

The Committee, through their Chairman, Mr. Cottrell, reported the following amendment :

I move to strike out \$300 for extra clerical work in the Comptroller's office ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lykes offered the following amendment :

Strike out in lieu of \$330.16 and insert \$200.

Mr. Cottrell moved to strike out the item, \$330.16.

Mr. Barnes moved to postpone any further consideration of the bill, and make it the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell, from the Joint Committee on Enrollment, made the following report :

That the Joint Committee on Enrollment, on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1876, presented to his Excellency Geo. F. Drew, Governor of the State of Florida, an act to provide for the Collection of State Taxes for the year 1876, for the approbation of his Excellency.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

SENATE CONFIRMATIONS.

C. A. Sheldon, to be Assessor of Madison county.

T. W. Faulkner, to be County Judge for Dade County.

Richard B. Potter, to be Clerk of Circuit Court for Dade county.

Adam C. Richard, to be Assessor and Collector of Dade county.

John T. Peacock, to be Sheriff of Dade county.

W. H. Sebring, to be County Judge for Levy county.

REMOVALS.

Seth Sterns, from the office of Assessor of Lafayette county.

W. H. Hunt, from the office of County Judge, Dade county.

Wm. H. Gleason, from the office of Clerk of Circuit Court, Dade County.

TUESDAY, January 16, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Durkee, Ferguson, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Walls—14.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Meacham moved that the reading of yesterday's Journal be dispensed with ;

Which was agreed to.

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

Mr. Patterson offered the following resolution :

When the yeas and nays are called for, the name of the Senator moving the call shall appear on the Journals.

Mr. Meacham moved as an amendment that the constitutional number of three be made to appear on the Journal.

Mr. Patterson accepted the amendment, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Claims made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 16, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR : Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of L. C. Demilly, late Revenue Collector of Leon county, has considered the same ; and while we do not doubt the facts set forth in the petition, your committee deem it improper to establish a precedent for such claims, to which there would be no end, and feel that we have no right to appropriate the people's money to indemnify individual misfortunes ; therefore, we recommend that the prayer be not granted.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Chm'n.

N. J. PATTERSON,

T. W. LONG,

A. B. OSGOOD,

WHITFIELD WALKER.

Which was read.

Mr. Ferguson offered the following preamble and resolution :
WHEREAS, The deficiency and appropriation bill for 1875

and 1876, as reported by the Committee on Appropriations, amounts in the aggregate to more than two hundred thousand dollars, an amount of grave importance to the tax-payers of this State; *and whereas*, The people demand that these items be thoroughly examined and understood; therefore,

Resolved, That a joint special committee of five be appointed, consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three from the Assembly, to whom this bill shall be referred, with instructions to report back *seriatim*, showing, *first*, what items in said bill were contracted under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of this State; *and, secondly*, showing what items of indebtedness were contracted by the several State departments, with or without authority of law, if any; the amount and character of the work, labor, and services done and performed, whether professional, mechanical, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. McMeekin, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial from C. P. Chaires.

Mr. Orman moved that the memorial be referred to the Committee on Judiciary;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham moved that the resolution of Mr. Ferguson be reconsidered.

Mr. Walls moved to lay the motion upon the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report:

The Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to procure a legal canvass of the Electoral Vote of the State of Florida, as cast at the election on the 7th day of November A. D., 1876, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the amendment herewith submitted, marked (B) and recommend the adoption of the amendment thus reported.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Meacham moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Brantley moved that the motion to recommit be laid on the table;

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

The vote was:

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

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

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

Mr. McKinnon moved that the report of the committee be adopted.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and that the bill, with amendments, be printed;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls asked to be excused indefinitely from further attendance on the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

A bill for the relief of John B. Ross, together with the amendment, was read the second time.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the bill be read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ferguson, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—22.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the report of the committee on the memorial of L. C. Demilly be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, the following Joint Committee on the Appropriation Bill was appointed, viz:

Messrs. Ferguson and Barnes.

Mr. Cottrell moved to 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 was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace and Weeks—15.

A quorum present.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Durkee introduced Senate bill No. 9, to be entitled an act to appropriate money

to pay the annual salaries of the Executive and Cabinet and Judicial officers;

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Hendry introduced Senate bill No. 10, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue;

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Walker moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate thereupon adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 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, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace and Weeks—14.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

The following communication from the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration was read:

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF LANDS AND IMMIGRATION, }
TALLAHASSEE, January 16, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—By direction of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, I herewith enclose a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board to-day, and to which the attention of the Senate is respectfully invited. Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Sec. Board of Trustees In. Im. Fund.

Resolved, That the Legislature of Florida be requested by this Board to pass a law authorizing the Governor to appoint

an agent, to be approved by this Board, to reside in New York city, for the purpose of inducing immigration to this State; and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per annum to defray the expenses of such agency.

Which, on motion of Mr. Cottrell, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

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

Under the suspension of the rule, Mr. McMeekin introduced Senate Bill No. 11:

To be entitled an act to repeal the License Tax on Doctors of Medicine;

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

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 17, 1877. }

TO THE HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Assembly Bill No. 1, to be entitled an act to amend the 2nd, 29th, 35th, 36th, 58th and 68th sections, and repealing the 53rd and 54th sections of an act entitled an act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace and judgments of Justices' Courts, approved February 27, 1875, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that the accompanying amendments be made thereto, and that the bill as thus amended do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BARNES.

Mr. Barnes moved the adoption of the report;

Which was agreed to.

The Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 17, 1877. }

TO THE HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 9, entitled an act to appropriate money to pay the annual salaries of the Executive, and Cabinet, and Judicial officers of this State, have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

H. T. LYKES, Chairman.