.
The following messages were then received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February —, 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 the following bills :

Assembly Bill No. 18 :

An act to Incorporate the Working-men's Aid Association of the County of Duval ;

Assembly Bill No. 57 :

An act for the Adoption of a Child by Andrew S. Enecks and Julia N. Enecks ;

Assembly Bill No. 102 :

An act Fixing the Pay of County Commissioners ;

Assembly Bill No. 106 :

An act to repeal section ten of Chapter 1,783 ;

Assembly Bill No. 109 :

An act to amend section forty-two of An act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874 ;

Also :

That the Assembly has concurred in Senate amendments to Assembly Bill No. 38 ;

Also :

To return to the Senate Assembly Bill No. 95.

And I am directed to inform the Senate that the following acts have been signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk :

An act to amend section four of An act Allowing the Voters of the Several Counties to Locate their Respective County Sites.

An act Making Certificates of the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration Receivable in Evidence.

An act Relating to the Publication of Official and Legal Advertisements.

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.

An act to Alter and Change the Boundary Lines between Calhoun and Jackson Counties.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,

Clerk Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 16, 1875. }

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

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted—

A joint resolution relative to the election of State Printer in lieu of the one on the same subject already communicated ;

And has indefinitely postponed 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.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,

Clerk Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 18, 1875. }

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

SIR: I am directed to inform the Senate that the following resolution and enrolled bills, to wit :

Resolution relative to homestead settlers;
 An Act Relating to the Sale of Railroad Tickets;
 An act Making McCoy's Creek Navigable;
 An act to amend section five, Chapter 1,628, Laws of Florida;
 An act for the Relief of G. H. Johnson;

A memorial asking Congress for an appropriation to construct a canal connecting Indian river with Mosquito lagoon; 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.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
 Clerk Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 18, 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—

Assembly Bill No. 42:

A bill to be entitled An act in Relation to Divorces;

Assembly Bill No. 111:

A bill to be entitled An act to Create Margaret Jane Salter, of the County of Escambia, a Free Dealer;

Assembly Bill No. 112:

A bill to be entitled An act to make Mrs. F. E. Frolichstein, of the County of Escambia, a Free Dealer;

Assembly Bill No. 114:

A bill to be entitled An act Fixing the Times for Holding the Circuit Courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit;

Assembly Bill No. 119:

A bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of John A. Henderson, Administrator *de bonis non* of Benjamin Chaires, deceased;

Assembly Bill No. 120:

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize W. H. Gibson to Establish a Ferry across the Ocklockonee River;

Assembly Bill No. 132:

A bill to be entitled An act to Amend the First Section of Chapter Nine of the Laws of Florida in Relation to the Appointment of Auctioneers;

Assembly Bill No. 103:

A bill to be entitled An act Providing for the Recognizance of Witnesses Examined before Justices of the Peace and Other Examining Courts for their Appearance to Testify Before the Circuit and County Courts;

And has indefinitely postponed Senate Bill No. 4:
An act entitled An act in Relation to Evidence.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk Assembly.

Which were received.

The President *pro tem.* announced the signing of the following enrolled bills, memorials, and resolutions:

An act to amend section four of An act Allowing the Voters of the Several Counties to Locate their Respective County Sites.

An act Making Certificates of the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration Receivable in Evidence.

An act Relating to the Publication of Official and Legal Advertisements.

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.

An act to Alter and Change the Boundary Lines between Calhoun and Jackson Counties.

Resolution relative to homestead settlers.

An Act Relating to the Sale of Railroad Tickets.

An act Making McCoy's Creek Navigable.

An act to amend section five, Chapter 1,628, Laws of Florida.

An act for the Relief of G. H. Johnson.

A memorial asking Congress for an appropriation to construct a canal connecting Indian river with Mosquito lagoon.

An act Declaring Homosassa River Navigable.

An act to repeal an act entitled An act to Prevent Obstructions to Drains and Waters.

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Lykes introduced Senate Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled An act to Further Regulate the Organization of County School Boards;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Parlin introduced Senate Bill No. 72:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section two of Chapter 1,936 of the Laws of Florida, entitled An act Imposing a Tax upon Commissions and Prescribing the Mode of Payment thereof;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Brantley introduced Senate Bill No. 73:

A bill to be entitled an act amendatory of an act entitled An act Defining the Duties and Fixing the Pay of County Commissioners, approved February 16, 1874;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.
Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Cottrell introduced Senate Bill No. 74:

A bill to be entitled An act to Extend the Charter of the Suwannee and Overland Railroad;

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

The petition of the Duval County Agricultural Society was taken up, read, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The concurrent resolution of Mr. Wallace relative to the revision of Bush's Digest, was taken up, read, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The concurrent resolution offered by Mr. Smith was taken up, read, and adopted.

The concurrent resolution offered by Mr. Fortner for the appointment of a committee to convey enrolled bills to the Governor, was taken up and read.

Mr. Oliveros moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

On the question of indefinitely postponing the resolution, the yeas and nays were called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Crawford, Dennis, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, McAuley, McKinnon, Meapham, Oliveros, Osgood, Pope, and Sturtevant—15.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Fortner, Hendry, Lykes, Parlin, Smith, and Wallace—8.

So the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Smith asked unanimous consent to reconsider the vote by which Assembly Bill No. 16, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the twenty-third section of an act entitled 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, failed to pass the Senate on Monday.

No objection having been made, the vote was reconsidered.

The bill having gone to the Assembly, the Secretary was instructed to ask the Assembly for the return of the bill to the Senate for further consideration.

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 18, 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 in Relation to Jurors of the Circuit Courts, have considered the same, and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and to recommend its passage. 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 Engrossed Bills submitted the following reports:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 18, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 6, An act to Protect the Agricultural Interest of the People of Florida, have examined the same and do find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,
E. T. STURTEVANT, Chairman.
THOMAS W. LONG.

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

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

SIR: The Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 15, a bill for An act Relating to Proceedings before Justices of the Peace and Judgments of Justices Courts; having examined the same do find it correctly engrossed.

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

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 17, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on City and County Organizations, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 73, An act to amend section one, of an act entitled An act for the Incorporation of Towns and Cities, approved February 4, 1869, have considered the same and recommend its passage.

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

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

The joint committee on the School and Seminary Fund made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 17, 1875. }

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

SIR: The joint committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 65, a bill to be entitled An act in Relation to the School and Seminary Fund, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and offer the accompanying substitute for the original bill, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. KNIGHT, Chairman.
W. WATKIN HICKS,
W. J. PURMAN.

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

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 18, 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. 130:

A bill to be entitled An act to Fix the Times and Places for Holding the Terms of the Circuit Court in the First Judicial Circuit;

Also:

Senate Bill No. 17:

A bill entitled An act in Relation to Non-residents Hunting in this State, with an amendment, and request the concurrence of the Senate;

And a substitute for Senate Bill No. 37:

A bill Providing for the Payment of Witnesses and Jurors who Attend Courts to which they are Summoned, whether the Courts be held or not, with an amendment.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk Assembly.

Which was received.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled An act to Further Regulate the Organization of County School Boards,

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

Senate Bill No. 72:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section two of Chapter

1,936 of the Laws of Florida entitled An act Imposing a Tax upon Commissions, and Prescribing the Mode of Payment thereof,

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

Senate Bill No. 73:

A bill to be entitled an act amendatory of an act entitled An act for Defining the Duties and Fixing the Pay of County Commissioners, approved February 16, 1874,

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

Senate Bill No. 74:

A bill to be entitled An act to Extend the Charter of the Suwannee and Overland Railroad,

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

Assembly Bill No. 130:

A bill to be entitled An act to Fix the Times and Places for Holding the Terms of the Circuit Court in the First Judicial Circuit,

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

Assembly Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled An act to Incorporate the Workingmen's Aid Association of the County of Duval and State of Florida,

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

Assembly Bill No. 57:

A bill to be entitled An act for the Adoption of a Child by Andrew E. Enecks and Julia A. Enecks,

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

Assembly Bill No. 102:

A bill to be entitled An act Fixing the Pay of County Commissioners,

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

Assembly Bill No. 95:

A bill to be entitled An act Defining Contempts of Court,

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

Assembly Bill No. 106:

A bill to be entitled An act to Repeal Section Ten, Chapter 1,783,

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

Assembly Bill No. 109:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section forty-two of An act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874,

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

Assembly Bill No. 42:

A bill to be entitled An act in Relation to Divorces,

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

Assembly Bill No. 111:

A bill to be entitled An act to Create Margaret Jane Slater, of the County of Escambia, a Free Dealer,

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

Assembly Bill No. 103:

A bill to be entitled An act Providing for the Recognizance of Witnesses Examined before Justices of the Peace and other Examining Courts for their Appearance to Testify before the Circuit and County Courts,

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

Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 114:

A bill to be entitled An act Fixing the Times for Holding the Circuit Courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit,

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

Assembly Bill No. 112:

A bill to be entitled An act to Make Mrs. F. E. Frolichstein, of the County of Escambia, a Free Dealer.

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

Assembly Bill No. 132:

A bill to be entitled An act to Amend the First Section of Chapter Nine of the Laws of Florida in Relation to the Appointment of Auctioneers,

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

Assembly Bill No. 120:

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize W. H. Gibson to Establish a Ferry Across the Ocklockonee River,

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

Assembly Bill 119:

A bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of John A. Henderson, Administrator *de bonis non* of Benjamin Chaires, deceased,

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

Mr. McKinnon moved that the messages from the Assembly be taken up ;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly concurrent resolution relative to the election of State Printer was taken up and laid over among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Assembly concurrent resolution authorizing the destruction of certain redeemed bonds and other securities in the Comptroller's office, was taken up, read and concurred in.

Assembly concurrent resolution relative to the Texas Pacific Railroad, was taken up, read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Assembly concurrent resolution relative to the appointment of a committee on the American Centennial, was taken up, read, and laid over among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Senate Bill No. 17, a bill in Relation to Non-residents Hunting in this State, reported from the Assembly with an amendment, was taken up, and the Assembly amendment read.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the Senate do not concur in the amendment offered by the Assembly ;

Which was agreed to, and the Secretary was instructed to certify the action of the Senate to the Assembly, and ask that the Assembly recede from its amendment.

Senate Bill No. 37, a bill to be entitled An act Providing for the Payment of Jurors and Witnesses who Attend Terms of the Courts in this State, whether the same be held or not, reported from the Assembly with an amendment, was taken up and the amendment read.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the Senate concur in the amendment offered by the Assembly.

On the question of concurring, the roll was called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Knight, Long, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Smith, and Sturtevant—15.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Howell, Johnson, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, and Wallace—6.

So the Senate concurred in the Assembly amendment.

Senate Bill No. 70 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Abolish the Office of State Printer and Provide for Letting the Legislative and General Printing Out to the Lowest Bidder,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Lykes offered the following substitute for section two of the bill:

SECTION 2. That all State printing ordered by either branch of the Legislature, or which shall be deemed necessary by the heads of each Department in this State Government, shall be let out to the lowest bidder by the Comptroller and Treasurer, who are hereby empowered and authorized to advertise for sealed bids, to be received on the first day of January in each year for the State printing for the succeeding twelve months. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bond payable to the Governor of this State, or his successors in office, with two or more good and sufficient securities, in a sum equal to amount of bid, for the faithful performance of all duties incumbent thereon: *Provided*, That bids for printing for the remainder of the next year shall be received and contracts entered into as above by the first day of April next.

The substitute was adopted, and the bill declared read a second time, and ordered engrossed for a third reading tomorrow.

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 offered the following amendment to the bill:

In section one, line eighteen, after the word "taxation" insert the words "that it shall be the duty of the county commissioners to have posted at the court-house door a list of all persons, the assessment of whose property has been raised, and on what day they will convene to hear any complaints from said parties."

The amendment was adopted.

The committee to whom the bill was referred offered the following substitute for section two:

SECTION 2. The thirty-first section of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: The Board of County Commissioners, at their meeting for equalizing the county assessment, shall immediately thereafter ascertain and determine the amount of money to be raised by tax for county purposes, which shall not be more than seven-tenths of one per cent. on the real and personal property of the county and the amount necessary to pay the interest on bonds issued by such county; and every such determination shall be entered at large in their records. But counties may levy an additional tax for the erection of county buildings of not exceeding three mills on the dollar.

Mr. Dennis moved to strike out the second section of the bill and insert the substitute recommended by the committee.

On the question of striking out and inserting, the yeas and nays were called for with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

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

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, Meacham, Oliveros, Smith, and Wallace—14.

So the motion to strike out and insert was not agreed to.

Mr. Smith offered the following amendment to come in at the close of section two of the bill:

That if any one is dissatisfied at the action of county commissioners in equalizing the assessments, they shall have the right of appeal to the Circuit Court, provided said appeal does not act as a *supersedeas*, but that the said appeal shall not be allowed by the court unless the taxes of the appellant shall have been first paid.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was then declared read a second time and ordered engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Brantley gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and the Senate was declared adjourned 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. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—19.

A quorum present.

The President ordered the Secretary to enter the following ruling of the Chair on the Journal:

The President *pro tem.* rules that where there is special orders for a certain day and hour, that such orders are discharged, unless upon motion they are fixed for a different time in the future. An adjournment on the 16th and a failure to

take up the special orders for the 17th (being the next legislative day) discharges the special orders for that day and can be *renewed* only by the action of the Senaté as other matters before the body.

The President then read a certain communication from the assistant Secretary, in which he complained that the Secretary would not let him have access to the documents necessary to make up the Journals.

Mr. Dennis moved that the communication be handed back to the assistant Secretary, and that he be instructed to act under the direction of the Secretary.

Mr. Knight moved that the question be divided;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wallace moved that the whole matter be postponed until 3 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson moved that the whole matter be laid on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dennis moved that the communication do not appear upon the Journal;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dennis moved that the assistant Secretary be instructed to assist the Secretary in such manner as the Secretary shall direct.

The Chair refused to entertain the motion, and ruled it out of order.

Mr. Parlin called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 62, a bill to Provide for the Publication of the Laws of Florida, was indefinitely postponed.

The Chair ruled that a legislative day having intervened without any action having been taken on the motion, it was, therefore, out of order.

Senate Bill No. 66 :

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

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Lykes moved to indefinitely postpone the bill;

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

Senate Bill No. 65 :

A bill to be entitled An act in Relation to the School and Seminary Funds,

Was taken up on its second reading.

The committee to whom the bill was referred having reported a substitute, entitled An act to Convert Certain School and Seminary Lands into Lands Authorized to be Issued by the act of February 21, 1873, the substitute was taken up and read.

Mr. Knight moved the adoption of the substitute ;
Which was agreed to.

The substitute was then read a second time, and ordered engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Assembly Bill No. 43 :

A bill to be entitled An act for the Relief of L. B. Sutton, F. E. Hardee, E. F. Ezell, E. Vann, W. W. Whidden, and W. N. Johnson,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Meacham moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Mr. Meacham withdrew his motion, and the bill was read a 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. 73 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section one of an act entitled An act for the Incorporation of Towns and Cities, approved February 4, 1869,

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

Assembly Bill No. 101 :

A bill to be entitled An act in Relation to Jurors of the Circuit Courts ;

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the rule be waived, and that the bill be read a third time ;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was read a third time and put upon its passage.

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, Dennis, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Wallace—20.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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. Oliveros moved that the bill be made the special order for to-morrow morning at a quarter-past 10 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to.

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 6 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Protect the Agricultural Interests of the State of Florida,

Was taken up, read a third time, and put upon its passage.

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, Knight, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, and Smith—10.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, and Wallace—11.

So the bill did not pass.

Assembly substitute for Senate Bill No. 45 :

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

Was taken up, read and adopted, and put upon its passage.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The roll was called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Wallace—16.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Knight, Long, Lykes, and McAuley—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Assembly Bill No. 99 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide the Manner in which Minors may be Authorized to take Charge of and Manage their own Estates,

Was taken up, read a third time, and put upon its passage.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The roll was called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Crawford, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Osgood, Smith, and Wallace—12.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Dennis, Johnson, Long, Meacham, Parlin, Pope, and Sturtevant—9.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Under a suspension of the rule the Committee on Appropriations submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 18, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 60, entitled An act Making Appropriations

to Supply Deficiencies in the Appropriation for Conveying Prisoners to the State Prison, for the Repairs of the Capitol Building and Grounds, and Furnishing the Halls and Offices and Halls within the Building, and for the Maintenance of the State Prison, beg leave to say that they have examined the same and report as follows: The extra appropriations asked for appear large and in truth are, yet, upon a careful examination of all reports, accounts, and vouchers accompanying the same, we find that there has been no illegal or unauthorized expenditures of monies heretofore appropriated, and the deficit is in great part due to the great depreciation in our State currency. All accounts for the maintenance of the State Prison are payable in United States currency, and when there is none in the Treasury, as appears to have always been the case, they were paid in scrip at surprisingly low figures of 50 to 55 cents on the dollar (more frequently the former), showing by comparison with the same accounts for previous year, a depreciation of 20 per cent. in our currency during the past year. The appropriations asked for are reckoned upon the above basis, and we recommend that the bill do pass. Respectfully submitted,

H. T. LYKES, Chairman.

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

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

Which was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

In Executive session the Senate made the following confirmations:

J. P. Hughey to be Clerk of the Court of Orange county.

Henry Curtis to be Collector of Revenue for Gadsden county.

M. D. Overacker to be Assessor of Taxes for Gadsden county.

Timothy Stearns to be Clerk of the Court for Gadsden county.

William H. Hunt to be County Judge of Dade county.

J. H. Sappington to be Clerk of the Court for Taylor county.

The doors were opened.

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

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