

rules of the two Houses, and report the amendments agreed upon by them to their respective Houses for action.

Mr. Osgood moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Durkee offered Senate bill No. 1;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Under suspension of the rules, Mr. Lykes introduced Senate bill No. 2;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations;

Mr. Lykes moved that the bill be printed, and 100 copies be furnished for the use of the Senate and Assembly;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls asked to be released from all committees except that of Education;

Mr. Osgood moved that the request be granted;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Ferguson asked to be excused for the balance of the evening;

Which was granted.

Mr. Walls asked to be excused until Monday morning;

Which was granted.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the rules be printed as amended, and 100 copies be furnished for the Senate and Assembly;

Which was agreed to.

The following committee was appointed by the President, to act with a like committee appointed by the Assembly, on joint rules:

Joint Committee—Messrs. Cottrell, Barnes and Durkee.

A message was received from the Governor at the hands of his Private Secretary.

Mr. Osgood moved that the Senate go into Executive Session;

Which was agreed to.

The doors having been opened, Mr. Cottrell moved to adjourn until ten o'clock to-morrow morning;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate thereupon adjourned.

SENATE CONFIRMATIONS:

The following nominations by his Excellency the Governor, were advised and consented to in Executive Session, January 3, 1877:

Walter Gwynn, to be State Treasurer.

Joseph W. Calloway, to be Collector of Revenue for Jackson county.

Thomas E. Clark, to be Assessor of Revenue for Jackson county.

George F. Baltzell, to be County Judge of Jackson county vice William H. Milton, resigned.

SATURDAY, January 6, 1877.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Ellis, Ferguson, Hendry, Johnson, Long, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Wallace—14.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The journal was read and approved.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., Jan. 5, 1877.

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted Assembly joint resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, consisting of three members on part of the Assembly and two members on part of the Senate, to examine the offices of Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer, and to make their report as early as practicable; and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein. Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying joint resolution, on motion, adopted.

The committee appointed by the President to inform the Assembly that the Senate had appointed a committee on Joint Rules, to act with a like committee from the Assembly, appeared before the bar and reported that they had performed that duty, and was discharged.

On motion of Mr. Barnes the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, Mr. Walls introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is generally known that gross frauds and trespass have been committed upon the public lands, both National and State, it is therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Land be and hereby is instructed and directed to investigate the said trespasses and frauds, and is also directed and empowered to report as early as possible to this House. The said Committee is further empowered to send for persons and papers and report by bill and recommend resolutions, such as they may agree upon.

Which was read.

Mr. Osgood moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Public Lands;

Which was agreed to.

Messrs. Meacham and Osgood were excused from further attendance until Monday morning.

On motion of Mr. Walls, the Senate adjourned.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Ferguson, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, and Walls—18.

A quorum present.

Mr. Walker introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate make official report to the Governor of a vacancy in this body, caused by the death of the Honorable Isaac M. Stewart, Senator-elect from the Twenty-First District.

On motion of Mr. Walls, the resolution was adopted.

A message was received from the Governor at the hands of his private Secretary.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 6, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly Joint Resolution relative to the Jacksonville.

Pensacola & Mobile Railroad, and the funds thereof in the hands of the Receiver;

Also:

Assembly Joint Resolution to appoint a joint committee consisting of three on part of the Senate, and of four on part of the Assembly, to visit and inspect the State Prison, and for other purposes therein specified, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be, and the same are, hereby directed to inquire into the constitutionality, as also expediency, of authorizing Justices of the Peace, either with or without a jury, to try and pass judgment upon parties charged with petit larceny and minor misdemeanors.

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Taxation and Finance made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, January 6, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the collection of State taxes for the year 1876, having had the same under consideration, direct me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Respectfully, A. L. McCASKILL, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Mr. Walls moved that the rule be waived, and the bill put upon its passage;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for, and were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ferguson, Hendry, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, Wallace and Walls—12.

Nays—Messrs. Ellis, Johnson, McMeekin, Orman, Richard and Walker—6.

So the motion was agreed to.

The bill was then put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Ferguson, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Walker, Wallace and Walls—16.

Nays—Messrs. Orman and Richard—2.

So the bill was passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly joint resolution to appoint a joint committee to visit and inspect the State Prison was taken up and read.

Mr. Cottrell moved its adoption ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Ferguson, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Richard, Walker and Wallace—17.

Nays—Mr. Walls—1.

So the resolution was adopted.

Assembly joint resolution in relation to the Jacksonville, Pensacola & Mobile Railroad, and the Funds in the hands of the Receiver thereof, was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. Walls, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell moved to go into Executive Session ;

Which was agreed to.

The doors being opened, Mr. Walls gave notice that on Monday morning he would move a reconsideration of the vote ordering two hundred copies of the Senate journal printed.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday morning 10 o'clock :

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, January 8, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Ferguson, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Walls—22.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. McCaskill moved that further reading of the journal be dispensed with ;

Which was agreed to, and the journal approved as amended.

A message from the Governor by the hands of his Private Secretary was received.

Mr. Osgood moved to go into Executive Session ;

Which was agreed to.

The doors being opened, Mr. McCaskill moved that the Senate adjourn ;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard and Wallace—20.

A quorum present.

Mr. Walls moved that the Senate go into Executive Session ;

Which was agreed to.

The doors being opened, and under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Hendry introduced Senate bill No. 3 :

A bill to be entitled an act to Locate Permanently the County Lines of Manatee and Monroe Counties ;

Which was read the first time by its title.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 8, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has appointed Messrs. McClellan, Lesley, Harris of Monroe, Russell and Witherspoon as a committee on part of the Assembly to act with the committee appointed by the Senate on Joint Rules. Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and placed among the orders of the day ;
Under a suspension of the rule, Senate bill No. 3: To be entitled an act to Locate Permanently the County Lines of Manatee and Monroe Counties, was read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on City and County Organizations.

Mr. Barnes moved to adjourn until to-morrow, morning 10 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.