

McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—12.

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

So 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, Hendry, Johnson, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—10.

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

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Osgood, the Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 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. Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—13.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

Joint Resolution in regard to the Pacific Railroad,

Was read.

Upon the question of the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—20.

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Resolution relative to the Twenty-first Senatorial District,

Was read, and further consideration postponed until tomorrow.

The Committee on Railroads made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, beg leave to report that they have had under consideration,

A bill to be entitled an act to confer certain Privileges upon the St. Johns, Lake Eustis and Gulf Railroad Company, and a majority of said committee have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BARNES, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Appropriations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, February 28, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 77:

Beg leave to report the same back to the Senate without any recommendation.

Very respectfully,

H. T. LYKES, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom were referred

Assembly bills Nos. 119 and 78:

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend their passage.

F. M. McMEEKIN, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 1877. }

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

SIR—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred  
Assembly bill No. 146 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the South Florida Navigation Company,

Have had the same under careful consideration, and recommend its passage, with an amendment to section nine.

Very respectfully,  
W. T. ORMAN, Ch'n.

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

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 27, 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. 38 :

To be entitled an act in relation to County Bonds ; and,

Senate bill No. 61 :

To be entitled an act defining the duties of Commissioners of Pilotage, 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.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 27, 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

Assembly bill No. 207 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the punishment of Crimes and proceedings in Criminal Cases, approved August 6, A. D. 1868 ; and,

Assembly bill No. 208 :

To be entitled an act to make Elizabeth Goodwin the heir-at-law of Henry J. Clifton.

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 placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 27, 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. 191 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the employment of persons convicted of crime and sentenced to the State Prison, and for the custody, maintenance and discipline of such convicts, and for other purposes ; and,

Assembly bill No. 185 :

To be entitled an act to Incorporate the Santa Fee Canal 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 bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 27, 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. 212 :

To be entitled an act to define the duties of Judges of the Circuit Courts in charging juries, and,

Assembly bill No. 134 :

To be entitled an act in reference to the Government of the State Institutions at Chattahoochee, in this State.

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 placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill No. 61 :

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

Was read, and on motion of Mr. Durkee, the amendment offered by the Assembly concurred in.

Assembly bill No. 207 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the punishment of Crime and proceedings in Criminal Cases, approved August 6, A. D. 1868,

Was read the first time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 208 :

To be entitled an act to make Elizabeth Goodwin the heir-at-law of Henry J. Clifton,

Was read the first time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 134 :

To be entitled an act in reference to the Government of the State Institutions at Chattahoochee, in this State,

Was read the first time, and the rule suspended, and the bill read the second and third times, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 212 :

To be entitled an act to define the duties of the Judges of the Circuit Courts in charging Juries,

Was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 191 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the employment of persons convicted of Crime and sentenced to the State Prison,

and for the custody, maintenance and discipline of such convicts, and for other purposes,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly bill No. 185 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Santa Fee Canal Company,

Was read the second time, the rule 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, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McMeekin, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 65 :

To be entitled an act making Appropriations for the years 1877 and 1878,

Was read the second time, the rule 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, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—15.

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

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 69 :

To be entitled an act supplemental to an act changing the Boundary Line between Marion and Levy counties,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Long, the amendment offered by Mr. Barnes was laid on the table.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time.

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

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 28, 1877 }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, having had under consideration certain bills, to-wit:

Senate bill No. 58 :

To be entitled an act declaring State Scrip and Comptroller's Warrants shall be received, &c.; and

Assembly bill No. 154 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 29 of an act for Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17th, 1874;

Senate bill No. 73 :

To be entitled an act relating to the Cancellation of Comptroller's Warrants, Treasurer's Certificates and Coupons; and

Two resolutions in regard to the ratification of the action of the Electoral Commission in regard to its conduct upon the casting of the Electoral Vote for President and Vice President of the United States, and recommend that they be not passed.

Respectfully,

A. L. McCASKILL, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 173 :

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

Beg leave to report that they have had said bill under consideration, and a majority of the committee have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BARNES, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, having considered

Senate bill No. 52 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 3 of an act entitled an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874,

Report the same back to the Senate, without any recommendation for its action.

Respectfully,

A. L. McCASKILL, Chairman.

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

Senate Bill No. 58 :

To be entitled an act declaring State Scrip and Comptroller's Warrants shall be received in payment of Taxes and Fines,

Was, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, indefinitely postponed. \*

Assembly bill No. 154 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 29 of an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874,

Was taken up.

Mr. Barnes offered the following amendments :

Strike out "September" and add the following to the bill :  
"Provided, The said Committee shall not hold any meeting for that purpose after the tenth day of August ;

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

Senate bill No 73 :

To be entitled an act relating to the cancellation of Comptroller's Warrants, Treasurer's Certificates and Coupons,

Was read.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 173 :

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

Was read, and placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill No. 50 :

To be entitled an act to amend sections 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 24 of an act entitled an act to provide for the incorporating of Cities and Towns, and to establish a uniform system of Municipal Government in this State, approved February 4, 1869,

Was read the second time, and the amendments adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 144 :

To be entitled an act to construct a Canal from the head-

waters of the Matanzas river to the headwaters of the Halifax river, and for other purposes connected therewith,

Was read the second time.

The amendments offered by Mr. Wallace were indefinitely postponed.

The rule being suspended, the bill 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, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson and Walker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood, Richard, Wallace and Walls—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

### THREE 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. Cottrell, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace and Weeks—13.

A quorum present.

Assembly bill No. 76:

To be entitled an act to establish a Ferry across the Apalachicola river at the town of Apalachicola,

Was postponed until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Assembly bill No. 146:

To be entitled an act to Incorporate the South Florida Navigation Company,

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

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 28, 1877. }

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

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they

have examined and compared the following bills, and that they find the same correctly enrolled, to-wit:

An act to amend Section 13, and to repeal Sections 10, 14 and 15, of an act entitled an act to establish and keep in good repair the Public Roads and Highways in this State, approved February 19, 1874, and for other purposes.

An act to authorize the destruction of certain Bonds, cancelled Coupons, Comptroller's Warrants and Treasurer's Certificates in the offices of the Treasurer and Comptroller.

An act granting certain rights to the Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Company.

An act defining the duties of the Commissioners of Pilotage of Duval county.

An act to regulate Criminal Proceedings before Justices of the Peace.

An act to procure a Digest of the Laws of Florida.

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

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 119:

To be entitled an act to authorize John Howard to establish a Ferry across the Chipola river, in Calhoun county,

Was read the second time, and, on motion, the rule was suspended and the bill read the third time and put on its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 69:

To be entitled an act supplemental to an act changing the boundary lines between Marion and Levy county,

The amendments offered by Mr. Wallace were adopted.

Mr. Lykes moved that further consideration be postponed until 8 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

The following communication was received from the Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
Tallahassee, Fla., February 28, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: In response to a resolution of the Senate, I have the honor to state that the practice of this office in reference to

the collection and disposition of funds received by the Comptroller for sale of certificates of lands sold to the State for non-payment of taxes has been as follows:

The amount due upon the certificate, with the accrued interest, has been demanded in United States currency, with the exception of that portion due for State tax proper, which has been received in State scrip. The amount of the tax so received due the county and the school fund has been transmitted to the Treasurers of the county and the Treasurers of the Board of Public Instruction of the respective counties, and the State tax and expenses of sale, with the interest upon the whole value of certificates has been paid into the State Treasury.

Very respectfully,

C. DREW, Comptroller.

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 195:

To be entitled an act for the re-establishment of Records, Process, and other papers destroyed by the burning of any Court-house, Clerk's or Sheriff's office, or other building of legal deposit,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Howell, 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, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson and Richard—11.

Nays—Messrs. Osgood and Walls—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated:

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 51:

To be entitled an act to provide for the Organization of a Board of Health in and for the City of Jacksonville,

Was read the second time.

The amendment offered by the committee was laid on the table.

Mr. Durkee offered the following amendment:

*Provided*, That the jurisdiction of said Board of Health shall not apply to railroad trains upon any road in said county which does not terminate in the City of Jacksonville;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durkee 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, Howell, Johnson, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin,

Orman, Osgood Patterson, Richard, Walker Wallace, Walls and Weeks—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

The Assembly Conference Committee on Assembly bill No. 143, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 27, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The undersigned, appointed a committee on part of the Senate to meet a similar committee appointed by the Assembly to hold a free conference on the subject of the disagreement of the Assembly to amendment No. 3 made by the Senate to Assembly bill No. 143:

To be entitled an act to prevent trespass upon the Public Lands and appointing Timber Agents and defining their powers and duties, have had a conference with the Assembly committee, and have agreed that the Assembly committee shall recommend to the Assembly to adopt and concur in the said amendment No. 3. Very respectfully,

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

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

Assembly bill No. 188:

To be entitled an act to confer certain Privileges upon the St. Johns, Lake Eustis and Gulf Railroad Company,

Was read the third time, and

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Patterson, Walker and Walls—14.

Nays—Messrs. Osgood and Richard—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Governor at the hands of his Private Secretary:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, February 26, 1877 }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I have this day signed and deposited in the office of  
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the Secretary of State the following act, originating in the Senate, viz :

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

Very respectfully,

GEORGE F. DREW, Governor.

Which was read.

Senate bill No. 75 :

To be entitled an act to make the value of property stolen in cases of conviction for larceny part of the cost in such cases, and to provide for the collection or payment thereof.

Mr. McMeekin offered the following amendment :

Strike out section (2) two.

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

The Committee on State Affairs made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 76 :

To be entitled an act relative to the Burning of the Woods in this State,

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

C. S. D. JOHNSON, Chm'n.

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

Senate bill No. 76 :

To be entitled an act in relation to the Burning of the Woods in this State,

Was taken up.

Mr. McMeekin offered the following amendment :

After the word inclusive, in fifth line, first section, insert the following : " For that part of Florida east of the Suwannee river, and from the 15th of February to the 15th of April, inclusive, for that part of Florida west of the Suwannee river."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hendry offered the following amendment :

*Provided*, That the counties of Monroe, Manatee, Hillsborough, Polk, Hernando and Sumpter shall be exempt from the operation of this act.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment to the amendment :

" And Jefferson."

On motion, the further consideration of the bill was postponed till 9 o'clock P. M.

Assembly bill No. 88 :

To be entitled an act to procure the attendance of Witnesses in Criminal Prosecutions,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Barnes, 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, Johnson, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, 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 Committee on the Judiciary made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 28, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill To be entitled an act to define the Duties of Judges of the Circuit Courts in charging Juries,

Have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and to recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

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 28, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill : To be entitled an act to make Elizabeth Goodwin the Heir-at-Law of Henry J. Clifton ; also a bill

To be entitled an act to provide for the employment of persons convicted of Crime and sentenced to State Prison, and for the custody, maintenance and discipline of such Convicts, and for other purposes,

Have considered the same, and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

Very respectfully,

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

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

Assembly bill No. 211:

To be entitled an act granting Internal Improvement and Swamp or Overflowed Lands to aid in the construction of the Western Railroad, a Corporation of the State of Florida,

Was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Cottrell, the rule suspended, and the bill read the second and third times, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—17.

Nays—Messrs. Osgood and Walls—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the President do appoint a Reading Clerk to assist the Secretary under the present press of business.

Assembly bill 201:

To be entitled an act in relation to Sureties,

Was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Cottrell, the rule was suspended and the bill read the second and third times, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—15.

Nays—Mr. McGuire—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 205:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsborough County Fruit Growers and Agricultural Association,

Was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Lykes the rule was suspended, and the bill read the second and third times and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No. 75:

To be entitled an act to make the value of property stolen in cases of conviction for Larceny part of the costs in such cases, and to provide for the collection or payment thereof; also

Senate bill No. 50:

To be entitled an act to amend sections 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23 and 29 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; also

Senate bill No. 51:

To be entitled an act to provide for the organization of a Board of Health in and for the city of Jacksonville, Have examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Chairman.

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

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Lykes introduced

Senate bill No. 79:

To be entitled an act for the final adjustment of the accounts of ex-Governor Harrison Reed;

Which was read the first and second times, and ordered to be engrossed for the third reading on to-morrow.

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

EIGHT 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. Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Wallace—14.

A quorum present.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
Tallahassee, Fla., February 28, 1877.

Hon. N. A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has concurred in the report of the committee of conference upon Senate amendments to

Assembly bill No. 143 :

To be entitled an act relative to Trespass upon Public Lands and the appointment of Timber Agents,

And thereby have concurred in the Senate amendments thereto.

Very respectfully,

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

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

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 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

Senate Concurrent Resolution :

Relative to a Mail Route from Marianna to Freeport, Florida; and

Senate Joint Resolution :

In regard to the Pacific Railroad.

Very respectfully,

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

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

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 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. 209 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Hardee Bryan, of Hamilton county; and,

Assembly bill No. 186 :

To be entitled an act to Prevent the Wanton Destruction of eggs and the young of sea birds and birds of plume,

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 placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 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. 56 :

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

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 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 196 :

To be entitled an act to amend 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; and,

Assembly bill No. 216 :

To be entitled an act to Incorporate the Orange Lake Railroad 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 bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
Tallahassee, Fla. February 28, 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

Assembly bill No. 211:

To be entitled an act granting Internal Improvement and Swamp or Overflowed Land to aid in the construction of the Western Railroad, a Corporation of the State of 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 bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
Tallahassee, Fla., February 28, 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

Assembly bill No. 201:

To be entitled an act relative to Sureties; also

Assembly bill No. 218:

To be entitled an act to provide for the re-establishment of Papers lost or destroyed in the burning of the Court House in the county of Madison,

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 placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 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. 205:

To be entitled an act to Incorporate the Hillsborough County Fruit Growers and Agricultural Association; and

Assembly bill No. 193:

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

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 placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill:

To be entitled an act to repeal an act to change the boundary lines between the counties of Levy and Marion.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, 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, Hill, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McMeekin, Meacham, Osgood, Walker, Wallace and Walls—11.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Johnson, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—6.

It requiring a two-thirds vote, the bill did not pass.

Senate bill No. 76:

To be entitled an act relative to the burning of the Woods in this State,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Hendry withdrew his amendment.

On motion, Mr. McMeekin's amendment was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 188:

To be entitled an act to confer certain privileges upon the St. Johns, Lake Eustis and Gulf Railroad Company,

Was taken up.

Mr. Wallace moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed;

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

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McMeekin and Walker—7.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Durkee, Hill, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Richard, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—10.

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

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Orman, Osgood, Richard and Wallace—4.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Patterson, Walker, Walls and Weeks—17.

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

Assembly bill No. 208 :

To be entitled an act to make Elizabeth Goodwin the heir-at-law of Henry Clifton,

Was read the first time, and on motion, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the second and third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—15.

Nays—Messrs. McCaskill, McMeekin and Walls—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 70 :

To be entitled an act to amend Section 9, Chapter 1,715, Laws of Florida, of an act entitled an act providing for setting apart, and personal property to be exempted from forced sale under process of law,

Was read the second time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 212 :

To be entitled an act to define the duties of Judges of the Circuit Courts in charging Juries,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Barnes, 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, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 77 :

To be entitled an act to Induce Immigration,

Was on motion of Mr. Orman indefinitely postponed.

Assembly bill No. 191 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the employment of persons convicted of Crime and sentenced to the State Prison, and for the custody, maintenance and discipline of such Convicts, and for other purposes ;

Which was read the second time and on motion of Mr. McMeekin, the rule was suspended and the bill read the third time and put on its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

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

Nays—Messrs. Osgood and Walls—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the Senate went into Executive session.

The doors being opened, Mr. Cottrell offered the following Resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Enrollment on the part of the Senate be and they are hereby authorized to employ any extra clerk or clerks temporarily to keep up the enrollment of bills with the business of the Senate ;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Weeks, the Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 1, 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. Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace and Weeks—15.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

The following message was received from the Assembly :