

THURSDAY, January 4, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Furguson, Hendry, Howell, Long, McCaskill, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard and Walls—16.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

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*Judiciary Committee:*

Messrs. BARNES, LYKES, Mr. COTTRELL, Chairman.  
DURKEE, WALLACE.

*Privileges and Elections:*

Messrs. ORMAN, BRANTLEY, Mr. WALKER, Chairman.  
HOWELL, MEACHAM.

*Education:*

Messrs. McMEEKIN, JOHNSON, Mr. BRANTELY, Chairman.  
FERGUSON, WALLS.

*Claims:*

Messrs. WALKER, PATTERSON, Mr. McKINNON, Chairman.  
LONG, OSGOOD.

*Railroads and Telegraphs:*

Messrs. RICHARD, COTTRELL, Mr. BARNES, Chairman.  
DURKEE, HILL.

*Public Lands:*

Messrs. ELLIS, ORMAN, Mr. HENDRY, Chairman.  
WALLS, HOWELL.

*Appropriations:*

Messrs. JOHNSON, McKINNON, Mr. LYKES, Chairman.  
DURKEE, OSGOOD.

*Finance and Taxation:*

Messrs. WALKER, HENDRY, Mr. McCASKILL, Chairman.  
DURKEE, HOWELL.

*Public Printing:*

Messrs. WALKER, ORMAN, Mr. RICHARD, Chairman.  
HOWELL, FERGUSON.

*Enrolled Bills:*

Messrs. McKINNON, PATTERSON, Mr. COTTRELL, Chairman.  
WALLACE, HILL.

*Agriculture:*

Messrs. BARNES, ELLIS, Mr. McMEEKIN, Chairman.  
HILL, LONG.

*Fisheries:*

Messrs. McMEEKIN, BRANTLEY, Mr. ORMAN, Chairman.  
WALLS, WALLACE.

*State Boundaries:*

Messrs. BARNES, WALKER, Mr. PATTERSON, Chairman.  
FERGUSON, MEACHAM.

*Engrossed Bills:*

Messrs. BRANTLEY, JOHNSON, Mr. ELLIS, Chairman.  
LONG, OSGOOD.

*State Affairs:*

Messrs. McCASKILL, PATTERSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Chairman.  
WALLS, MEACHAM.

*Corporations.*

Messrs. HENDRY, LYKES, Mr. McMEEKIN, Chairman.  
DURKEE, FERGUSON.

*City and County Organizations.*

Mr. BARNES, Chairman.  
Messrs. COTTRELL, LONG,  
McCASKILL, HILL.

*Militia.*

Mr. RICHARD, Chairman.  
Messrs. ELLIS, WALLS,  
McKINNON, OSGOOD.

*Legislative Expenses.*

Mr. McCASKILL, Chairman.  
Messrs. LYKES, DURKEE,  
ELLIS, HOWELL.

*Indian Affairs.*

Mr. HENDRY, Chairman.  
Messrs. WALKER, LONG,  
PATTERSON, MEACHAM.

*Commerce and Navigation.*

Mr. ORMAN, Chairman.  
Messrs. McMEEKIN, DURKEE,  
BRANTLEY, FERGUSON.

Mr. Meacham moved that eighty copies of the same be printed.

Mr. Osgood moved as an amendment that one hundred copies be printed;

Which was agreed to, and the motion, as amended adopted.

Mr. Meacham moved to go into election of a President, *pro tem.*

Mr. Meacham withdrew his motion.

Mr. Cottrell introduced the petition of Mr. F. W. Weeks;

Which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Hendry introduced the petition of J. J. McGuire;

Which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

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

Whereupon Mr. Meacham moved to go into Executive Session;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors having been opened, Mr. Cottrell presented a memorial of John B. Ross;

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President of the Senate appoint a committee of five members to revise the rules of the Senate, and report the same to the Senate.

Mr. McCaskill moved its adoption;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walker offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate has been informed of the death of the Honorable Isreal M. Stewart, a member elect of this body from the 21st District, who departed this life at his home in Brevard county, on the 16th ult.—therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate has learned with profound sorrow and regret of the death of the Honorable Israel M. Stewart, Senator elect from the 21st District, and that Senators wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days, and that in respect to his memory the Senate do now adjourn until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

Mr. Osgood offered as an amendment, "that a copy be sent to his family;"

Which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended unanimously adopted.

In pursuance to the resolution, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## SENATE CONFIRMATIONS:

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

Wm. D. Bloxham, to be Secretary of State.

Hugh A. Corley, to be Commissioner of Lands and Immigration.

George P. Raney, to be Attorney-General.

FRIDAY, January 5, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Ferguson, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon,