

The doors being opened, Mr. Osgood moved the Senate now adjourn;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, 10 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Richard, Wallace and Walls—15.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McMeekin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That only one hundred copies of the daily journal of the Senate, instead of the two hundred copies as at present, be published for the use of the Senate and Assembly;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Hendry offered the following joint resolution:

WHEREAS, Punta Rassa, a point in Monroe county, Florida, has become the principal cattle shipping point in this State, and that both sail vessels and steamers are extensively engaged in transporting beef cattle from this point to the Island of Cuba, some years shipping as high as fifteen thousand head; and whereas, the ready transit of live stock is of the utmost importance; and whereas, all cattle shipped from Punta Rassa, vessels carrying the same are compelled to call into the port of Key West for the purpose of entering and clearing, causing much loss of time and suffering and destruction to the live stock thus shipped and detained, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate and Assembly, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their endeavors to cause the Government of the United States to establish a Custom House, and make a port of entry and delivery for the United States at Punta Rassa.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Lykes moved that all messages from the Assembly be read, and all bills referred to the proper committees;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 23, 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. 41, to be entitled an act to define the powers of a Referee in cases in the Circuit Court, and fix their fees. Also, Assembly bill No. 47, to be entitled an act to limit the time for the prosecution of Criminal Actions, 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., January 23, 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. 61, to be entitled an act to protect the county treasury of the respective counties of the State of Florida; also, Assembly bill No. 68, to be entitled an act to make Amelie Myerson, wife of Samuel Myerson of Escambia county, a Free Dealer, 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, January 30, 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 Memorials, and establishing a Lunatic Asylum;

also adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution relative to Census and Apportionment, and appointed Messrs. Lesley, McClellan Jones, Stripling and Thompson of Nassau committee on part of the Assembly.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 30, 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 the publication of the report of the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 23, 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. 70:

To be entitled an act to facilitate the settlement of Estates of Deceased persons, and the better to protect the Assets thereof, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly,

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, January 31, 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. 30:

To be entitled an act to change the boundary line between the counties of Levy and Marion, by a two-thirds vote as required by the Constitution;

Also, Assembly bill No. 72:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Augustine University, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and Assembly bill No. 30 referred to the Committee on City and County Organizations, and Assembly bill No. 72 placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 30, 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. 84, to be entitled an act to fix and provide for the Compensation of Presidential Electors, 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 referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

The Committee on Enrollment made the following reports:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 31, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment have examined the following bills and resolution, and find them correctly enrolled, to-wit:

Assembly bill No. 7:

A bill to amend an act to exempt Maimed Persons from professional or occupational tax, approved February 14, 1870.

Assembly bill No. 45:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Peter Davidson and John G. Hoffman, of Escambia county, Florida.

Assembly bill No. 12:

An act to prohibit Collectors of Revenue from receiving Comptroller's or Treasurer's certificates issued prior to July 1, 1871, for taxes.

Assembly bill No. 4 :

An act to authorize Anna Jernigan to establish a Ferry across the Escambia river.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 16, inviting Immigration into the State of Florida.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON.

Which was read.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 31, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment have examined Assembly bill No. 19, for the Relief of A. D. Branch and find it correctly enrolled.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON.

Which was read.

The President *pro tem.* announced the signing of the following bills :

Assembly bill No. 7 :

To amend an act to exempt Maimed Persons from professional or occupational tax, approved February 14, 1870.

Assembly bill No. 45 :

To be entitled an act for the Relief of Peter Davidson and John G. Hoffman, of Escambia county, Florida.

Assembly bill No. 12 :

An act to prohibit Collectors of Revenue from receiving Comptroller's or Treasurer's certificates issued prior to July 1, 1871, for Taxes.

Assembly bill No. 4 :

To be entitled an act to authorize Anna Jernigan to establish a Ferry across the Escambia river.

Assembly bill No. 19 :

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 31, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

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

Senate bill No. 2 :

To be entitled an act making appropriations to supply def-

iciencies in the appropriation for 1875, and defraying the expenses of the State Government for 1876, have examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. WEEKS, Chairman.
G. C. BRANTLEY.

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

The Committee on State Affairs made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 30, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

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

Assembly bill No. 71 :

To be entitled an act to create and organize a Bureau of Immigration, having considered the same, recommend that the same do pass, and that eighty copies of the bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Very respectfully submitted,

C. S. D. JOHNSON, Chairman.
A. L. McCASKILL,
ROBERT MEACHAM,
J. T. WALLS.

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

The Committee on Education made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 31, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 18 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the compulsory attendance at Private or Public Schools of all children between the ages of six and fifteen years, &c., beg leave to report that they have carefully examined and considered the same, and are of the opinion that the desired object of said bill will not be attained by its passage; therefore, recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

G. C. BRANTLEY, Chm'n.
F. M. McMEEKIN,
C. S. D. JOHNSON.

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

Mr. Walls, from the Committee on Education, made the following minority report:

To the Hon. President of the Senate of Florida:

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred 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, beg leave to inform the Senate that they have had the same under consideration, and believing that the moral, social and political prosperity of our State depends more upon the education of the youth than upon anything else; and observing the vast numbers of the youth of both sexes who congregate in the cities and towns of this State, and are being educated in vice and crime, to eventually become inmates of the State Prison, which we believe to be the results of indifference and ignorance on the part of parents and guardians, from which the children should be protected by law, we recommend its passage, with the accompanying amendments to sections one and two.

Respectfully,

J. T. WALLS.

Which was read.

Senate bill No. 2:

To be entitled an act making appropriations to Supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for 1875, and for defraying the Expenses of the State Government for 1876,

Was taken up and read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell and Howell—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Wallace moved to take up the bill for the relief of William F. Robertson, vetoed March 4, 1875;

Which was agreed to.

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

Mr. Walls moved to postpone further consideration of the matter until to-morrow:

Which was not agreed to.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Hendry, McGuire, Meacham, Wallace and Walls—6.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Richard, Walker and Weeks—10.

So the bill did not pass.

The report of the Committee on State Affairs was taken up and read, and eighty copies of Assembly bill No. 71 ordered to be printed.

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

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

REMOVALS.

Samuel Spearing, from office of Collector, Duval county.

N. S. Blount, from office of Clerk of Circuit Court, Polk county.

James A. Fortner, from office of County Judge, Polk county.

Daniel Campbell, from office of County Judge, Walton county.

Neil Campbell, from office of Sheriff, Walton county.

CONFIRMATIONS.

H. A. L'Engle, Collector, Duval county.

M. W. Drew, Alexander Wallace, George R. Foster, David Kemps and Daniel P. Smith, Commissioners of Pilotage for the port of Jacksonville.

C. B. Rodgers, Commissioner of Pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys.

W. W. Tumblin, Sheriff, Bradford county.

W. B. Varn, Clerk Circuit Court, Polk county.

R. H. Peeples, Sheriff, Polk county.

Robert McKinney, Collector, Polk county.

G. F. Smith, Assessor, Polk county.

E. M. Graham, County Judge, Manatee county.

Daniel Campbell, County Judge, Walton county.

James H. Rice, Sheriff, Walton county.

William B. McLeod, Assessor, Walton county.