

April 10, 1876. Charles R. King, P. W. Goodyn, W. B. Taylor, Geo. W. Moody, H. A. Wyse and Peter R. Harden.

Rissly Manufacturing Company, May 14, 1876. John L. Rissly, Luther McConihe, Augustus E. Sawyer.

No Gauge or Single Railroad and Construction Company, May 19, 1876. P. P. Bishop, John Westcott, D. L. Hart, James L. Colee, C. Drew, C. E. Martin, Jas. A. Norris, Thomas Shally, R. Peterman, J. J. Daniel, Emma Westcott and R. C. Gaillard.

Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad Company, June 16, 1876. R. W. Ruter, Benjamin F. Schenck and Thos. C. Spooner.

Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Company, June 8, 1876. H. C. Howard, Geo. B. Phiney, B. F. Mathias, N. R. Gruelle, James Hunter, Thos. C. Lanier, J. B. Brown and Geo. H. Packwood

Michigan Lumber Company. July 10, 1876. Delwin C. Culby, Sylvester Victorien, N. Burt, C. S. Labiden and L. S. More.

Atlantic and Mexican Gulf Canal Company, September 4, 1876. Ben. E. Green, Lafayette M. Laws, Joseph Shepard, Sam. O. Swann, W. B. C. Duryee.

Egmont Hotel Company, D. L. Yulee, Sam. O. Swann, W. B. C. Duryee, C. Wyckliffe Yulee, Fred. D. Whiting, A. O. McDonnell and D. E. Maxwell.

*Corporations to whom Certificates have been Issued, or Letters Patent, and Date of Issue.*

St. Johns Transportation Company, July 14, 1874.

Lake Harney and Indian River Tram Railroad Company, August 14, 1874.

West Florida Railroad Company, October 29, 1875.

Live Oak and Suwannee Railroad and Navigation Company, April 11, 1876.

St. Johns, Lake Eustis and Gulf Railroad Company, January 4, 1876.

Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Company, June 8, 1876.

St. Johns River and Indian River Tram and Iron Railroad Company, March 25, 1876.

The following companies have filed their Articles of Incorporation in this office up to the present time during the year 1877:

Merchants Union of the city of Jacksonville filed their Articles of Incorporation January 31, 1877. Members of the Corporation: C. P. Devereux, Theo. Hartridge, Geo. S. Wilson,

C. A. Fairchild, J. E. Hart, Geo. N. Wilson, D. P. Smith, P. M. Duvil, B. Hopkins, F. Jordan.

Southern Narrow Gauge and Slideng Railway Company filed their articles of Incorporation January 9, 1877. Members of the Corporation: John Westcott, H. L. Hart, James L. Colee, C. Drew, C. E. Martin, James N. Harris, Thomas Shally, P. Peterman, J. J. Daniels, Emma Westcott, R. C. Gaillard, Henry Gaillard.

Which was received, and the accompanying documents were, on motion of Mr. Durkee, ordered to be spread on the journal.

On motion of Mr. McCaskill, the Senate went into Executive session.

The doors being opened, Mr. Lykes offered the following resolution:

*The People of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows:*

That the Congress of the United States be requested to appropriate fifty thousand dollars to clean out and improve the channel of Tampa Bay, in order to meet the increase demanding of the commercial interests of said Bay.

*Resolved further,* That our Representatives in Congress be furnished with a copy of this resolution, and are requested to use their utmost efforts to have such appropriation made.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 6, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the Chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Osgood, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—16.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

Mr. Walls introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate,* That the Public Printer be required to have printed and laid upon the desks of the Senators, tomorrow morning, any unpublished official reports connected with the management of the State Prison, if such there be; and, particularly, that he do print and furnish the report of the Surgeon of the State Prison, and also the State Treasurer's report for the year 1875, and that one hundred copies be printed;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McMeekin offered the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida,* That the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be requested to advise this body as to what is the amount of compensation that was allowed to the several officers of this Board during the year 1876, and what is the amount which they are now authorized to receive from said fund for services in connection therewith;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Walls offered the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly be, and are hereby respectfully directed to declare the respective Houses adjourned, without day, at 12 M., February 24;

Which was, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, laid on the table.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Durkee introduced Senate bill No. 36:

Supplemental to an act entitled an act to provide a general law for the Incorporation of Railroads and Canals;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Johnson introduced Senate bill No. 37:

To be entitled an act to amend an act to regulate and fix the Fees of the Secretary of State;

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

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 6, 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. 73:  
To be entitled an act to provide for the Cancellation of Mortgages; also,

Assembly bill No. 91:  
To be entitled an act in relation to Relinquishments of Dower, 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 referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 6, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrollment has examined the following bills, and find them correctly enrolled:

Assembly bill No. 71:

Entitled an act to create and organize a Bureau of Immigration.

Senate bill No. 15:

Entitled an act to authorize George M. Whetstone to erect a Dam for milling purposes, and a Toll Bridge across the Santa Fe river; and

Senate bill No. 25:

Entitled an act requiring Timber and Lumber Inspectors to give bond.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 6, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

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

Assembly bill No. 68:

To be entitled an act to make Amelie Myerson, wife of Samuel Myerson, a Free Dealer.

Assembly bill No. 89:

To be entitled an act to legalize the Town Government of Tampa, Florida.

Assembly bill No. 61 :

To be entitled an act to Protect the County Treasury of the respective counties of the State of Florida.

Assembly bill No. 30 :

To be entitled an act to change the Boundary Line between the counties of Levy and Marion ; and

Assembly bill No. 72 :

To be entitled an act to Incorporate the St. Augustine University.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON.

Which was read.

Mr. Richard, Chairman of the Committee on Public Printing, made the following report :

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

HON. J. L. F. COTTRILL,

*President pro tem. of the Senate :*

SIR : Your Committee on Senate bill No. 22 :

Entitled an act relating to the publication of Official and Legal Advertisements, report it back to the Senate, and recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

J. C. RICHARD, Ch'n.  
W. WALKER,  
J. W. HOWELL.

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

Mr. Richard, Chairman of the Committee on Public Printing, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 6, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR : Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 27, to be entitled an act relating to Official and Legal Advertising, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back with the following amendments, and recommend that they do pass.

J. C. RICHARD, Chm'n.  
WHITFIELD WALKER,  
J. W. HOWELL,  
W. T. ORMAN.

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

Assembly bill No. 15 :

To be entitled an act for the protection of Laborers,

Was, on motion of Mr. McGuire, postponed until Monday next.

Senate bill No. 22 :

To be entitled an act relating to the publication of Official and Legal Advertisements,

Was, upon motion of Mr. Richard, laid upon the table.

Assembly bill No. 27 :

To be entitled an act relating to Official and Legal Advertising,

Was, upon motion of Mr. McMeekin, recommitted to the Committee on Public Printing.

On motion of Mr. Walls, Senate bill No. 22 was taken up.

Mr. McCaskill moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until 10½ o'clock to-morrow ;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 6, 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 Senate bill No. 17, to be entitled an act to keep in good repair the Public Roads and Highways, with amendments, 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.

Mr. Richard moved to reconsider the action to recommit Assembly bill No. 27 to the Committee on Public Printing ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Osgood moved to postpone any further consideration of the bill until 10 o'clock to-morrow ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Richard moved that fifty copies be printed for the use of the Senate ;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lykes, the bill was laid on the table.

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

A committee from the Assembly appeared before the bar of the Senate and asked for the return of Senate bill No. 17 ;

Whereupon the Secretary was instructed to return said bill.

Under suspension of the rule,

Mr. McCaskill, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 6, 1877. }

To the President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, having had under consideration

Senate bill No. 32:

To be entitled an act to exempt Dealers in Drugs used exclusively for Medical purposes from a License Tax,

Direct me to report the accompanying as a substitute, with the recommendation that it do pass.

Respectfully,

A. L. McCASKILL, Ch'n.

Which was read.

On motion, Senate bill No. 32 was taken up and read.

Mr. McCaskill offered the following as an amendment:

Strike out all after enacting clause, and insert the following:

SECTION 1. Any person or persons who are dealers in general merchandise, and who keep for sale calomel, quinine, opium, salts, castor oil, spirits of turpentine and salts, used exclusively for medical purposes, shall not be considered druggists, as defined in section 11 of Chapter 1976 of Laws of Florida.

Mr. Lykes offered the following as an amendment to the amendment:

After the word "salts" insert "and all other drugs."

Mr. McCaskill accepted the amendment.

On the adoption of the amendment as amended, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Lykes, McMeekin, Richard, Walker Wallace, Walls and Weeks—10.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, Howell and McCaskill—4.

Mr. Lykes moved to reconsider the vote just taken;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved to refer the bill to a special committee of three; whereupon,

Senate bill No. 32:

To be entitled an act to exempt Dealers in Drugs used exclusively for Medical purposes from a License Tax,

Was referred to Messrs. Lykes, Walls and McCaskill, as a special committee.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Wallace offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, It is doubted by a good many persons whether a tax title in this State, under the existing laws, is valid; and whereas, At the sale of the delinquent tax-payers' property, the public refuse to bid or buy said property, when offered for sale by the State of Florida, based on said doubt; therefore,

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be, and are hereby, instructed to inquire into said laws, and, if found defective, to draft a bill covering said defects, and report the same to the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 6, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted a joint resolution requesting the appointment of a joint committee to take into consideration the propriety, at this time, of providing a suitable institution for taking care of the indigent Deaf, Dumb and Blind, also the Insane persons of this State, said committee to consist of one (1) on the part of the Senate, and of two (2) on the part of the Assembly, and have appointed Messrs. Harris of Monroe and Weeks such committee on the part of the Assembly, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

The resolution was read and adopted, and the President appointed as said committee, on the part of the Senate, Mr. McMeekin.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 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 requesting the appointment of a joint committee, consisting of four on the part of the Assembly, and of three on the part of the Senate, to take into consideration such Constitutional amendments as they may deem proper, and report the same to this Legislature, and have appointed Messrs. McKinne, Hocker, McClellan and Stripling such committee on the part of the

Assembly, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

The resolution was read and adopted, and Messrs. Barnes, McCaskill and Walker appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

Assembly bill No. 20:

To be entitled an act to transfer causes pending in the County Courts, on the 4th of May, 1875, to other Courts,  
 Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Richard, Walls and Weeks—12.

Nays—Mr. Meacham—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act to amend section 3, chapter 1,628, relating to Jurors, and to repeal chapter 2,043, laws of Florida, approved February 20, 1875,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Richard and Walker—12.

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

Mr. Walls moved the following amendment:

A bill to be entitled an act to exclude all persons from serving on Juries that cannot read nor write.

Mr. McCaskill moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Walls, Wallace and Meacham.

The vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Long, Meacham, Osgood and Walls—5.

So the amendment was laid on the table.

Assembly bill No. 41:

To be entitled an act to define the powers of a Referee in cases in Circuit Courts, and for their fees,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Richard and Walker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Long, Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Assembly bill No. 51:

To be entitled an act to amend an act regulating the practice in writs of Prohibition,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Long, Meacham, Osgood and Walls—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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,

Was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—16.

Nays—Messrs. Long and Walls—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walls and Weeks—19.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

Mr. Howell offered the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the Legislature adjourn *sine die*, Tuesday, February 20th, at 12 o'clock M., and that no new business be introduced after the 15th inst.;

Which was read.

Mr. McCaskill moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Walls, Osgood and Meacham.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Walls—12.

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

So the resolution was laid on the table.

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 7, 1877. }

TO THE HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I have this day signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, the following acts, viz:

An act to authorize George M. Whetstone to erect a Dam for Milling purposes, and a Toll Bridge across the Santa Fe river.

An act requiring Timber and Lumber Inspectors to give bond.

Very respectfully,

GEO. F. DREW, Governor.

Which was read.

Mr. Walls moved a reconsideration of the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. McCaskill moved to lay the motion on the table;

Which was agreed to.

The Judiciary Committee made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 7, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 31:

Entitled an act for the Protection of Cattle in this State, instructed me to report the same with the accompanying amendments, and recommend that it do pass as so amended.

Respectfully,

H. T. LYKES.

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

The Committee on Claims made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 7, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 8:

To be entitled an act for the Relief of William Hope and David Hope, has had the same under consideration. The committee is opposed to such claims, but as it is recommended by the State Attorney of that district, the committee instructed me to report it back to the Senate without any recommendation for the action of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 7, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: The Committee on Enrollment have delivered to the Governor for his consideration the following bills: