

Senate bill No. 33:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874,

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—16.

Nays—Mr. Howell—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 141:

To be entitled an act to prevent the removal of Mortgaged Property, or property on which there is a Lien,

Was read.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the bill was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—16.

Nays—Messrs. Osgood and Walls—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 114:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Widows and Orphans of this State,

Was taken up.

Mr. Barnes moved to strike out the preamble.

Mr. Lykes moved to lay the motion on the table,

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hendry, Hill, Howell, Lykes, McGuire, Orman, Osgood, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Walls—11.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, McMeekin, Patterson and Weeks—7.

So the motion to lay upon the table was agreed to.

Under a suspension of the rule, the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hendry, Hill, Lykes, McGuire, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee and McMeekin—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Lykes moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill passed.

Mr. Wallace moved to lay the motion on the table:

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McGuire moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

John A. Henderson, to be State Attorney of the Second Judicial District.

M. A. Clonts, to be County Judge of Suwannee county.

THURSDAY, February 22, 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. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—18.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

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

Mr. Durkee introduced Senate bill No. 61:

To be entitled an act defining the duties of Commissioners of Pilotage;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Mr. Orman offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the State be required to furnish for the information of the Senate, the practice heretofore had in his office in reference to the collection and disposi-

tion of the accrued interest received for redemption of lands sold for taxes and bought in by the State; and also to inform the Senate if it has been the rule of the office to require United States currency to be paid for all redemptions after the sales have been made, and before the year has expired, of the amounts due to the State and county, and whether or not the State has retained the said accrued interest, or have the several counties in this State had the benefit of the accrued interest on the county tax proper, and including the county school tax; Which was read and adopted.

The Joint Special Committee made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 21, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Special Committee, to whom was referred  
Assembly bill No. 17:

To be entitled an act for the Protection of Game and Wild  
Birds,

Have considered the same, and unanimously report in favor  
of the passage of the bill.

Respectfully,

W. WALKER, Ch'n.  
A. D. MCKINNON,  
J. T. WALLS.

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Assembly bill No. 151:

To be entitled an act to prevent Persons from passing by  
any other name than the name by which they are Registered,  
Was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading  
on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 99:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Gainesville Hotel  
Company,

Was taken up on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Durkee, the bill was postponed until to-  
morrow.

Assembly bill No. 17:

To be entitled an act for the Protection of Game and Wild  
Birds,

Was read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Hendry, the bill was placed back upon its  
second reading.

Mr. Hendry offered the following amendment:

“And that the County Commissioners shall enforce this law  
in their respective counties at their discretion;”

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Hendry offered the following amendment:

“And it is further provided that this law shall not take ef-  
fect in any county in this State until County Commissioners  
shall have published the same in such county where the law  
is to take effect;”

Which was adopted.

Mr. Orman offered the following amendment:

Strike out, “mocking birds;”

Which was not adopted.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Durkee, Hendry, Howell,  
Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Walker,  
Wallace, Walls and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Long, Meacham, Orman, Osgood  
and Richard—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 63:

To be entitled an act to amend an act providing for setting  
apart a Homestead and Personal Property, to be exempted  
from forced sale under process of law,

Was read.

Mr. Wallace moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following re-  
port:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, February 22, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was re-  
ferred

Senate bill No. 38:

To be entitled an act in relation to County Bonds, have ex-  
amined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. WEEKS, Chairman.

Which was received and read.

Assembly bill No. 155 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Caroline Jones of Suwannee county, Florida.

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—14.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

A Memorial to Congress for a mail route in Taylor county, Was read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 55 :

To be entitled an act to revise sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and to repeal section 38, of an act to provide for the Creation of Corporations, and to prescribe their powers and liabilities, approved August 8, 1868, and to repeal Chapter 2,016, of the Laws of Florida, approved February 12, 1874,

Was read.

Mr. Durkee offered to amend by striking out section 8 ;

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

Assembly concurrent resolution, relative to a Mail Route in Jackson county,

Was read and adopted.

Concurrent resolution, relative to a Mail Route from Live Oak to Bronson,

Was read and adopted.

Concurrent resolution, relative to a Light-house at Mosquito Inlet,

Was read and adopted.

Memorial to Congress, asking for a certain Mail Route,

Was read and adopted.

Assembly bill No. 143 :

To be entitled an act to punish trespass upon the Public Lands of this State, and to provide for the appointment of Timber Agents and defining their powers and duties,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Long, McGuire and Meacham—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Orman moved that the Senate adjourn ;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

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

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—16.

A quorum present.

Senate bill No. 46 :

To be entitled an act to prevent the sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Minors,

Was read the third time.

Mr. McGuire moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Mr. McGuire.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Johnson, McGuire, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—10.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Howell, Long, McMeekin, Meacham, Osgood and Walker—10.

There being a tie, the President voted no.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Howell, Long, McMeekin, Meacham, Walker and Weeks—9.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Johnson, McGuire, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace and Walls—10.

So the bill did not pass.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 22, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 144:

To be entitled an act to construct a Canal from the head-waters of the Matanzas river to the head-waters of the Halifax river, and for other purposes connected therewith,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

F. M. McMEEKIN, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Apportionment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 23, 1877.)

HON. HOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 56, beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the accompanying amendment, which they recommend be adopted.

Respectfully,

H. T. LYKES, Chm'n.

Which was read.

Mr. McMeekin moved to adopt the amendment of the committee;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment to Senate bill No. 56:

After the word Marion strike out "two" and insert "three;"

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

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—7.

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment:

In section 1, line 5, after the word Levy, strike out "two" and insert "one."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment:

In section 1, line 7, after the word Hernando, strike out "two" and insert "one."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment:

In section 1, line 4, for Hamilton county strike out "two" and insert "one."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls offered the following amendment:

SECTION 1. The apportionment for the Assembly from and after the passage of this act shall be as follows: Escambia three, Santa Rosa one, Walton one, Holmes one, Washington one, Franklin one, Calhoun one, Jackson three, Liberty one, Wakulla one, Gadsden three, Leon four, Jefferson four, Madison three, Taylor one, Hamilton one, Suwannee two, Lafayette one, Columbia three, Alachua four, Levy one, Bradford one, Clay one, Baker one, Nassau two, Duval four, St. Johns two, Volusia one, Orange two, Putnam two, Marion three, Sumter two, Hernando one, Hillsborough one, Polk one, Manatee one, Brevard one, Monroe one.

SEC. 2. There shall be twenty-eight Senatorial Districts, which shall be as follows, and shall be known by their respective numbers from one to twenty-eight inclusive: The first Senatorial District shall be composed of Escambia county, the second of Santa Rosa and Walton, the third of Jackson, the fourth of Washington and Holmes, the fifth of Calhoun and Franklin, the sixth of Gadsden, the seventh of Liberty and Wakulla, the eighth of Leon, the ninth of Jefferson, the tenth of Madison, the eleventh of Hamilton, the twelfth of Taylor and Lafayette, the thirteenth of Alachua, the fourteenth of Columbia, the fifteenth of Bradford, the sixteenth of Nassau, the seventeenth of Putnam, the eighteenth of Duval, the nineteenth of Marion, the twentieth of Orange, the twenty-first of Dade and Brevard, the twenty-second of Hernando and Hillsborough, the twenty-third of Sumter, the twenty-fourth of Suwannee, the twenty-fifth of Polk and Manatee, the twenty-sixth of Clay and Baker, the twenty-seventh of Volusia and Monroe, the twenty-eighth of St. Johns.

SEC. 3. The Senators elected at the general election in the year Anno Domini 1878 from the twenty-fifth and twenty-seventh districts, as created by this act, shall be elected for the term of two years only; but those elected at general elections thereafter shall hold for the term of four years, and all other Senators elected at a general election shall hold for four years.

SEC. 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Osgood offered the following amendment:

In Sec. 2, strike out "thirty-three" and insert "thirty-one," wherever it occurs.

Mr. Lykes moved to lay it on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment:

In line 6, after the word "St. Johns," strike out "two" and insert "one."

Mr. Lykes moved to lay it on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Osgood offered the following amendment:

In Sec. 1, line 2, after the word "Walton" strike out "two" and insert "one."

Mr. Lykes moved to lay it on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hendry offered the following amendment:

Strike out the last word in section 1, and insert "three"

Mr. Lykes moved to lay it on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—13.

So the Senate refused to lay the amendment on the table.

On the adoption of the amendment the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—11.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker—11.

There being a tie the President voted no, and the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment:

In line five, after Levy, strike out "two" and insert "one."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment:

In Sec. one, line seven, after the word Hillsborough, strike out "two" and insert "one."

Mr. Lykes moved to lay it on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment:

In line seven, after the word Sumter, strike out "two" and insert "one."

Mr. Lykes moved to lay it on the table;

Which was agreed to.

On the motion to have the bill engrossed for the third reading, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—8.

So the bill was ordered for the third reading to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 35:

To be entitled an act authorizing the Collector of Revenue to receive certain indebtedness of the State for Taxes,

Was, on motion of Mr. Lykes, recommitted to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. McKinnon moved to take up Assembly message on Assembly bill No. 131;

Which was agreed to.

A committee from the Assembly appeared before the bar of the Senate, and reported that the Assembly had refused to concur in the Senate amendments to Assembly bill No. 131 to section 1, striking out "six" and inserting "seven" dollars per diem, as payment of Members, and striking out of section 2, pay of Messenger "five" in lieu of "three" dollars, and also pay of Janitors "three" in lieu of "two," and the Assembly do ask that the Senate recede from its amendments.

Mr. Orman moved to go into a Committee of the Whole on Assembly bill No. 131:

Mr. McKinnon moved to lay the motion on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—9.

Nays—Messrs. Hendry, Johnson, Long, Meacham, Orman, Osgood and Wallace—7.

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

On the question of recession from the first Senate amendment to Assembly bill No. 131, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—11.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Walker, Wallace and Walls—11.

There being a tie the President voted yea.

So the question of recession was concurred in.

Mr. McMeekin moved that the Senate recede from the third amendment.

On the question of recession from the third Senate amendment, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Walls and Weeks—8.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, and Wallace—13.

So the Senate refused to recede.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 22, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has concurred in Senate amendments to Assembly bill No. 125, relative to the pay of State Attorneys and County Judges; also,

Concurred in Senate amendments to Assembly bill No. 27, relating to Official and Legal Advertising; also,

Concurred in Senate amendments to Assembly bill No. 17, for the protection of Game; also,

Concurred in Senate amendment to Assembly bill No. 155, for the relief of Caroline Jones, of Suwannee county, Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read, and the accompanying bills and amendments ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 22, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR:—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has concurred in Senate amendments to Assembly bill No. 141, to prevent the removal of property upon which there is a Mortgage or Lien; also adopted

Senate Concurrent Resolution relative to a State Printer.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

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

On motion of Mr. Walker, the Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock, P. M.

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

The Senate resumed its session:

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

Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—17.

A quorum present.

The Senate had under consideration Assembly bill No. 131.

On the question of receding from the Senate amendment for Janitor, the Senate refused to recede.

Mr. McGuire moved to reconsider the vote had on the first amendment.

Mr. Lykes moved to lay the motion on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McMeekin, Richard and Weeks—8.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Walker, Wallace and Walls—12.

So the Senate refused to lay the motion on the table.

Mr. Orman moved that the Senate do not recede from its amendment.

Mr. Brantley moved to lay that motion on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Hendry, Lykes, McMeekin, Richard and Weeks—7.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Walker, Wallace and Walls—12.

So the motion to lay on the table was not agreed to.

Upon the question, Will the Senate recede from the amendment?

Mr. Lykes moved that the Senate adjourn;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McMeekin, Richard and Weeks—8.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Walker, Wallace and Walls—12.

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

Upon the question to recede, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McMeekin, Richard and Weeks—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brantley, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Walker, Wallace and Walls—13.

So the Senate refused to recede.

Mr. Brantley moved to reconsider the vote ;

Mr. Brantley moved that the Senate adjourn ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McMeekin, Richard and Weeks—8.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—10.

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

Mr. Walker moved that the Senate adjourn ;

Which was agreed to.

FRIDAY, February 23, 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. Brantley, Cottrell, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Walls and Weeks—13.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

Mr. Walls moved that the question relative to the five minutes rule be rescinded.

Mr. McKinnon moved to lay the motion on the table ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wallace moved that no Senator be allowed to speak above five minutes, except by unanimous consent of the Senate ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—15.

Nays—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McMeekin and Osgood—6.

So the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Walls moved that the vote just had be reconsidered.

Mr. Meacham moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table ;

Which was agreed to.

The following bills were introduced :

By Mr. Patterson :

Senate bill No. 62 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Solomon Rouse of Hamilton county ;

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

By Mr. Barnes :

Senate bill No. 63 :

To be entitled an act to regulate the traffic in seed cotton, Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 22, 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. 23 :

To be entitled an act to re-establish the Records of Bradford county, Florida ; and

Adopted a Memorial relating to Recession of part of the Naval Reservation in Escambia county to the State of Florida ; also,

Adopted a memorial for the establishment of a Mail Route from Lake City to Blount's Ferry and back, twice a week,

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 bill and memorials placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, February 22, 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

Senate bill No. 43 :

To be entitled an act to procure a Digest of the Laws of Florida, with amendments,

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 bill placed among the orders of the day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Assembly memorial relative to a Mail Route from Lake City to Blount's Ferry,

Was read and adopted.

Memorial relative to the ceding of United States lands in Escambia county to the State of Florida,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate Bill No. 43 :

To be entitled an act to amend Section 11 of an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved February 17, 1874,

Was, with Assembly amendments, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Meacham moved that a committee of three be appointed to inform the Assembly that the Senate refuses to recede from their amendments to Assembly bill No. 131 ;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Meacham, McKinnon and Johnson were appointed said committee.

Assembly bill No. 99 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Gainesville Hotel Company,

Was read.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 23, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 174 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 9 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Wimico and St. Joseph's Bay Canal and Navigation Company, approved February 18, 1872, beg leave to report that they have examined the said bill and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

F. M. McMEEKIN, Chm'n.

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

Assembly bill No. 144 :

Mr. Lykes moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow ;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 145 :

To be entitled an act to fix the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the Seventh Judicial Circuit,

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 42 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the Redemption of Land sold for Taxes,

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—18.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham and Walls—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Walls, the Senate took a recess of five minutes.

The Senate resumed its session, and on motion of Mr. Lykes, proceeded to the Assembly Hall to elect a State Printer.

### TWELVE O'CLOCK, M.

At 12 M. the Senate entered the Assembly Hall for the purpose of meeting the Assembly in Joint Session, to go into the election of State Printer.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—23.

The roll of the Assembly being called, the following members answered to their names:

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Alexander, Bass, Bishop, Bonner, Brack, Brown, Cessna, Cruse, Dennis, Dougherty, Duncan, Eubank, Floyd, Ford, Gaskins, Grant, Gurganus, Harris of Monroe, Hocker, Jacobs, Jones, Kimbell, Knight, Larkins, Lee, Lesley, Long, Loper, Mallory, Martin of Suwannee, McAuley, McClellan, McKinne, Mizell, Quarterman, Russell, Standley, Stevens, Stone, Stripling, Tillman, Townsend, Thompson of Leon, Thompson of Nassau, Walker, Weeks, Williams of Escambia, Williams of Walton, Witherspoon and Wofford—51.

A quorum of both houses present.

On motion of Mr. McClellan, the Joint Assembly proceeded to ballot for State Printer.

Mr. McClellan nominated Charles E. Dyke, Sr.

Mr. Dennis nominated Alonzo Fowle.

Mr. Mallory nominated Gov. Sam. Bard.

Mr. Lesley nominated C. N. Hawkins.

Mr. McKinnon nominated George A. Baltzell.

Mr. McGuire nominated J. W. Dorr.

Mr. Walker nominated H. B. McCallum.

Mr. Floyd nominated B. F. Saurman.

Mr. Martin of Suwannee nominated J. C. Gallagher.

There being no further nominations, the Joint Session proceeded to the first ballot for State Printer.

The result was as follows:

*For Charles E. Dyke, Sr.*—Senate, Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Johnson and Patterson—4. Assembly, 12. Total, 16.

*For Mr. McCallum*—Senate, Messrs. Brantley, McMeekin, Richard, Walker and Weeks—5. Assembly, 11. Total, 16.

*For Mr. Fowle*—Senate, Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long,

Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—8. Assembly, 16. Total, 24.

*For Mr. Baltzell*—Senate, Mr. McKinnon—1. Assembly, 3. Total, 4.

*For Mr. Hawkins*—Senate, Messrs. Hendry and Lykes—2. Assembly, 5. Total, 7.

*For Mr. Dorr*—Senate, Mr. McGuire—1. Assembly, 1. Total, 2.

*For Mr. Don Piatt*—Senate, Mr. Orman—1. Assembly, 0. Total, 1.

*For Mr. Gallagher*—Senate, 0. Assembly, 2. Total, 2.

*For Mr. Sam Bard*—Senate, 0. Assembly, 1. Total, 1.

No one of the candidates having received the constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

Mr. Dennis withdrew the name of Alonzo Fowle, and nominated C. H. Walton.

Mr. Mallory withdrew the name of Sam. Bard.

Mr. McGuire withdrew the name of J. W. Dorr.

Mr. Lesley withdrew the name of Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Martin of Suwannee withdrew the name of Mr. Gallagher.

Mr. Floyd withdrew the name of Mr. Saurman.

Mr. Orman withdrew the name of Don Piatt.

Mr. Dennis moved that the Joint Session proceed to a second ballot;

Which was agreed to.

The result was as follows:

*For Mr. Charles E. Dyke, Sr.*—Senate, Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, Orman, Patterson and Wallace—9. Assembly, 21. Total, 30.

*For Mr. McCallum*—Senate, Messrs. Brantley, McMeekin, Richard, Walker and Weeks—5. Assembly, 11. Total, 16.

*For Mr. Walton*—Senate, Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood and Walls—7. Assembly, 14. Total, 21.

*For Mr. Baltzell*—Senate, Mr. McKinnon—1. Assembly, 3. Total, 4.

*For Blank*—2.

No one of the candidates having received the constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

Mr. Walker withdrew the name of Mr. McCallum.

Mr. McKinnon withdrew the name of Mr. Baltzell.

Mr. Dennis withdrew the name of Mr. Walton and nominated Mr. Fowle.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the Joint Session proceeded to a third ballot.

The result was as follows:

*For Mr. Charles E. Dyke, Sr.*—Senate, Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—15. Assembly, 35. Total, 50.

*For Mr. Fowle*—Senate, Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood and Walls—7. Assembly, 16. Total, 23.

Mr. C. E. Dyke, Sr., having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected State Printer for the two years next ensuing.

On motion, the Joint Session adjourned, and the Senate returned to the Senate Chamber.

On return of the Senate to their Chamber, Mr. Durkee moved to adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Durkee, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace and Weeks—14.

A quorum present.

Assembly bill No. 174 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 9 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Wimico and St. Josephs Bay Canal and Navigation Company, approved February 19, 1872.

Was read the second time.

Upon motion of Mr. McKinnon, the rule was suspended and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—16.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham and Osgood—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 128 :

To be entitled an act to fix the per diem to be allowed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court as Librarian, and to the Clerk in the Comptroller's office, and to further define the duties of the Private secretary and the Librarian of the Supreme Court,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Long, Meacham, Osgood and Walls—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 23, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they have examined and find correctly enrolled the following bills and memorial, to-wit :

Memorial No. 33, to the United States Light-house Department.

An act to change the name of the Bethel Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida.

An act to amend sections sixty-four and sixty-five of an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, A. D. 1874.

An act to amend the first section of a bill to be entitled an act for the pay of State Attorneys and County Judges, approved February 1, 1869.

An act defining the duties of the Attorney-General in reference to State Attorneys and Cabinet officers.

An act to amend section 3 of an act defining the duties and powers of State Attorneys, and authorizing the Judge to appoint a prosecuting attorney in the event of the absence of the State Attorney, approved June 22, 1869.

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

Which was received and read.

Assembly bill No. 151 :

To be entitled an act to prevent persons from passing by any other name than the name by which they are registered,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—10.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—9.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Weeks, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 23, 1877. }

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

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

Assembly bill No. 143:

To be entitled an act to punish Trespass upon the Public Lands, and to provide for the apportionment of Timber Agents, and defining their powers and duties; also

Senate bill No. 56:

To be entitled an act to re-apportion the members to the Assembly, and re-district the State into Senatorial Districts,

Have examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Ch'n.

Which was received and read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 23, 1877. }

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

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

Senate bill No. 55:

To be entitled an act to revive sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and to repeal section 38 of an act to provide for the creation of Corporations, and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, approved August 8th, 1868, and to repeal Chapter 2016 of the Laws of Florida, approved February 12th, 1874,

Have examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 23, 1877. }

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

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred

A memorial to Congress relating to the recession of the Naval Reservation, in Escambia county, to the State of Florida,

Beg leave to report that they recommend its adoption.

F. M. McMEEKIN, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 23, 1877. }

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

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 57:

To be entitled an act to authorize William Miller to dig a Canal in Washington county,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and recommend its passage, with the accompanying amendment.

F. M. McMEEKIN, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the amendment adopted.

Assembly bill No. 126:

To be entitled an act to further define the duties of the Comptroller as to reports of Defaulters in the Payment of amounts due the State,

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Hendry, Hill, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Wallace and Weeks—12.

Nays—Mr. Osgood—1

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 23, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,  
*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Joint Resolution, in reference to the Claims of ex-Governor Harrison Reed, and

Adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution, relative to a Mail Route from Tuckertown, in Hernando county, to Bartow, in Polk county,

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 resolutions placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 23, 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. 173 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville and South Florida Railway Company,

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 bill placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 173 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville and South Florida Railroad and Telegraph Company,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. McMeekin introduced Senate bill No. 64 :

To be entitled an act in relation to the Florida Agricultural College ;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

A resolution asking a Mail Route from Tuckertown, in Hernando county, to Bartow, in Polk county,

Was read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 55 :

To be entitled an act to revise Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and to repeal Section 38 of an act to provide for the Creation of Corporations, and to prescribe their powers and liabilities, approved August 8, 1868, and to repeal Chapter 2016 of the Laws of Florida, approved February 12, 1874 ;

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walls and Weeks—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Wallace offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Judiciary Committee is hereby instructed to report a bill to the Senate making an equal distribution of the Seminary School Fund among all classes of the children of this State, if such is not now in operation, without distinction to race, color or previous condition ;

Which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Claims made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 23, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 62 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Solomon Rouse, of Hamilton county, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Chm'n.

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

Senate bill No. 56 :

To be entitled an act to reapportion the members of the Assembly and redistrict the State into Senatorial districts,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walls and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Walker and Wallace—8.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 57 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the qualification of Executors, Administrators and Guardians,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood and Walls—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

On motion of Mr Long, the Senate went into Executive Session.

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

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 24, 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, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—13.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 24, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Enrolling Committee report that they have this day, February 24, A. D. 1877, presented to his Excellency George F. Drew, Governor of the State of Florida, for his approval, the following enrolled acts, properly certified and endorsed, to-wit:

An act to change the name of the Bethel Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida.

An act to amend Sections 64 and 65 of an act for the assessment and collection of Revenue, approved February 17, A. D. 1874.

An act to amend the 1st Section of a bill to be entitled an act for the pay of State Attorneys and County Judges, approved February 1, 1869.

An act defining the duties of the Attorney-General in reference to State Attorneys and Cabinet officers.

An act to amend Section 3 of an act defining the duties and powers of State Attorneys, and authorizing the Judge to appoint a Prosecuting Attorney in the event of the absence of the State Attorney, approved June 22, 1869.

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

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 24, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they have examined and find correctly enrolled

An act for the better protection of Cattle in this State.

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

Which was read.

The following bill was introduced by Mr. Lykes:

Senate bill No. 65:

To be entitled an act making appropriations for the years 1877 and 1878;

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Lykes, further consideration of the bill was postponed until Monday next, at 4 o'clock.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Assembly bill No. 144:

To be entitled an act to construct a Canal from the headwaters of the Matanzas river to the headwaters of the Halifax river, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Mr. Orman moved to recommit the bill, with amendments offered by Mr. Wallace;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 35:

To be entitled an act to authorize the Collectors of Revenue to receive certain indebtedness of the State for Taxes.