

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, and Smith—18.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reading of the Journal.

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

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

Mr. Dennis moved that the special order for a quarter past 10 o'clock, viz. :

Senate Bill No. 15, a bill to be entitled An act to Regulate the Practice and Proceedings before Justices of the Peace and Judgments in Justices' Courts,

Be now taken up ;

Which was agreed to, and Senate Bill No. 15 was taken up on its third reading.

Pending the reading of the bill the following messages were 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 this day passed Senate Bill No. 51, to be entitled An act to Amend the Laws in Relation to the Establishment of Lost Papers ;

Also :

Assembly Bill No. 79 :

To be entitled An act to Provide a Means for the Collection of Claims for Cattle and other Stock Destroyed by Railroads ;

And the Assembly has this day refused to pass Senate Bill No. 44, to be entitled An act Relating to Jurors in Capital Cases ; and the Assembly has receded from the Assembly amendments to Senate Bill No. 17, to be entitled An act Relative to Non-residents Hunting in this State.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 18, 1875.

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

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly returns to the Senate, according to request, 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 4, 1869.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk Assembly.

The accompanying bills were placed among the orders of the day.

The reading of Senate Bill No. 15 was resumed.

The President of the Senate called the attention of the body to the absence of a quorum.

Mr. Meacham 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, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Long, McAuley, Meacham, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—12.

The Secretary was ordered to furnish the Sergeant-at-arms with a list of the absent Senators.

Which was done, and the Sergeant-at-arms sent in search of the absentees.

Mr. Meacham moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to.

The reading of Senate Bill No. 15 was resumed.

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, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—23.

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

The following messages were received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 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. 68:

A bill to be entitled An act to Regulate the Sale of Spirituous or Intoxicating Liquors in the State of Florida;

Assembly Bill No. 116:

A bill to be entitled An act Relating to the Indebtedness of the State;

Senate Bill No. 14:

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

Senate Bill No. 54:

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

Senate Bill No. 46:

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

Senate Bill No. 52:

An act to Provide Summary Proceedings Against Delinquent Tenants.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: I am directed to inform the Senate that the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the Assembly have signed the following Assembly bill: An act to Prohibit the Attachment of Money Due for Wages of Laboring Men, and to request the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate to the same.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk Assembly.

Mr. Wallace moved to take up Assembly concurrent resolution relative to election of State Printer;

Which was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution was taken up and read.

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

On the question of laying on the table, the yeas and nays were called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Osgood, Parlin, and Pope—3.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—20.

So the concurrent resolution was not laid on the table.

Mr. Wallace moved to strike out "Friday" and insert "Monday;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wallace moved the adoption of the resolution as amended.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Parlin, Smith, and Wallace—17.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Johnson, Meacham, Osgood, Pope, and Sturtevant—6.

So the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Parlin gave notice that on to-morrow he would move a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That no dilatory motion shall be made or entertained on any question before the Senate during the balance of this present session of the Senate.

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Meacham introduced—
Senate Bill No. 75:

A bill to be entitled An act to Incorporate the Jefferson Savings and Loan Banking Company;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Lykes introduced—
Senate Bill No. 76:

A bill to be entitled An act to Abolish the Office of Warden of the State Prison;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Hendry introduced—
Senate Bill No. 77:

A bill to be entitled An act to Regulate the Sale of Cattle for Taxes;

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

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

On the question, Shall the resolution be adopted?

The yeas and nays were called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

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

Those voting in the negative were—

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

So the resolution was not adopted.

Senate Bill No. 46:

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

Returned from Assembly with an amendment, was taken up.

On the question, Shall the amendment be concurred in?

The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Smith, and Sturtevant—16.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Howell, Johnson, Long, Parlin, Pope, and Wallace—7.

So the Senate concurred in the Assembly amendment.

The President handed to the Secretary the following communications from the National Board of Trade, which, on motion of Mr. Dennis, were ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

CHICAGO, February 13, 1875.

To the Honorable the President of the Senate, Tallahassee, Florida:

DEAR SIR: In accordance with a vote by the National Board of Trade at its last annual meeting, I beg herewith to enclose three memorials, and to respectfully ask that you will do the favor to cause them to be properly presented to the honorable body over which you preside, and that they may have appropriate reference, for consideration, to suitable committees.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHAS. RANDOLPH,
Secretary.

THE MEMORIAL of the National Board of Trade to the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, respectfully sheweth:

WHEREAS, The mercantile interests of this country are greatly embarrassed in dealing with parties doing business under a firm name, in ascertaining who are personally interested and responsible for the obligations incurred by firms, and inasmuch as past experience, in many instances, has de-

veloped the fact that firms have in reality been composed of entirely different persons from those to whom credit was supposed to have been extended ; therefore,

The National Board of Trade respectfully petitions your honorable bodies for the enactment of a law providing that all persons doing or carrying on any business under a firm name, within the limits of the State of Florida, shall be required to register with the County Clerk, or other designated officer, within the county wherein such firm has its principal place of business, the name of such firm, together with that of each individual member thereof, or interested therein, and that suitable penalties be prescribed to insure the observance of such requirement.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

By order and on behalf of the National Board of Trade.

CHARLES RANDOLPH,

of Chicago,

Secretary.

FREDERICK FEALEY,

of Philadelphia,

President.

CHICAGO, Ill., January, 1875.

THE MEMORIAL of the National Board of Trade to the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, respectfully sheweth:

That the magnitude of the business of transportation by railway, especially of the products of the earth, renders the revision of the modes by which it has hitherto, in large measure, been conducted, of the greatest importance, alike to the producer and consumer. And while not assuming to suggest all the reforms that may be desirable of achievement, and recognizing the fact that the same remedies are not in all cases applicable in the several States, the National Board of Trade respectfully represents that, after a full discussion, the following views have met the approval of this body, composed of representatives from the leading commercial organizations of the United States, and believing they are of general application, beg leave to present them for the consideration of your Honorable Bodies.

First. That while railway companies, like other corporations, are properly under the control of, and should be held responsible to, the power that gave them existence, and may properly be held in check in any attempts at the exercise of unjust or arbitrary powers, nevertheless, experience has shown that it is inexpedient to seek by legislative enactment to establish fixed rates for transportation.

Second. That the practice by many railway companies of delegating to special freight lines the conduct of a large portion of their business frequently leads to great abuses, and re-

sults in an unnatural and unnecessary addition to the cost of transportation; hence, all railway companies should be required either to assume the direct and entire control and responsibility of the whole business of their lines, or open it to the competition of all freight lines that may seek to undertake it.

Third. That railway companies engaged in the business of transporting grain in bulk should in all cases be held responsible for the delivery of the same quantity of grain they receive. And while it is believed the common law governing all carriers would, if appealed to, enforce this principle, it is proper and desirable that the several State Legislatures should enact laws compelling its observance, and that such laws should by simple, easy, and inexpensive proceedings, enable any individual aggrieved to secure a prompt and efficient remedy in case of their violation.

Respectfully submitted by order and on behalf of the National Board of Trade.

FREDERICK FRALEY,
of Philadelphia, President.

CHARLES RANDOLPH, of Chicago, Secretary.
CHICAGO, Ill., January, 1875.

THE MEMORIAL of the National Board of Trade to the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, respectfully represents:

That after discussion by representatives from the different sections of the United States, the National Board of Trade respectfully recommends and petitions the Legislatures of the several States, that each enact a law, if none already exist among its statutes, providing that five or more persons associated for the prosecution of any lawful business, may, by subscribing to certain specified articles of association, and complying with all the requirements of law, form themselves into an incorporated company, with or without limited liability, as may be expressed in the articles of association. And that such publicity be provided for, as shall enable all who trade, or do business with such corporations as adopt the limited liability, to know that no liability exists, beyond that of the joint capital which has been subscribed for and paid in.

Respectfully submitted on behalf and by vote of the National Board of Trade to the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida.

FREDERICK FRALEY,
of Philadelphia, President.

CHARLES RANDOLPH, of Chicago, Secretary.
CHICAGO, Ill., January, 1875.

Mr. Smith moved that the foregoing communications be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise;

Which was agreed to.

The following messages from the Governor were then handed by the President to the Secretary and read:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 1875. }

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

SIR: I have this day signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State the following bill, viz.: Senate bill entitled An act to More Particularly Define the Boundary Line of St. Johns County.

Very respectfully,

M. L. STEARNS, Governor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 18, 1875. }

To the Senate:

SIR: I have this day signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State an act entitled An act Fixing the Times for Holding the Terms of the Circuit Court in the Second Judicial Circuit.

M. L. STEARNS, Governor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 18, 1875. }

To the Senate:

SIR: I have this day signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State an act entitled An act Declaring Four-mile Creek, in Walton County, Navigable.

M. L. STEARNS, Governor.

VETO MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 1875. }

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

SIR: I herewith return, without my approval, the Senate bill relative to the unsettled account of Daniel Brownell, late collector of revenue in Holmes county.

It is my deliberate conviction that sound public policy and justice to the State requires that the sureties of public officers, particularly of collectors of revenue, should be held strictly to account for any defalcations on the part of their principals; and to release them from their accountability by legislative enactment, especially after a court of justice has adjudged them

to be liable, is setting a precedent which may ultimately work incalculable loss and injury to the State. If such a release is ever permissible, it can only be so on the production of unquestioned proof that the loss, when a loss is averred, or the impossibility of an equitable final settlement after the death of the officer, or the expiration of his term of office has been occasioned by no carelessness or neglect in the execution of his official duties, or in the proper keeping and regular settlement of his accounts. These facts do not appear, and are not even alleged in this bill as justifying the release of Mr. Brownell's sureties.

In addition to these reasons, the bill itself is fatally defective, inasmuch as it has no title in which the subject matter is briefly expressed, as required in section fourteen of article four of the Constitution of this State.

Very respectfully,

M. L. STEARNS, Governor.

On the question, Shall the bill pass, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?

The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. McKinnon—1.

Those voting in the negative were—

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

Two-thirds of the members not having voted in favor of the passage of the bill, the veto of the Governor was sustained.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the following bills named below, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate and to recommend the passage of the same, to wit:

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

A bill to be entitled An act to Reduce the Pay of Jurors and Witnesses.

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

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.

The following bill and resolution they have considered and directed me to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that they be rejected by the Senate, to wit:

A bill to be entitled An act Authorizing Clerks of Courts and Sheriffs to Practice Law in the Several Counties of this State.
Senate concurrent resolution.

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 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred substitute for Senate Bill No. 65, to be entitled An act to Convert Certain School and Seminary Bonds into Bonds Authorized to be Issued by an act of February 21, 1873, have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

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

Which was received and the accompanying bills were 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 18, 1875. }

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

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

A joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Florida;

Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to amend an act entitled An act Defining the Boundaries of Certain Counties therein Mentioned;

Senate Bill No. 64:

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

Senate Bill No. 61:

A bill to be entitled An act to Encourage the Civilization of the Seminole Indians; have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed. Respectfully submitted,

E. T. STURTEVANT, Chairman.
T. W. LONG.

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

The Committee on Claims made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred 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, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. PARLIN, Chairman.

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

The Committee on State Affairs made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 98, a bill to be entitled An act to Prevent the Indiscriminate Use of Fire-arms in Described Localities, ask leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it pass with the following amendment, to wit: Strike out "one hundred yards" wherever it appears and insert "two hundred yards."

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MEACHAM, Chairman.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

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

Assembly Bill No. 18:

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

Also:

Assembly Bill No. 120:

Entitled An act to Authorize W. H. Gibson to Establish a Ferry Across the Ocklockonee River;

Also:

Assembly Bill No. 105 :
 Entitled An act to Authorize Thomas T. Long to Establish a Ferry Across the Suwannee River at Roland's Bluff, in Suwannee County ;

Also :

Assembly Bill No. 19 :
 Entitled An act to Authorize John Lloyd to Establish a Ferry Across Trout Creek in Duval County ;

Also :

Assembly Bill No. 84 :
 Entitled An act to Authorize John B. Hopkins to Establish a Ferry Across the Ocklockonee River ;

Also :

Assembly Bill No. 76 :
 Entitled an act to amend an act entitled An act to Authorize Andrew Jackson Deen to Establish a Ferry Across the Escambia River, approved December 23, 1856 ; beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find the general laws of the State, Bush's Digest, page 120, makes ample provision for the establishment of ferries, and therefore recommend they do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. DENNIS, Chairman.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
 TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

Sir : The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 20, entitled An act for the Protection of the People of this State Against Fraudulent Insurances, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. DENNIS, Chairman.

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

The Joint Select Committee on Census and Apportionment made the following report :

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875.

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

SIR : The Joint Select Committee on Census and Apportionment have had under consideration two bills referred to them by the Assembly, to-wit :

Assembly Bill No. 61:
To be entitled An act to Provide for Taking the Census for
the Year 1875;

And,

Senate Bill No. 26:

To be entitled An act to Provide for the Taking of the Cen-
sus of the State of Florida.

Your committee recommend that Assembly Bill No. 61 do
not pass, and recommend the passage of Senate Bill No. 26, with
amendments.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
Chairman Senate Committee.

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was received.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the follow-
ing report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom
was referred Senate Bill No. 72, 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, have had the same under considera-
tion, and ask leave to recommend that it do pass.

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

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

The Committee on Privileges and Elections made the follow-
ing report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom
was referred a bill to be entitled An act Further Declaring
who shall be Electors in this State, have examined the same
and ask leave to report as follows:

That in addition to the qualifications and restrictions of elec-
tors under the act now in force in this State, the said bill pro-
vides that every person who shall at the time of offering to vote
present the receipt of the tax collector in the county in which
he resides for the full amount of his taxes for the year im-
mediately preceding the time of offering to vote. Believing

that those who share in the protection of the Government should contribute to its support, the committee recommend that the bill do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. CRAWFORD, Chairman.
A. D. MCKINNON,
G. C. BRANTLEY.

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,)
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

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

Senate Bill No. 37:

An act 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;

Also:

Senate concurrent resolution for a joint committee to investigate the accounts of George J. Alden, ex-Secretary of State.

Have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. KNIGHT, Chairman.

Which was received.

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled bills:

An act to prohibit the attachment of money due as wages to laboring men.

Senate concurrent resolution for a joint committee to investigate the accounts of George J. Alden, ex-Secretary of State.

Senate Bill No. 37, an act 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Brantley, according to notice, moved to reconsider the vote by which 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 ordered engrossed for a third reading.

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

Mr. Smith moved to strike out section two of the bill;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Smith offered the following as section two of the bill :

SECTION 2. If any one is dissatisfied at the action of the 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.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dennis offered the following as section three of the bill :

SECTION 3. 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. Lykes moved to amend section three as offered by Mr. Dennis, by striking out "seven-tenths of one per cent." and inserting "one-half of one per cent."

Mr. Dennis withdrew section three, and the bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, February 19, 1875.

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

SIR : I am directed to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted concurrent resolution relative to the election of State Printer.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk Assembly.

The accompanying resolution was placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Senate Bill No. 75 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Incorporate the Jefferson Savings and Loan Banking Company,

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

Senate Bill No. 76 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Abolish the Office of the Warden of the State Prison,

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

Senate Bill No. 77 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Regulate the Sale of Cattle for Taxes,

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

Assembly Bill No. 116 :

A bill to be entitled An act Relating to the Indebtedness of the State,

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

Assembly Bill No. 68 :

A bill to be entitled Act to Regulate the Sale of Spirituous Liquors as a Beverage in the State of Florida,

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

Assembly Bill No. 79 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide a Means for the Collection of Claims for Cattle and other Stock destroyed by Railroads,

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

Mr. Dennis gave notice that on to-morrow he would introduce a bill in relation to arson.

Mr. Meacham moved that the Senate do now adjourn ;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate was declared adjourned until 4 o'clock.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

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, Howell, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, Meacham, Oliveros, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—16.

A quorum present.

Assembly Bill No. 60 :

A bill to be 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 within the Building, and for the Maintenance of the State Prison,

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

Senate Bill No. 25 :

A bill to be entitled An act for the Protection of the People of this State against Fraudulent Insurances,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Osgood moved that it be indefinitely postponed ;

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

Senate Bill No. 68 :

A bill to be entitled An act Authorizing Clerks of Courts and Sheriffs to Practice Law in the Several Counties of this State,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Brantley moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

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

Senate Bill No. 59 :

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

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment :

Strike out the words " tax receipts " in bill wherever they occur.

Upon the question of the adoption of the amendment the yeas and nays were called with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were—

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

Those voting in the negative were—

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

So the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Meacham moved to postpone the bill until the 4th March.

Mr. Crawford moved to lay the motion 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, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—15.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Howell, Meacham, Osgood, and Pope—4.

So the motion was laid on the table.

Mr. Osgood moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—12.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, and Oliveros—10.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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 on its second reading.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment.

Strike out the word "five" after the word "revenue" and insert the word "ten."

Which was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Senate Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled An act to Reduce the Pay of Jurors and Witnesses,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Smith moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

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

Senate concurrent resolution relative to Bush's Digest was taken up and read.

Mr. Osgood moved its indefinite postponement ;

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

Assembly Bill No. 76:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled An act to Authorize Andrew Jackson Deen to Establish a Ferry Across the Escambia River, approved December 23, 1856,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Cottrell moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until to-morrow ;

Which was agreed to.

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 on its second reading.

Mr. Osgood moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

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

Assembly Bill No. 105:

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize Thomas T. Long to Establish a Ferry Across the Suwannee River, at Roland's Bluff, in Suwannee county;

Mr. Meacham moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

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

Assembly Bill No. 84:

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize John B. Hopkins to Establish a Ferry Across the Ocklockonee River,

Was taken up on its second reading.

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

Assembly Bill No. 18:

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

Was taken up on its second reading.

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

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,

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

Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 114:

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

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

Assembly Bill No. 42:

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

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

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

Assembly Bill No 98:

A bill to be entitled An act to Prevent the Indiscriminate use of Fire-arms in Described Localities,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Cottrell moved to amend by striking out "one" and inserting "two" in section one, line five, after word "within."

Mr. Osgood moved to indefinitely postpone the amendment; Which was not agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Cottrell was adopted.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "exceed" in section two, line five, and insert "\$20 nor less than \$10, and be imprisoned for a period not more than thirty days nor less than ten days."

Which was adopted, and the bill as amended placed among the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

Under a suspension of the rule the Committee on Public Lands made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act to Protect Settlers on the Public Lands in this State, have examined the same, and recommend its passage with the following amendment: After the words "to be decided by law" insert "or arbitration." Respectfully submitted,

A. B. OSGOOD, Chairman.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the bills named below, have had the same under consideration and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage, to wit:

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled An act to Repeal Section Ten (10) of Chapter One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three (1,783).

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

Respectfully submitted,

COTTRELL, Chairman.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 71, entitled An act to Further Regulate the Organization of County School Boards, beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. BRANTLEY, Chairman.
ROBERT MEACHAM,
B. F. OLIVEROS.

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

Under a suspension of the rule the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred 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 Coast-line Railway Company, beg leave to make the following report:

The privileges sought for in this bill can be attained under An act to Provide a General Law for the Incorporation of Railroads and Canals, approved February 19, A. D. 1874.

Your committee therefore recommend that this bill do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. JOHNSON, Chairman.

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

Under a suspension of the rule the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs made the following reports:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 74, a bill to be entitled An act to

Extend the Charter of Suwannee and Inland Railroad, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. JOHNSON, Chairman.

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred Assembly concurrent resolution relative to the Texas Pacific Railroad, have examined the same and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. JOHNSON, Chairman.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred 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, have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. STURTEVANT, Chairman.
T. W. LONG.

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Cottrell introduced Senate Bill No. 78:

A bill to be entitled An act to Incorporate the Gulf Coast and Florida Peninsular Canal Company, and to Grant Certain Privileges therein named;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Smith introduced Senate Bill No. 79:

An act to be entitled an act to amend An act to Incorporate the Lake Wimico and St. Joseph Bay Canal and Navigation Company;

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

Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled An act Defining the Boundaries of Certain Counties therein mentioned,

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, Dennis, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Wallace—21.

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 61:

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

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, Dennis, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Knight, Long, McAuley, McKinnon, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Wallace—15.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Crawford, Johnson, Lykes, Meacham, Oliveros, and Osgood—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 64:

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

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

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. Osgood—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 65:

A bill to be entitled An act to Convert Certain School and Seminary Bonds into Bonds Authorized to be Issued by an Act of February 21, A. D. 1873,

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. Brantley, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, and Wallace—15.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, McKinnon, and Smith—6.

Mr. Brantley gave notice that on to-morrow he would move a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill passed.

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 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, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Wallace—19.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Lykes and Meacham—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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, read the 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. Hendry, Dennis, Hill, Howell, Knight, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, and Smith—15.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, McAuley, and Wallace—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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 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. Cottrell, Crawford, Hendry, Knight, McAuley, Oliveros, and Wallace—8.

Those voting in the negative were—
Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Dennis, Hill, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, and Smith—12.
So the bill did not pass.

Assembly Bill No. 87 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize and Empower Executors and Administrators to Sell and Convey the Real Estate of their Testators and Intestates,

Was taken up, read the 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, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Pope, Smith, and Wallace—17.

Those voting in the negative were—
Messrs. Long, Osgood, and Parlin—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Assembly Bill No. 30 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Legalize the Town Government of Tampa, Florida,

Was taken up, read the 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, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Wallace—19.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. Long—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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, read the 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, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Pope, and Smith—17.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Osgood, Parlin, and Wallace—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Meacham moved that the Senate now adjourn.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1875.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Fortner, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—20.

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 Secretary was instructed to have a correct Journal of the proceedings on the desks of the members on Monday;

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Dennis introduced Senate Bill No. 80:

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide for Vacating Charters; Which was received.

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Dennis introduced Senate Bill No. 81:

A bill to be entitled An act to Amend the Criminal Laws with Reference to Arson;

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

Mr. McKinnon moved that the rule be waived, and the joint resolution relative to submitting the amendments of the Constitution be taken up and read;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 19, 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—