

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,

McKeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Wallace and Walls—19.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Barnes moved to excuse Mr. Howell until Monday morning;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon asked that Mr. Barnes be substituted as chairman of the Committee on Rail Road and Telegraphs.

The President declined to make any changes.

Mr. Hendry offered the petition of Wm. S. Allen, Assessor of Revenue of Monroe county;

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The President announced the following Committee on Rules:

Committee on Revision of the Rules—Mr. Cottrell, Chairman; Messrs. Barnes, McCaskill, Durkee and Ferguson.

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

On motion of Mr. McCaskill, the doors were opened and the Senate resumed its session.

Mr. Walls moved to adjourn until Monday. Objection being made, Mr. Walls withdrew his motion.

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

Mr. Cottrell moved certain changes in the standing committees, to wit:

That Mr. Barnes be relieved from duty as chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, and made chairman of the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

That Mr. McCaskill be relieved from duty as chairman of the Committee on Claims, and made chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

That Mr. McKinnon be relieved from duty as chairman of the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, and made chairman of the Committee on Claims:

The President required him to submit them in writing for his consideration.

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

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cottrell, the doors were opened and the Senate resumed its session.

Mr. Lykes moved that two hundred copies of the Senate journal be furnished for the use of the Senate and Assembly;

Which was agreed to.

The President, after consideration of alterations in the

Standing Committees proposed to be made by Mr. Cottrell, assented to them.

On motion of Mr. Cottrell, the Senate adjourned.

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. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Walls—19.

A quorum present.

The Committee on Rules made the following report:

The committee appointed to revise the Rules of the Senate report:

That they have had a meeting, and, after due deliberation have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, that the Rules of the Senate be amended as by schedule hereto attached. They also recommend the passage of the resolution herewith reported asking the Assembly for the appointment of a committee to act jointly with a committee to be appointed by the Senate for the revision of the joint rules.

COTTRELL, Chairman.

AMENDMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Strike out the 8th Rule.

Strike out all of the 17th Rule following the word "day," in the third line.

Insert after the words "Committee on Appropriations," in 21st Rule, the following: "A Committee on Fisheries," "A Committee on State Boundaries," "A Committee on Indian Affairs," "A Committee on Commerce and Navigation."

In the 25th Rule, 4th line, strike out "rightly and truly" and insert in lieu thereof "correctly."

Strike out "envelope thereof," in the last line, and insert in lieu thereof "on the same."

Mr. Cottrell moved the adoption of the report;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of three members to act jointly with a committee appointed by the Assembly, to take into consideration the amendment of the joint

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

Mr. Osgood moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

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

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

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

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

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

Which was agreed to.

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

Mr. Osgood moved that the request be granted;

Which was not agreed to.

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

Which was granted.

Mr. Walls asked to be excused until Monday morning;

Which was granted.

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

Which was agreed to.

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

Joint Committee—Messrs. Cottrell, Barnes and Durkee.

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

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

Which was agreed to.

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

Which was agreed to, and the Senate thereupon adjourned.

SENATE CONFIRMATIONS:

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

Walter Gwynn, to be State Treasurer.

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

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

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

SATURDAY, January 6, 1877.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

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

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The journal was read and approved.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

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

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

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

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

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

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

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