

Senate bill No. 31 :

To be entitled an act for the better protection of Cattle in this State,

Respectfully report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass, with the amendments submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. LYKES, Ch'n,
F. A. HENDRY,
J. T. WALLS.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Lykes. the amendments proposed by the committee were adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Assembly bill No. 64 :

To be entitled an act for the collection of back taxes of Suwannee county, and for other purposes.

The motion of Mr. McKinnon to indefinitely postpone was withdrawn, and the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Hendry, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walls and Weeks—11.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Lykes, McMeekin, Orman and Walker—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 103 :

To be entitled an act to protect the interest of Farmers, Planters and others,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Orman moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Monday, 11 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to.

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

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

Which was agreed to.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 9, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment have examined Senate bill No. 6 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of John B. Ross, and find it correctly enrolled.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Ch'n.

Mr. Long moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday morning, 11 o'clock ;
Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, January 12, 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. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Long, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—15.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 12, 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 relative to the four million of State bonds purporting to have been issued in favor of the Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

Which was read, and the joint Resolution referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, February 12, 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 Concurrent Resolution embodying a memorial to the Congress of the United States relative to the counting of the electoral vote, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 12, 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 153 :

To be entitled act for the relief of Henry Walker of Lafayette county, Florida; and

Adopted Assembly memorial for a Mail Route from Bassville to Lake View, in Brevard county, Florida,

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. 153 referred to the Judiciary Committee, and the Senate concurred in Assembly memorial for a mail route.

Also the following memorial:

A memorial from the Legislature of the State of Florida to the Congress of the United States.

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

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to secure the establishment of a mail route from Lake Jessup via Econlockhatchee and Fort Christmas to Fort Taylor in this State.

Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress at an early day.

Which was read and adopted.

Also the following joint resolutions:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 12, 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:

Memorializing Congress to establish a new mail route from Lake Jessup to Fort Taylor; and adopted

Assembly Joint Resolution:

Memorializing Congress to open the channels of the Ocala headwater Lakes,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which were read and adopted.

Also the following message:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 10, 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. 21 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of J. H. and A. L. Randolph; also

Assembly Bill No. 120 :

To be entitled an act to change the name of the Bethel Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 21 was taken up and read, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Assembly bill No 120 was read, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Durkee moved to take up the resolution offered by him on the 10th inst., relative to instructions to the Committee on Privileges and Elections;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A committee from the Assembly appeared before the bar of the Senate, and gave notice that the Assembly refused to recede from Assembly amendments to Senate bill No. 17, and asked for a committee of conference.

Mr. McKinnon offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Hon. A. L. McCaskill, Senator from the Second District, on account of illness, be excused from further attendance on this body during the present session; that he may return to his home.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. McKinnon offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, That no member be allowed to speak longer than five minutes at a time on any subject during the remainder of the session.

Mr. Wallace moved to postpone further consideration until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Walls,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Long, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—6.

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

So the motion was not agreed to.

Upon the question of the adoption of the resolution of Mr. McKinnon, the yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Walls.

The vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—7.

So the resolution was adopted.

A committee from the Assembly appeared before the bar of the Senate, and made the following report:

Senate bill No. 2, in reference to appropriations, the House refuses to recede, and asks for a Committee of Conference.

Mr. Walls offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the minority of this Senate shall never by our reformed majority be allowed more than five minutes in debate upon any one subject pending before the Senate during the ascendancy of this accidental majority.

The President ruled the resolution out of order.

Mr. Walls appealed from the decision of the chair, and called for the yeas and nays.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson,

McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Long, Meacham and Wallace—3.

So the decision of the chair was sustained.

Mr. Durkee offered the following petition:

To the Honorable the Legislature of Florida:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that while holding the position of Governor he was subjected to the necessity of expending large sums of money to secure the peace of the State and maintain his authority against repeated efforts to overthrow civil government and establish military control; that these expenditures were authorized by law, and rendered necessary by the extraordinary condition of affairs; that they were submitted to the Legislature from time to time and approved, but no appropriation made; that after the close of his administration a joint committee of the two houses, authorized to *examine* and *adjust* these claims, unanimously reported a large balance due; that at the next session he was unjustly charged with having received moneys of the State in liquidation of this account, and that the same remains undischarged, while, in the meantime, your petitioner is subject to heavy losses and the payment of large interest on loans made by him for public use. The records of the Legislature, and the departments, contain all the necessary documents to a knowledge of the equities and justice of the case, and your petitioner respectfully asks that the matter may be referred to a committee of the present Legislature, or to some tribunal with adequate authority to make a final adjustment, and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

HARRISON REED,

Late Governor of Florida.

TALLAHASSEE, February 12, 1877.

Which was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Under a suspension of the rule, the following bills were introduced:

By Mr. McKinnon:

Senate bill No 41:

To be entitled an act for the relief of the Legal Representatives of P. B. Brokaw and others;

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

By Mr. Barnes:

Senate bill No. 42:

To be entitled an act to provide for the Redemption of Land sold for taxes;

Which was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also Senate bill No. 43:

To be entitled an act to procure a Digest of the Laws of Florida;

Which was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Hill:

Senate bill No. 44:

To be entitled an act to amend section 56 of an act entitled an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue;

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 12, 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. 49:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 56 of an act entitled an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874; and

Assembly bill No. 126:

To be entitled an act to further define the duties of the Comptroller as to reports of defaulters in the payment of amounts due the State,

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., February 12, 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 a memorial to the Congress of the United States asking for an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for cleaning out and making navigable the Suwannee river from Ellaville to the mouth of said river; and

Adopted a memorial to Congress for an increase of mail service to semi-weekly between Live Oak, in Suwannee county,

and New Troy, in the county of Lafayette, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and adopted.

Assembly bill No. 126:

To be entitled an act to further define the duties of the Comptroller as to reports of defaulters in the payment of amounts due the State,

Was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 49:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 56 of an act entitled an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 12, 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 a memorial to Congress asking the establishment of a Mail Route from Monticello to Clifton, Florida; also, adopted a concurrent resolution relative to a Mail Route from Pensacola to Key West, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the memorial and resolution adopted.

Memorial to Congress asking the Establishment of a certain Mail Route.

The People of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do respectfully ask of the Congress of the United States that the following Mail Route be established within this State, viz: From Monticello, Florida, to Aucilla, Florida; from Aucilla to Clifton and Madison, Florida, the distance 25 miles and back, twice a week.

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are hereby requested to use their influence to have established a weekly mail, to be carried by steamer from Pensacola to Key West, touching at Apalachi-

cola, St. Marks, Cedar Keys, Tampa, Manatee and Punta Rassa.

Which were read and adopted.

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 12, 1877. }

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

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act providing for the Cancellation of Mortgages, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the same to the Senate with the accompanying amendments, and ask that the same be adopted, and as thus amended, recommend the passage of the same.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

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

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 12, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,
President pro tem. of the Senate:

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

Assembly bill No. 79:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

Assembly bill No. 96:

To be entitled an act to change the Line between the counties of Taylor and Lafayette.

Assembly bill No. 44:

To be entitled an act to authorize John O. Howell to establish a Ferry across Blackwater river, at Milton.

Assembly bill No. 65:

To be entitled an act to authorize Josiah Hannah to establish and maintain a Bridge for Toll across Hillsborough river, and for other purposes.

Assembly bill No. 41:

To be entitled an act to define the powers of a Referee in causes in the Circuit Court, and fix their Fees.

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.

Respectfully,

A. D. McKINNON.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Weeks, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 12, 1877. }

To the Hon. President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR—Your committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 31:

To be entitled an act for protection of Cattle interest in this State, have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. WEEKS, Chairman.

Which was received and read.

The Committee on Public Lands made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 12, 1877. }

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

SIR: Your Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred

Concurrent Resolution, relative to United States Lands reserved for Timber in this State, have had the same under consideration, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. HENDRY, Chairman.

F. M. WEEKS,

W. T. ORMAN,

J. T. WALLS.

Which was read and adopted.

Assembly bill No. 15:

To be entitled an act for the protection of Laborers.

Mr. McMeekin offered the following amendment:

That any combination or association, composed of three or more persons, which shall wilfully by threats, intimidation or force prevent any person from performing any labor or services in any lawful occupation in which said person may see fit to engage, shall be an unlawful combination or association, and each and every person of such combination and association shall be guilty of a felony, and on conviction shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not exceeding one year.

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

Amend by striking out "three or more" and inserting "one or more."

Pending the discussion, the Senate adjourned.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.

A quorum present.

Mr. McGuire moved that the further consideration of Senate bill No. 15 be postponed until to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 103:

To be entitled an act to protect the interest of Farmers, Planters and others,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Brantley offered the following as an amendment:

"And with the view of trespassing on said premises;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Barnes offered the following amendment to the third section:

Strike out "three most public places," and insert "three different and conspicuous places;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment:

"This act shall not operate so as to prevent any person or persons from the right of way to any lakes or fishing ponds in this State for the purpose of fishing;"

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Walls offered the following amendment: "Strike out all after the enacting clause;"

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved that the rule be suspended, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Walker, Walls and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Long, Orman, Osgood, Richard and Wallace—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 22:

To be entitled an act relating to the Publication of official and legal Advertisements.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the bill was laid upon the table; and

Assembly bill No. 27:

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

Was taken up.

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

Mr. Barnes moved to strike out section one;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Barnes offered the following amendment to section 2:

Strike out, "and all other county officers" and insert "Collectors of Revenue;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Barnes moved to reconsider the vote to strike out section 1;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Durkee moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

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

The doors being opened, Mr. Walls offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The information of the result of the count of the Electoral vote of Florida for President Hayes and Vice-President Wheeler is most eminently gratifying, and receives our profound approbation as the legal representatives of the State of Florida, in Legislature assembled; and whereas, It was agreed by both political parties of the Nation that the great Commission appointed by a wise and judicious act of Congress to decide the great question now involved; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our Representatives in Congress of the State of Florida be, and are hereby, instructed to inform the said Commission, and the Congress of the United States, that the conclusion of the said Commission is regarded as judicious, wise and just;

Which was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 31:

To be entitled an act for the protection of the Cattle Interests in this State,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry,

Lykes, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Osgood and Wallace—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 32 :

To be entitled an act to exempt dealers in certain medicines from a special tax,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Lykes, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Walker, Walls and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Osgood, Richard and Wallace—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The President appointed the following as the Committee of Conference on 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,

Messrs. Lykes and Orman.

The President also appointed the following as the Committee of Conference on Senate bill No. 17 :

To be entitled an act to keep in good repair the public Roads and Highways in this State,

Messrs. Barnes and McKinnon.

Mr. Walker offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The Senate has learned with profound regret that the continued impaired health of the Hon. A. L. McCaskill, Senator from the Second Senatorial District, renders it necessary for him to return to his home, therefore,

Be it resolved, That by his absence the Senate loses a valuable member, his district a faithful representative, and the State an honorable legislator.

Resolved further, That it is the unfeigned hope of this Senate that he will soon be restored to perfect health and able to return to the Councils of the State, and that these proceedings be spread upon the journal of the Senate.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—18.

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

REMOVALS.

Wm. B. Jones, from the office of County Judge of Washington county.

Lawrence Baker, from office of County Judge of Calhoun county.

John M. Bush, from office of Collector of Calhoun county.

CONFIRMATIONS.

W. G. Mitchell, to be Sheriff of Calhoun county.

Wm. Clark, to be Clerk of Calhoun county.

Lawrence Baker, to be County Judge of Calhoun county.

John M. Bush, to be Assessor of Calhoun county.

John M. Bush, to be Collector of Calhoun county.

Wm. B. Jones, to be County Judge of Washington county.

J. E. Skipper, to be Clerk of Washington county.

J. C. Boyken, to be Sheriff of Washington county.

Thomas Hannah, to be Assessor of Washington county.

D. H. Horn, to be Collector of Washington county.

TUESDAY, February 13, 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, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—18.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 13, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution requiring them to inquire and report to the Senate whether or not the law creating a Harbor-Master