

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—

Senate concurrent resolution relative to defaulting tax collectors.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,

Clerk Assembly.

The joint resolution submitting certain proposed amendments to the Constitution to the people, was then taken up, and read the first time.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the rule be waived, and the joint resolution be read the second time;

Which was agreed to, and the joint resolution was read the second time.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the rule be waived, and the joint resolution be read the third time;

Which was agreed to, and the joint resolution was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the joint resolution 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 joint resolution was passed.

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Cottrell introduced Senate Bill No. 82:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend An act Concerning Forcible Entry and Detainer, approved August 14, 1868, Chapter 1,630, Laws of Florida;

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

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Dennis introduced Senate Bill No. 83:

A bill to be entitled an act to enforce obedience to section six entitled An act to Provide for a Registration of Electors and the Holding of Elections;

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

Mr. McKinnon moved that the vote by which Assembly Bill No. 43 failed to pass the Senate yesterday be reconsidered;

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;

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

Mr. Wallace moved that the Assembly concurrent resolution transmitted to the Senate yesterday relative to the election of State Printer be taken up;

Which was agreed to.

The substitute was read.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Fortner, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Smith, and Wallace—15.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Dennis, Howell, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, and Sturtevant—7.

So the resolution was concurred in.

Assembly concurrent resolution relative to the National Centennial was taken up and read.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the Senate concur;

Which was agreed to, and the Chair appointed the following committee on the part of the Senate to act with the Assembly committee, viz.: Messrs. Brantley and Parlin.

Assembly concurrent resolution relative to the Union Pacific Railroad was taken up, read, and concurred in.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 20, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 102, to be entitled An act Fixing the Pay of County Commissioners, have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

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

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

The Committee on Agriculture made the following report:

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

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

SIR: The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the memorial from the Duval Agricultural Society asking aid in establishing State fair grounds, have had the same under consideration. While we acknowledge the importance of the memorialists' request, yet we think the financial condition of the State will not admit of the desired aid to establish said grounds.

A. D. MCKINNON, Chairman.
W. POPE,
G. C. BRANTLEY,
M. A. KNIGHT.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 20, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 16, entitled an act to amend the twenty-third section of An act to Provide for the Incorporation of Cities and Towns, and to Establish a Uniform System of Municipal Government in this State, approved February 4, 1869; beg leave to report they have examined the same, and instructed the chairman to report in favor of its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. DENNIS, Chairman.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 20, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 56, entitled an act additional to An act to Provide for the Creation of Corporations and Prescribe their General Powers and Liabilities, approved August 8, 1868; beg leave to report they have examined the same and recommend that it *do* pass. Respectfully submitted,

L. G. DENNIS, Chairman.

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

* The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 20, 1875. }

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. STURTEVANT, Chairman.

G. C. BRANTLEY.

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

The Committee on Claims made the following majority report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 20, 1875.

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

SIR: The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claims of ex-Governor Reed, upon examination of the case find that it has been passed upon by special committees of two successive sessions of the Legislature, and considerable amounts reported due him. They find, also, that there are large amounts alleged to have been paid him on account of the State, which are denied by him, and as grave legal questions are involved in the final adjustment of the accounts which cannot be determined by your committee, they therefore recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Attorney-General for final adjustment, and submit the accompanying bill with recommendation that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. PARLIN, Chairman.

Which was received.

The following minority report from the same committee was also handed in and ordered spread upon the Journal:

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

SIR: The committee to whom was referred the petition of Harrison Reed, ex-Governor of the State of Florida, ask leave to make the following report:

The amounts claimed by ex-Governor Reed are as follows:

Expenditures by act of Legislature of 1868, and charged under the head of secret service.....	\$22,948.00
General contingent expenses.....	5,878.86
House rent.....	6,000.00
Balance on Executive contingent expenses.....	5,979.85
Total.....	\$40,806.71

Of this amount, \$31,592.23 is the principal of the claims, and the remainder, \$9,214.48, is the approximate interest on the various accounts reckoned at seven per cent. per annum. Your committee will here say that they did not deem it necessary, considering the premises, to go into an exact calculation of the interest on the many accounts of various dates which the claim is based upon, but merely made a rough estimate, which, however, is sufficiently exact for all purposes.

All the vouchers produced for the above sums are merely private receipts, accompanied by no certificates or affidavits, and really could not be considered as vouchers, even in any equitable sense; the remainder of the sum asked for by the petitioner is based simply upon a current account kept by him-

self under the head of contingent expenses, and is made of a variety of charges, which are too numerous to mention in this report. But even to admit the validity of all his claims, the evidence of the Comptroller before this committee, and his report of 1874 showing a settlement between himself on the part of the State and M. S. Littlefield, goes to show that Governor Reed had borrowed \$24,136.29 from the State, and the Comptroller has a receipt therefor.

Of this amount, however, can be deducted the charges Governor Reed paid Warehouse and Security Company, of New York, on hypothecated bonds, \$1,587.15, leaving a balance of \$22,549.14, which should be deducted from the amount he claims from the State.

Governor Reed also claims \$2,000 interest on bonds in New York, and holds the coupons, but said coupons were paid by the National Trust Company, of New York, and cancelled, charging the same to the State and crediting the same by cash by Buckley, and why Governor Reed has them now is inexplicable, and your committee think should not be allowed.

By referring to Governor Reed's message of January, 1870, we quote therefrom as follows: "Failing to obtain a loan I purchased 2,000 of arms, with equipments, and 20,000 rounds of ammunition on a credit of four months, at an aggregate cost, including insurance to Jacksonville, of \$21,090, which was paid as soon as the Legislature made the appropriation in February." We find from the testimony of R. H. Gamble, taken before "Assembly committee to inquire into and investigate the conduct, acts, and doings of Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida," that warrants were issued to the amount of \$21,070 for the payment of said arms.

The account, which was approved by G. B. Carse, Adjutant-General, and paid by Comptroller, was in the name of E. B. Buckley. In July, 1874, the following letter was received by the Treasurer of the State:

E. REMINGTON & SONS,
NEW YORK OFFICE, NOS. 281 AND 283 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, July 16, 1874. }

Charles H. Foster, Esq., Treasurer, State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida:

DEAR SIR: In the summer of 1868 I furnished to the State of Florida some 2,000 guns with accoutrements, amounting to between \$12,000 and \$13,000, for which I took a note signed by "Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida," and endorsed by himself personally "Harrison Reed," at four months from date. The authorities of Florida were then in this market endeavoring to purchase these arms, and I was obliged to put them as low

as possible in order to get the business. The transaction was a fair one, done under competition with other houses, and I was obliged to sell the goods very low to be successful. Their reason for not paying the cash at the time was they were depending upon the sale of their bonds, which would not be printed under two months, and they had arranged with some capitalists here—the National Trust Co., or some one else, for their negotiation. I took the precaution to have the Governor's note officially, as well as his personal endorsement, should anything happen at the maturity of the note. They had not negotiated their bonds, but were expecting to do so daily, and I was induced to accept bonds for the amount of the note at the rate of 80 cents on the dollar, which was the rate they were expecting to negotiate at, and which I calculated upon in order to realize the amount of my bill. Since then, as you are aware, no provision has been made for the interest on these bonds; in fact, I have understood that other bonds have been put on the market upon which the State of Florida is paying the interest. Will you be kind enough to write me in relation to this matter, letting me know upon what grounds payment of interest is refused on these bonds.

Truly yours,

C. H. POND.

P. S. If there is any way of exchanging these for the present issue wish you would advise me.

Even taking the larger amount, \$13,000, mentioned in this letter as the cost of the arms, and deducting from the bill paid by the State \$21,070, items in said bill for insurance and stamps \$220, leaving as first cost of arms as per bill paid by State \$20,850, and deduct cost as reported by Remington Arms Company \$13,000, we have unaccounted for \$7,850, which discrepancy the State has unjustly paid, and your committee think that it should be charged to debit of ex-Governor Harrison Reed.

Your committee think that at most Governor Reed can only claim \$500 per year for house rent, and deducting remainder and interest allowed

Would be.....	\$3,000.00
Add to this amount, over-paid on arms.....	7,850.00
Interest on same, say five years at seven per cent.....	3,947.50
Add amount borrowed from State.....	22,549.14
Interest on the same.....	7,600.00
Making total claim vs. Harrison Reed by the State.....	43,946.64
Deduct amount of Harrison Reed's claim against the State, including interest.....	40,806.71

And we have the sum of..... \$3,139.93
now due the State of Florida by the said ex-Governor Harrison Reed.

Your committee do not propose to admit in this report the

validity of any of the claims of Governor Reed against the State, but have made the above exhibit, taking them into account, upon his own figures and statement, and have shown by evidence altogether from official statements that instead of the State being in debt to Harrison Reed in any amount, he now owes the State the balance above mentioned.

In conclusion your committee suggest that this whole matter be considered with great generosity on the part of the Senate, and that the mantle of charity be thrown over any deficits which have been shown to exist in the accounts of the State against ex-Governor Harrison Reed, and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That all claims of ex-Governor Harrison Reed against the State are considered settled, and from and after this date all accounts between him and the State are considered balanced.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. LYKES.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 20, 1875. }

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

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

Senate Bill No. 14:

An act for the Relief of Hernando County;

Also:

Senate Bill No. 17:

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 45:

An act for the Relief of Samuel B. McLin;

Also:

Senate Bill No. 51:

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 52:

An act to Provide Summary Proceedings Against Delinquent Tenants;

Also:

Senate Bill No. 54:

An act to be entitled An act to Protect Laborers and Lumbermen; have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. KNIGHT, Chairman.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 20, 1875. }

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

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

An act in relation to jurors.

An act to Provide the Manner in which Minors may be Authorized to Take Charge of and Manage their own Estates.

Concurrent resolution authorizing the destruction of certain redeemed bonds and other securities in the Comptroller's office, and to request the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate thereto. Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk Assembly.

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

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled bills:

1. Senate Bill No. 51, An act to Amend the Laws in Relation to the Establishment of Lost Papers.

2. Senate Bill No. 17, An act in Relation to Non-residents Hunting in this State.

3. Senate Bill No. 45, An act for the Relief of Samuel B. McLin.

4. Senate Bill No. 14, An act for the Relief of Hernando County.

5. Senate Bill No. 54, an act to be entitled An act to Protect Laborers and Lumbermen.

6. Senate Bill No. 52, An act to Provide Summary Proceedings Against Delinquent Tenants.

7. Concurrent resolution authorizing the destruction of certain redeemed bonds and other securities in the Comptroller's office.

8. An act in relation to jurors.

9. An act to Provide the Manner in which Minors may be Authorized to Take Charge of and Manage their own Estates.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Bill No. 80:

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide for Vacating Charters, Was taken up, read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Assembly Bill No. 81:

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

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

Assembly Bill No. 82:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend An act Concerning Forcible Entry and Detainer, approved February 14, 1868;

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

Senate Bill No. 83:

A bill to be entitled an act to enforce obedience to section six, entitled An act to Provide for a Registration of Electors and the Holding of Elections, Laws of Florida,

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

Senate Bill No. 73:

An act amendatory to an act entitled An act Defining the Duties and Fixing the Pay of County Commissioners, approved February 16, 1872,

Was taken up on its second reading.

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

Senate Bill No. 63:

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

Was taken up on its second reading.

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

Senate Bill No. 71:

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

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Meacham moved to strike out all after the word "paid;" Which was not agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

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 Railway Company,

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.

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.

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Crawford introduced Senate Bill No. 85:

A bill to be entitled An act to Provide Compensation for Trespass on Private Lands ;

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

Under a suspension of the rule the Committee on City and County Organizations made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 20, 1875. }

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

SIR: The Committee on City and County Organizations, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 65, An act to Authorize the Citizens of Brevard County to Locate the County Site of said County and to Locate the same until the Citizens can by an Election fix the same by Law ; have had the same under consideration and recommend that section third be stricken out, and with this alteration they recommend the passage of the bill.

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 on Monday.
Senate Bill No. 69:

A bill to be entitled An act to Protect Settlers on the Public Lands in this State,

Was taken up on its second reading.

The Committee to whom the bill was referred offered the following amendment :

After the words "to be decided by law" insert the words "or arbitration."

Which was adopted, and the bill placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on Monday.

Assembly Bill No. 102:

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

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Wallace moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

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

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,

Was taken up on its second reading.

[NOTE BY THE SECRETARY.—This bill was returned by the Assembly to the Senate, at the request of the latter, for further

consideration. It had been amended by the Senate when up before on its second reading, and when put upon its passage after third reading, had failed to pass. On Tuesday, Mr. Smith moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill failed to pass, which motion was then in order; and by unanimous consent the vote was reconsidered, and the bill referred back to committee. The committee reported it back to the Senate without amendment, and the bill having been taken up on its second reading, the following proceedings took place.]

Mr. Cottrell made the point of order that the Senate having once amended this bill and passed upon it finally, the Senate stood committed to such action, and it was not competent for the body to review its action in this particular.

The Chair having given a decision, in Mr. Cottrell's judgment adverse to his point of order, Mr. Cottrell appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Mr. Dennis desired that the Chair reduce his ruling to writing.

The Chair did so, as follows :

The Chair rules that even after a bill is indefinitely postponed and the time for reconsideration having expired, such bill can only be brought before the house by unanimous consent, and when so brought before the house and recommitted to a committee and reported to the house from committee, the bill comes before the body as originally, by unanimous consent, and is in like manner subject to amendment, although it might have been originally amended; any original amendment, therefore, may be considered as if just passed upon by the Senate and adopted or rejected by it, and such action places a bill in exactly the same situation as when at first upon its second reading.

Upon the reading of the ruling of the Chair Mr. Cottrell withdrew his appeal.

Mr. McKinnon moved to reconsider the vote by which the word "two" was stricken out and the word "one" was inserted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brantley moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word "one" and inserting the words "one-half;"

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Smith moved to amend by striking out "one" and inserting "two."

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. McKinnon, Osgood, Parlin, Smith, and Wallace—6.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Dennis, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, Meacham, Oliveros, Pope, and Sturtevant—14.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Johnson moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to the amendment, viz., to strike out "one" and insert "one and one-half," was not adopted.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Crawford, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, McAuley, McKinnon, Oliveros, Parlin, Sturtevant, and Wallace—13.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Cottrell, Dennis, Lykes, Meacham, Osgood, Pope, and Smith—7.

Mr. Johnson moved that the amendment to the amendment as offered by Mr. Brantley be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved to adjourn;

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

FOUR O'CLOCK.

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, Hill, Howell, Johnson, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, and Sturtevant—14.

A quorum present.

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. McKinnon introduced Senate Bill No. 86:

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize the Governor to Exchange Certain Railroad Bonds;

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

Mr. Brantley moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 65, a bill to be entitled An act to Convert Certain School and Seminary Lands into Bonds Authorized to be Issued by an Act of February 1, 1873, was passed yesterday.

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

Those voting in the affirmative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Hendry, and McKinnon—6.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, and Sturtevant—13.

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

Under a suspension of the rule Mr. Howell introduced Senate Bill No. 87:

A bill to be entitled An act to Protect Game;

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

Assembly Bill No. 60:

A bill to be entitled An act Making Appropriations to Supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations 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 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. Dennis, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, and Sturtevant—13.

Those voting in the negative were—

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Hendry, Knight, and Oliveros—6.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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 and read the second time.

Mr. Meacham moved that the rule be waived and the bill be placed on its third reading;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was 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, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, Sturtevant, and Wallace—19.

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Assembly Bill No. 65 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Authorize the Citizens of Brevard County to Locate the County Site of said County, and to Locate the Same until the Citizens can by an Election Fix the Same by Law,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Oliveros moved to strike out section three of the bill ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brantley moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Mr. Brantley withdrew his motion.

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 on its second reading and laid over until Monday.

Assembly Bill No. 106 :

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

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Cottrell moved to indefinitely postpone the bill ;

Which was agreed to, and the bill indefinitely postponed.

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 and read the second time.

Mr. Parlin moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Parlin withdrew his motion, and the bill was read a second time and placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on Monday.

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 a second time, and placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on Monday.

Assembly Bill No. 95 :

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

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

Assembly Bill No. 57 :

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

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

Under a suspension of the rule the joint committee appointed to investigate the accounts of George J. Alden, late Secretary of State, submitted the following report :

The joint committee appointed to investigate the affairs of George J. Alden, late Secretary of State, after diligent and careful examination, beg leave to make the following report:

That in January, 1870, Governor Reed, in his annual message to the Legislature, reports that George J. Alden, late Secretary of State, did receive as by the records of his office the amount three thousand one hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$3,134) of which he says only one thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,850) was paid to the Treasury. On examination in the Treasury's office we find the amount paid into that department by George J. Alden to be in accordance with Governor Reed's statement, but we have failed to find any records in the Secretary of State's office charging George J. Alden with any commissions collected by him during his term of office. We are, therefore, at a loss to know how or in what manner could Governor Reed arrive at his conclusion, unless by an idea that all officers of the State were appointed and commissioned during the time that George J. Alden was Secretary, but the committee are satisfied that this is not the fact. Many appointments were made before the office was occupied by George J. Alden as is shown by the date of commissions. The only records the committee are in possession of are the original memoranda of the late Secretary of State, George J. Alden, which contains an enumerated list of all commissions issued by him during his term of office, and although these records are not in book form, still they are legible and in good preservation; and, as your committee has no evidence before them contradictory to the facts as stated in the memoranda of George J. Alden, we conclude that they are correct. We therefore call your attention to the statement below:

DR.

To commissions collected as per statement from George J. Alden's report.....	\$2,333.00
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CR.

By vouchers.....	\$1,897 00
By sundry bills for State contingent expenses.....	182 25
By cash paid Governor Reed.....	50 00
	<u>2,129.25</u>
To balance due the State.....	\$208.75

from the above report it will be perceived that there is due the State of Florida by the said George J. Alden the sum of two hundred and eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$208.75). However, the committee has evidence before them that the office of Secretary of State, while in charge of George J. Alden, was wilfully and maliciously broken into, and, from the evidence of George J. Alden, it is alleged that about ninety dollars in scrip and about twenty-eight dollars in United States currency was taken therefrom by some unknown person. The committee will further state that the two hundred and eight dollars and

seventy-five cents (\$208.75), which appears due to the State by George J. Alden, was by a report of a former committee placed to the credit of the said George J. Alden when it should have been placed to his debit. Mr. Alden claims that he deposited this amount in two warrants into the Treasury, but we have failed to find any credit entry of this amount in his favor.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MEACHAM,
B. F. OLIVEROS,
Senate Committee.

THOS. T. RUSSELL,
B. R. WILSON,
D. MONTGOMERY,
House Committee.

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, 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, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Meacham, Oliveros, Osgood, Parlin, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—17.

Those voting in the negative were—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Wallace moved to reconsider the vote taken yesterday on the concurrent resolution pending for the revision of Bush's Digest, which was indefinitely postponed ;

Which was not agreed to.

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, 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—

Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Knight, Long, McAuley, Oliveros, Osgood, Pope, Sturtevant, and Wallace—14.

Those voting in the negative were—

Mr. President, Messrs. Dennis, Lykes, and Smith—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Assembly Bill No. 88 :

A bill to be entitled An act to Punish Violations of the Sabbath,

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

On motion of Mr. Osgood the Senate went into Executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate in Executive session made the following confirmations:

John Eagan, to be Clerk of the Court of Madison county.

Robert Knickmeyer, to be Collector of Revenue for Franklin county.

Howell Hawkins, to be Clerk of the Court of La Fayette county.

Newton Sapp, to be Sheriff of La Fayette county.

Seth Stevens, to be Assessor of Taxes of La Fayette county.

W. R. Hillyer, to be County Judge of Marion county.

James A. McDavid, to be Assessor of Taxes for Marion county.

Benjamin F. Tidwell, to be County Judge of Madison county.

David Montgomery, to be Collector of Revenue for Madison county.

The doors having been opened the following messages were received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 20, 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. 2:

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

Also:

Assembly Bill No. 66:

A bill to be entitled An act to Enlarge and Extend the Corporate Powers and Privileges of the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad Company in the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 20, 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. 133, a bill to be entitled an act to alter and amend an act entitled An act to Perfect the Public Works of the State, approved June 21, 1869.

which act now amended was approved January 28, A. D. 1870, and to Authorize the Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company to issue bonds.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HARMON,
Clerk Assembly.

Mr. Johnson moved that the bills just reported from the Assembly be taken up;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 133:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to alter and amend an act entitled An act to Perfect the Public Works of the State, approved June the 24th, 1869, which act now amended was approved January 28, 1870, and to Authorize the Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company to Issue Bonds,

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

Assembly Bill No. 66:

A bill to be entitled An act to Enlarge and Extend the Corporate Powers and Privileges of the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad Company in the State of Florida,

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

Mr. McKinnon moved that the Senate now adjourn;

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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, Howell, Knight, Long, Lykes, McAuley, Meacham, Smith, and Sturtevant—12.

Not a quorum present.

Mr. Cottrell moved a call of the Senate;

Which was agreed to, and the roll was called with the following result:

Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Crawford, Hill, Howell, Knight, Lykes, McAuley, Meacham, Pope, Smith, and Sturtevant—13.

A quorum present.