

On motion of Mr. Brantley, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

REMOVALS.

J. D. Stanbury from the office of Clerk Circuit Court of St. Johns county.

James A. Roberts from office of Sheriff of Monroe county.

E. B. Rawson, from the office of Collector of Monroe county.

J. J. Philbrick, from the office of Commissioner of Pilotage of the Port of Key West.

J. T. Barker, from the office of Clerk Circuit Court of Monroe county.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Bartolo Oliveros, as Clerk Circuit Court of St. Johns county.

David L. Dunham, as Assessor of St. Johns county.

John Sitcher, as Clerk Circuit Court of Monroe county.

Richard Curry, as Sheriff of Monroe county.

Geo. D. Allen, as Collector of Monroe county.

Samuel S. Curry, as Assessor of Monroe county.

Whitmore Pindar, Samuel S. Lowe and Lewis W. Pearce, to be Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Key West.

FRIDAY, January 19, 1877.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace and Weeks—16.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Long moved to dispense with the reading of the journal; which was agreed to, and the journal approved.

The Joint Enrolling Committee made the following report.

The Joint Enrolling Committee report that they did, on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1877, present to his Excellency Geo. F. Drew, Governor of the State of Florida, for his approbation, the enrolled act entitled an act to procure a legal canvass of the Electoral Vote of the State of Florida as cast at

the election held on the 7th day of November, A. D. 1876, properly endorsed on the back.

J. L. F. COTTRELL,
Chairman of Senate Committee.

Which was read.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. McKinnon introduced Senate Bill No. 19:

To be entitled an act to keep in good repair the Public Roads and Highways;

Which was read by its title, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Brantley, Messrs. Howell and Brantley were excused on account of being on a joint committee to examine the Comptroller's office.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 18, 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 joint resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee of five on Appropriations, and appointed Messrs. Bishop, Lesley and Lassiter, to act on the part of the Assembly upon said committee.

WM. FOSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 17, 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. 15;

To be entitled an act for the protection of Laborers, 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.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Wallace introduced Senate bill No. 18:

To be entitled an act to provide for the compulsory attendance at private or public schools of children between the ages of six and fifteen years;

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

Mr. Cottrell presented the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, January 19, 1877. }

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

SIR:—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a memorial of C. P. Chaires on the subject of a Lunatic Asylum, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report to the Senate for adoption the joint resolution accompanying this report, and respectfully ask its adoption by the Senate.

J. F. COTTRELL.

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and the same committee of the Assembly be, and they are hereby constituted a Joint Committee to consider the subject matter of a Lunatic Asylum, and that all memorials, bills, petitions, and resolutions on that subject in both houses be referred to said joint committee.

Which was read, and the resolution reported, on motion of Mr. Wallace, was adopted.

Mr. McCaskill presented the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, January 18, 1877. }

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

SIR:—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 7, to be entitled a bill to amend an act to exempt maimed persons from professional or occupational tax, approved February 14, 1870, ask leave to report that having carefully examined the same, we find its passage can have no other effect than to deprive this unfortunate class of our citizens of a privilege now given them by law over other dealers in malt liquors, to which their irreparable misfortunes entitle them. The act which it is proposed, in part, to repeal is in the interest of charity and philanthropy, and we can see no valid reason for the repealing act, and therefore recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

Very respectfully,

A. L. McCASKILL,

Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 18, 1877. }

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

Your Committee on Finance having had under considera-

tion a bill to be entitled an act to repeal the License Tax on Doctors of Medicines, respectfully report that every reason that may be urged for the relief of this class of persons may be made to apply to all others from which the necessities of government are forced to levy the contributions for its maintenance. We therefore recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

A. L. McCASKILL,

Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Which were read, and placed among the orders of the day.
Mr. Cottrell, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, presented the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, January 19, 1877. }

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

SIR:—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John A. D. Branch, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and to recommend its passage.

J. L. F. COTTRELL,
Chairman.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 9:

To be entitled an act to appropriate money to pay the annual salaries of the Executive, Cabinet and Judicial officers of this State,

Was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Lykes, made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 1:

To be entitled an act to amend the 2d, 29th, 35th, 36th, 58th and 68th Sections, and repealing the 53d 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,

Was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. McKinnon, the amendments made by the Senate Judiciary Committee were adopted.

Mr. Cottrell moved that Assembly bill No. 15:

To be entitled an act for the protection of Laborers, be referred to the Judiciary Committee;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved that Assembly bill No. 19:

To be entitled an act for the relief of John A. D. Branch,

be read by its title the second time, and ordered to be engrossed;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, Mr. Meacham asked to be excused until Monday;

Which was agreed to.

Under suspension of the rule, Mr. Durkee introduced Senate bill No. 19:

To be entitled an act to regulate Criminal Proceedings before Justices of the Peace;

Which, on motion, was ordered to be printed.

Under suspension of the rule, Mr. Durkee introduced Senate bill No. 20:

To be entitled an act in relation to Misdemeanors;

Which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Barnes moved Assembly bill No. 1, and its amendments be printed;

Which was agreed to.

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 of the State,

Was taken up and read.

Mr. McCaskill moved a reconsideration;

Which was agreed to, and the bill placed on its second reading.

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

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, were as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Johnson, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—10.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Ferguson, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Long, Lykes, Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—9.

Mr. Ferguson moved that when the Senate adjourns, it do adjourn until to-morrow;

Which was not agreed to,

Mr. McCaskill moved that Senate bill No. 11: To be entitled an act to repeal the License Tax on Doctors of Medicine be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCaskill moved that Assembly bill No. 7, entitled an act to exempt maimed persons from Professional and Occupational Tax, approved February 14, 1870, be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Barnes, 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. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Osgood, Richard, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—14.

A quorum present.

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

Which was agreed to.

The doors being opened, the Committee on Claims made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, January 19, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas F. King, has considered the same, and we find in Bush's Digest, page 709, section 11, the manner in which acting State Attorneys are to be paid, to wit: the Comptrollers shall audit and allow the accounts upon the certificate of the judge appointing said attorney, to be deducted from the pay of the State Attorney. The law prescribes the manner in which said King should be paid. Therefore, your committee recommend that the memorial be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Chairman.

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay the report on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls gave notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to offer his protest against the bill authorizing a legal canvass of the electoral vote of the State.

The following special committee was appointed by the President on the 12th, but was not put in the hands of the Secretary: Messrs. Barnes, Richard and Durkee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as related to the reception of engraved warrants by Comptroller Gamble, etc.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.