

# JOURNAL

Of the Senate of the State of Florida, at the Ninth Session of the Legislature, begun and held at the Capitol, in the city of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, on Tuesday, the second day of January, A. D. 1877, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for the meeting of the Legislature.

TUESDAY, January 2, 1877.

The Senate met at 12 o'clock, M., as required by the Constitution.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

On motion, Robert Gamble was requested to act as temporary Secretary.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names :

Twentieth Senatorial District—G. C. Brantley.

Twelfth Senatorial District—J. L. F. Cottrell.

Seventeenth Senatorial District—F. M. McMeekin.

Eighteenth Senatorial District—Jos. H. Durkee.

Twenty-fourth Senatorial District—F. A. Hendry.

Sixth Senatorial District—Frederick Hill.

Sixteenth Senatorial District—John W. Howell.

Twenty-second Senatorial District—S. T. Lykes.

Second Senatorial District—A. L. McCaskill.

Fourth Senatorial District—A. D. McKinnon.

Tenth Senatorial District—A. B. Osgood.

Eighth Senatorial District—John Wallace.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the newly elected Senators come forward and deliver their certificates of election.

Whereupon the following Senators handed in their certificates and the oath of office was administered to them by Chief Justice Randall :

Third Senatorial District—W. D. Barnes.

Fourteenth Senatorial District—G. B. Ellis.

First Senatorial District—Alonzo Ferguson.

Seventh Senatorial District—C. S. D. Johnson.

Nineteenth Senatorial District—Thos. W. Long.

Ninth Senatorial District—Robert Meacham.

Fifth Senatorial District—Wm. T. Orman.

Eleventh Senatorial District—N. J. Patterson.

Fifteenth Senatorial District—John C. Richard.

Twenty-third Senatorial District—Whitfield Walker.

Thirteenth Senatorial District—Josiah T. Walls.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

### THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The President, Lieut.-Gov. N. A. Hull, in the chair.

Upon taking the chair the President delivered the following address :

*Senators* : In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Florida, you are to-day assembled in this Chamber, and organized as a co-ordinate branch of the State Government, and, as Lieutenant Governor, it becomes my duty to preside over your deliberations.

I trust that the results of this session may all be for the benefit of the State at large, and that the people whose servants we are in these responsible positions will have abundant occasion to approve our stewardship. It gives me great pleasure to be associated officially with so many intelligent and public-spirited representatives of my State; and I shall endeavor, to the best of my abilities, to discharge my duties, and assist you in the discharge of yours. We are now ready to proceed with the business of the session.

The Senate then proceeded to the election of Secretary.

Mr. Meacham nominated J. D. Thompson.

Mr. Cottrell nominated Robert Gamble.

The vote being taken resulted as follows :

FOR R. GAMBLE—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Ellis, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—14.

FOR J. D. THOMPSON—Messrs. Durkee, Ferguson, Hill, Howell, Long, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—8.

Mr. Robert Gamble was therefore announced, by the President, as elected Secretary of the Senate, who came forward and took the oath of office.

The Senate then proceeded to the election of a door-keeper.

The vote being taken resulted as follows :

FOR J. L. SPARROW—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell,

Ellis, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—15.

FOR McLANE—Messrs. Durkee, Ferguson, Howell, Long, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—7.

Resulting in the election of J. L. Sparrow as door-keeper of the Senate, who came forward and took the oath of office.

Mr. McCaskill moved that further action in the election of officers be postponed until to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McCaskill, the door-keeper was instructed to procure chairs for the suitable accommodation of the Senate.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the rules of the last Senate, in force at its adjournment, be adopted as the rules of this Senate, provided that the same may be amended by the Senate at any time within the first ten days of the session.

Mr. Walls moved as an amendment that a committee of three be appointed by the President, to report rules for the government of the Senate during this session.

Mr. Wallace offered the following resolution as a substitute for the resolution and amendment :

*Resolved*, That the rules governing the last session remain as the rules of the present session until otherwise amended by the Senate.

Mr. Walls withdrew his amendment.

On the adoption of the substitute, the yeas and nays were called with the following result :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Ferguson, Hill, Howell, Long, McCaskill, McKinnon, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Hendry, Johnson, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—12.

Mr. Walls moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Howell, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—4.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Ellis, Ferguson, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—16.

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

Mr. Walls moved the following amendment to the resolution of the Senator from the 12th district :

That the proviso be stricken out.

Mr. Orman moved to lay the amendment on the table ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wallace moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved that a committee of three be appointed by the President to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Senate was organized and ready for business;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. McCaskill, Lykes and Durkee appointed said committee.

Mr. Cottrell moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Assembly for the same purpose;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Cottrell, Richard and Wallace appointed said committee.

Mr. Walls offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all Standing Committees of the Senate be elected by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Orman moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which was agreed to.

The committee appointed to wait on the Assembly returned and reported that they had performed their duty, and were discharged.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor returned and reported that they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that the Assembly was organized and ready to proceed to business.

A committee from the Assembly appeared at the bar of the Senate and informed the Senate that the Assembly had appointed them a committee to act jointly with a committee to be appointed by the Senate and wait on the Governor and inform him that the Senate and Assembly were organized and that they were ready to proceed to business.

Mr. McCaskill moved the appointment of a committee on the part of the Senate;

Which was agreed to, and the President appointed the following Senators on said committee: Messrs. Cottrell, Richard and Wallace.

Mr. Osgood moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was not agreed to.

The committee appointed to act with a committee of the Assembly appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

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

Which was not agreed to.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 1877.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ferguson, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walls—15.

A quorum present.

The Journal was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Walls offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Senate now proceed to the election of Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. McCaskill moved as a substitute that the Senate proceed to the perfection of its organization.

On motion the substitute was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the Senate go into the election of Assistant Secretary of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walker nominated Mr. George Helvenston.

Mr. Meacham nominated H. S. Harmon.

On which the vote was taken, with the following result:

FOR HELVENSTON—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Ellis, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—14.

FOR HARMON—Messrs. Ferguson, Hill, Long, Meacham, Wallace and Walls—6.

Mr. Helvenston having received the number of votes required, was declared elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the Senate go into the election of Sergeant-at-Arms;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon nominated C. Y. McClellan.

Mr. Meacham nominated Mr. Baldwin.

On which the vote was taken with the following result:

FOR MCCLELLAN—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Ellis, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—14.

FOR BALDWIN—Messrs. Durkee, Ferguson, Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Wallace and Walls—8.

Mr. McClellan having received the number of votes required, was declared elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.

Mr. Barnes moved that the Senate go into the election of Recording Clerk;

Which was agreed to.