

THURSDAY, February 1, 1877.

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 :

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—17.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Long moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with.

The journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Meacham moved that the removals and confirmations for Jefferson county be spread on the journal of to-day ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hendry offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly, That our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States be requested to use their endeavors to have established a mail route, to be carried by sail or steam, twice a week and back, from Key West to Punta Rassa, in Monroe county, Florida, a distance of one hundred and ten miles ;

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

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Hendry introduced Senate bill No. 31 :

To be entitled an act for the protection of Cattle in this State ;

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Under suspension of the rule, the following bills were introduced :

By Mr. Lykes :

Senate bill No. 32 :

To be entitled an act to exempt dealers in Drugs used exclusively for Medicinal purposes from a license tax ;

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

By Mr. Brantley :

Senate bill No. 33 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the assessment of and collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874 ;

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

Messrs. Walls and Meacham moved that their names be stricken from the report of the Committee on State Affairs on Assembly bill No. 71 ;

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Walls.

The vote was :

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

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Richard, Walker and Weeks—15.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 1, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 82 :

To be entitled an act to exempt members of Organized and Equipped Fire and Hook and Ladder Companies of all incorporated cities and towns in this State from serving as Petit Jurors ;

Also Assembly bill No. 89 :

To be entitled an act to legalize the Town Government of Tampa, Florida ;

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 bills read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 31, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

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

Assembly bill No. 75 :

To be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by Andrew S. Enochs and Julia A. Enochs ; also

Assembly bill No. 80 :

To be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act relative

to Depositions taken under Commission, approved January 11, A. D. 1855;

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and Assembly bill No. 75 referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 1, 1877. }

To the Hon. President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR—The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 61, to be entitled an act to protect the County Treasury of the respective counties of the State of Florida, having considered the same, recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
A. L. McCASKILL,
Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

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

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 1, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 20, entitled a bill to be entitled an act in relation to Misdemeanors, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 1, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was re-

ferred a bill to be entitled an act for the protection of Labor, have had the same under consideration and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and also to recommend that the same be amended as is shown in the schedule attached to this report, and as so amended they recommend the passage of the bill.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 1, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 47, entitled a bill to be entitled an act to limit the time for the Prosecution of Criminal Actions, beg leave to report that they have had said bill under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 1, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 68, to be entitled an act to make Amelia Myerson, wife of Samuel Myerson, a Free Dealer, beg leave to report that they have had said bill under consideration, and they have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, with accompanying amendment, and to recommend that the bill as thus amended do pass.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Public Lands made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 1, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was re-

ferred a petition from a number of respectable citizens on Crystal river, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered its merits, and are fully of the opinion that the petition is meritorious, but outside of the powers of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. HENDRY, Ch'n.
J. W. HOWELL,
F. M. WEEKS,
W. T. ORMAN,
J. T. WALLS.

Petition placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Claims made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 1, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Senate bill No 29:

A bill for the relief of E. L. Otis, have had the same under consideration, and finding that there is a question of law as to which should pay such claims, the State or county, the committee report it back to the Senate, without any recommendation, for the action of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Ch'n.

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

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, January 31, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment have presented to his Excellency, for his consideration, the following bills, to-wit:

Assembly bill No. 7:

An act to amend an act to exempt maimed persons from Professional or Occupational Tax, approved February 14, 1870.

Assembly bill No. 45:

An act for the relief of Peter Davidson and John G. Hoffman, of Escambia county, Florida.

Assembly bill No. 12:

An act to prohibit Collectors of Revenue from receiving Comptroller's warrants or Treasurer's certificates, issued prior to July 1, 1871, for taxes.

Assembly bill No. 4:
An act to authorize Anna Jernigan to establish a Ferry across the Escambia river; also,
Assembly Joint Resolution No. 16:
To invite Immigration into the State of Florida.
Very respectfully,
A. D. MCKINNON, Ch'n.

Which was read.
Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 31, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment have delivered to the Governor, for his consideration,
Assembly bill No. 19:

To be entitled an act for the relief of J. A. D. Branch.

Very respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Ch'n.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 18:

To be entitled an act to provide for the compulsory attendance at Private or Public Schools of all Children between the ages of six and fifteen years,
Was read the second time.

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

Mr. Wallace moved to recommit Senate bill No. 18;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Richard, Walker and Weeks—16.

So the motion to recommit was not agreed to.

Mr. McCaskill moved to indefinitely postpone the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Richard, Walker and Weeks—19.

Nays—Messrs. Wallace and Walls—2.
So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Assembly Bill No. 71:

To be entitled an act to create and organize a Bureau of Immigration,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Osgood moved to indefinitely postpone the bill;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment:

To strike out the words "fifteen hundred dollars" in the bill.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Barnes moved to amend by striking out the preamble;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Durkee offered the following amendment:

In section 2 strike out the word "purposes" and insert "provisions;"

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 68:

To be entitled an act to make Amelie Myerson, wife of Samuel Myerson, a Free Dealer,

Was read the second time, the Committee's amendments adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 47:

To be entitled an act to limit the time for the Prosecution of Criminal Actions,

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Barnes, indefinitely postponed.

Senate bill No. 20:

To be entitled an act in relation to Misdemeanors,

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 15:

To be entitled an act for the Protection of Laborers,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Wallace moved to strike out the word "felony" where it occurs;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved to postpone further consideration until to-morrow, and that 100 copies of the bill printed;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 61:

To be entitled an act to protect the County Treasury of the respective counties of the State of Florida,

Was read.

Mr. McKinnon offered the following as a substitute for section 3:

"That every claim against any county in this State shall be presented to the Board of County Commissioners within one year from the time said claim shall become due, and shall be barred if not so presented;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Durkee offered the following as an amendment to section 1:

"Strike out the word 'Clerk,' when it occurs before 'Board of County Commissioners,' and insert 'Auditor;'"

Which was adopted.

Also in section 3 the following:

"Insert before 'violating' the word 'willfully;'"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Barnes offered the following amendment:

"To strike out, in section 3, one year and insert two years;"

Which was adopted.

The petition of sundry citizens of Crystal river and country, Was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, it was laid on the table, and leave given to petitioners to withdraw it.

Mr. Walls asked leave of absence for ten days;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Cottrell introduced Senate bill No. 34:

To be entitled an act regulating Elections;

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Messrs. Meacham and Long were excused until Tuesday.

On motion of Mr. Caskill, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow.

REMOVALS.

Moses J. Taylor, from office of Clerk Circuit Court, Jefferson county.

N. S. Blount, from office of Clerk, Polk county.

James A. Fortner, from office of County Judge, Polk county.

J. R. Hayes, from office of Sheriff, Hillsborough county.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Alonzo C. Whitner, to be County Judge, Jefferson county.

Wm. B. Lamar, to be Clerk, Jefferson county.

Wm. Z. Bailey, to be Sheriff, Jefferson county.

W. B. Varn, to be Clerk, Polk county.

R. H. Peeples, to be Sheriff, Polk county.

Robert McKinney, to be Collector, Polk county.

G. F. Smith, to be Assessor, Polk county.
 H. L. Crane, to be County Judge, Hillsborough county
 Wm. C. Brown, to be Clerk, Hillsborough county.
 D. J. Craft, to be Sheriff, Hillsborough county.
 L. G. Lesley, to be Assessor, Hillsborough county.
 S. E. Sparkman, to be Collector, Hillsborough county.

FRIDAY, February 2, 1877.

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:

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Osgood, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—17.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

Mr. Weeks asked to be excused until Tuesday morning next; Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Sergeant-at-Arms was excused until Tuesday next.

Mr. Durkee introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish for the information of this Senate, the names of all corporations whose articles of incorporation have been filed in his office since the 12th day of February, 1874, the date of filing such articles, the names of the persons constituting such corporations, together with the corporations to whom certificates have been issued, and the date of such issue;

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Appropriations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 2, 1877. }

TO THE HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was re-

ferred Assembly bill No. 28, entitled an act to audit the Accounts of Witnesses summoned before Committees of the Senate and Assembly; also,

Assembly bill No. 62:

Entitled an act to appropriate Money for purchasing Books for the Supreme Court Library; also,

Assembly bill No. 84:

Entitled an act to fix and provide for the Compensation of Presidential Electors; also,

Senate bill No. 28:

Entitled an act making appropriations for the Payment of Salary and Mileage of Alonzo Ferguson, late Senator First District, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that they do not pass.

Your committee are of the opinion that the amounts asked for in these several bills, if just, should be included in the general appropriation bill for the current year.

Respectfully,

H. T. LYKES, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Education made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 1, 1877. }

Hon. President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 72, entitled an act to Incorporate the St. Augustine University, beg leave to report that they have examined and considered the same, and recommend its passage.

G. C. BRANTLEY, Chm'n.

F. M. McMEEKIN,

C. S. D. JOHNSON.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
 TALLAHASSEE, February 2, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 20:

To be entitled an act in relation to Misdemeanors, Have examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Ch'n.

C. S. D. JOHNSON.