

or failure on the part of the County Commissioners or Clerk shall be deemed to have invalidated the election in the county, and any failure on the part of the Deputy Clerks or registration officers or inspectors of precincts shall have a like effect on the election for the precinct wherein the same occurs."

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

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Weeks—5.

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment:

Strike out section 9.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment as a new section to Assembly bill No. 93:

Section 11. Nothing in this act shall be so construed so as prevent any person or persons from voting anywhere in the county; *Provided*, They are entitled to vote under the Constitution and laws of this State.

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay it on the table;

Which was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Walls offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A Senator has upon this floor stated that gross frauds in connection with the election held in this State on the 7th day of November, 1876, at Archer, Florida, were perpetrated, therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be and hereby is appointed to investigate the election and alleged frauds at Archer, in Alachua county, Florida.

Mr. Hendry moved to lay it on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Assembly bill No. 93, to be entitled an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of Electors, approved August 6, 1868, passed the Assembly, and is now pending before the Senate; *and whereas*, The said bill is likely to pass the Senate and deprive a large number of people of voting in this State, therefore,

Resolved, That the said bill is unjust, unfair and unlawful.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. McKinnon laid on the table.

The bill was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. Cottrell made the special order for to-morrow, 10½ o'clock.

Mr. Wallace moved that the Senate adjourn,

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

REMOVALS.

O. Buddington, from the office of County Judge, Clay county.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Wm. Peeler, to be County Judge, Clay county.

A. St. Clair Abrams, to be State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

SATURDAY, February 17, 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, Cottrell, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—20.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

The hour having arrived for the consideration of Assembly bill No. 93:

Mr. Walker moved to lay Mr. Meacham's resolution on the table;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 16, 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. 50 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate Quarantine, approved June 19th, 1869, and the second section of an act to enforce the Collection of Penalties for the violation of Quarantine, approved June 6th, 1870,

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 Commerce and Navigation.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 16, 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. 161 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 3 of an act entitled an act to alter and amend section 9 of an act entitled an act for the regulation of Pilots and Pilotage, and also to alter and amend section 10 of an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the regulation of Pilots and Pilotage, approved February 27, 1872,

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 Commerce and Navigation.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 16, 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. 151 :

To be entitled an act to prevent persons from passing by any other Name than the Name by which they have Registered; and,

Assembly bill No. 159 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of R. B. Savage of the county of Brevard ;

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 as follows :

Assembly bill No. 151, to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Assembly bill No. 159, to the Committee on Claims.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 15, 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

Assembly Joint Resolution :

Requesting the appointment of a Joint Committee to draft and introduce a bill upon the subject of the assessment and collection of the Revenue of this State,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was received and read.

The Committee on Claims made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 17, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your committee on Claims, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 155 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Caroline Jones of Suwannee county, Florida,

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendment :

Strike out "thirty eight dollars and twenty-five cents" and insert "twenty-one dollars."

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Chairman.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 17, 1877. }

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

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

Senate bill No. 46 :

To be entitled an act to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors to Minors; also

Senate bill No. 45 :

To be entitled an act approved December 8, 1866, to establish the office of Harbor Master for the port of Pensacola,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,
F. M. WEEKS, Chairman.

Which was received and read.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 17, 1877. }

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

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 9 :

To be entitled an act to authorize owners of one-fifth or more of the stock of Corporations or Joint Stock Companies to compel quarterly statements, and to provide for the appointment of Receivers when such statements are refused or false,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully,
F. M. McMEEKIN, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 17, 1877. }

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

SIR—The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 120 :

To be entitled an act to change the name of the Bethel Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida, beg leave to report that they have had the said bill under consideration and recommend its passage.

F. M. McMEEKIN, Chm'n.

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., February 17, 1877. }

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

SIR—Your committee on Education, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 157 :

To be entitled an act making County Treasurers the Treasurers of the School Funds in their respective counties, beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend its passage.

G. C. BRANTLEY, Chm'n.
F. M. McMEEKIN,
J. T. WALLS.

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

The Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 17, 1877. }

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

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 117 :

To be entitled an act to Incorporate the Pensacola Railroad Company, and to authorize it to become the purchaser and assignee of the property, rights, franchises, privileges and immunities of the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad Company,

Have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully,
W. D. BARNES, Chm'n.

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

The Joint Committee made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 17, 1877. }

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

SIR—Your Joint Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of establishing a State institution for the care of the indigent insane, deaf and dumb and blind of this State, report that they have had the same under careful consideration, and that they find that the consideration of the "ways and means" of establishing such an institution involves questions of great importance to the State, and requires time to make the proper examination in order to make such report as will do justice to the subject. They therefore recommend that no measures be taken at present beyond the provision made in the report of the Joint Committee on Retrenchment for the care of the indigent insane. But your Committee ask to be allowed to act until the next meeting of the Legislature, to which they will report some proper plan for their consideration.

Respectfully,
F. M. McMEEKIN,
Committee on part of the Senate.
J. V. HARRIS,
JOSEPH E. LEE,
Committee on part of the Assembly.

Mr. Wallace moved to postpone further consideration of the subject until the 10th of March.

Mr. Walker moved to lay the motion on the table:
Which was agreed to.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 17, 1877. }

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

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they have compared

An act making Appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for 1875 and for defraying the Expenses of the State Government for 1876; also,

An act to permanently locate the County Line of Manatee and Monroe counties,

With the enrollment thereof, and find they are correctly enrolled.

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

Which was received and read.

Assembly bill No. 93 was read the third time.
Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

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

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

So the bill passed.

Mr. Hill offered the following as an amendment to the title:
To provide for disfranchising one-third of the legal voters of the State of Florida.

Mr. Walker moved to lay the amendment on the table;
Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Walls, Meacham and Osgood.

The vote was:

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

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

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. Walker offered the following as an amendment to the title:

Amend the title of the bill so as to read: "An act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of electors and the holding of elections." In the third line of the 1st Section, after the word electors, insert: "And the holding of elections;"

Which was agreed to.

Title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 17, 1877. }

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

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they did this day present to his Excellency, George F. Drew, Governor of the State of Florida, the enrolled acts named below, and that each of the same were properly endorsed and certified on the back as the joint rule requires, to wit:

An act to exempt members of organized and equipped Fire and Hook and Ladder Companies of all incorporated cities in this State from service as Petit Jurors.

An act for the collection of back taxes of Suwannee county, and for other purposes.

An act to amend section 3, chapter 1,628, laws of Florida relative to Jurors, and repeal chapter 2,043 Laws of Florida, approved February 20, 1875.

An act to authorize W. J. Barnett to establish a Ferry on the Suwannee river.

An act to protect the interest of Farmers, Planters and others.

An act in relation to the relinquishment of dower.

An act providing for the cancellation of mortgages.

An act for the relief of Henry Walker of Lafayette county.

An act for the relief of Messrs. J. H. and A. L. Randolph.

An act to provide for the speedy determination of certain issues of law in the several Circuit Courts of the State.

The said Joint Committee also report that they have this day, February 17, 1877, presented to the Governor of this State, his Excellency George F. Drew, for his approval, the following acts properly enrolled and endorsed, to wit:

An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for 1875, and for defraying the expenses of the State Government for 1876. also,

An act to permanently locate the county line of Manatee and Monroe.

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

Which was received and read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 17, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment report to the Senate that they have this day deposited in the office of the Secretary of State the following joint resolution:

Concurrent resolution:

Embodying a memorial to Congress relative to the counting of the Electoral Vote.

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

A memorial to Congress asking the establishment of certain Mail Routes.

Joint Resolution:

Concerning Mail Route from Pensacola to Key West.

Joint Resolution:

Memorializing Congress for a new Postal route.

Joint Resolution:

Relative to the four million bonds issued in favor of the J. P. & M. R. R.

Joint Resolution:

Relative to Mail Route from Volusia to Leesburg.

Memorial:

For a Mail route from Bassville to Lake View, in Brevard county.

Respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chairman.

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That a Joint Committee consisting of three on the part of the Assembly, and two on the part of the Senate, be appointed to frame and introduce a bill upon the subject of Assessing and Collecting the Revenue of this State.

Mr. McKinnon moved its adoption;

Which was agreed to.

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

The following communication from the Comptroller was received and read:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, February 16, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to communicate to the Senate the enclosed report of the amount of General Contingent Fund, &c., called for by the following resolution, adopted by that body on the 15th inst.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be required to report to the Senate the amount of General Contingent Fund expended since the last session of the Legislature, and the nature of vouchers upon which said fund was paid, and to whom paid."

Very respectfully,

C. DREW,
Comptroller.

AMOUNT OF GENERAL CONTINGENT FUND CALLED FOR BY SENATE RESOLUTION OF FEBRUARY 15, 1877.

Warrant No. 511, issued to C. H. Foster, Treasurer, March 4, 1875, for postage, etc., for the month of February, 1875.	\$68 61
Warrant No. 593, issued to E. M. Cheney for Henry, March 9, 1875, for services as Page in Executive Office during January and February, 1875.	20 00
Warrant No. 712, issued to C. H. Foster, Treasurer, April 9, 1875, for postage, etc., for the month of March, 1875.	28 90

Warrant No. 741, issued to H. Bisbee, Jr., April 12, 1875, for services as Solicitor in case of State against Railroad Companies,	250 00
Warrant No. 921, issued to C. A. Cowgill, June 2, 1875, for expenses to Gainesville in attending the suit against J. W. Childs, late Collector of Revenue,	10 00
Warrant No. 979, issued to J. P. Apthorp, June 23, 1875, for cutting off coupons from Railroad Bonds in office of Treasurer,	39 00
Warrant No. 1060, issued to W. G. Stewart, July 8, 1875, for postage stamps, etc., for quarter ending June 30, 1875,	155 00
Warrant No. 1061, issued to C. H. Foster, Treasurer, July 8, 1875, for postage, expressage, etc., for quarter ending June 30, 1875,	83 99
Warrant No. 1091, issued to C. A. Cowgill, Comptroller, July 13, 1875, for expenses to New York negotiating sale, etc., of Bonds in 1874,	100 00
Warrant No. 1341, issued to E. M. Cheney, September 30, 1875, for services as State Agent, for July, August and September, 1875,	235 00
Warrant No. 1493, issued to E. M. Cheney, for T. A. McDonell, October 23, 1875, for contingent expenses in the prosecution of criminals in 4th Judicial Circuit,	200 00
Warrant No. 1559, issued to C. A. Cowgill for T. A. McDonell, November 6, 1875, for contingent expenses in the prosecution of criminals in 4th Judicial Circuit,	300 00
Warrant No. 1655, issued to Dennis Eagan for E. M. Cheney, November 26, 1875, for services as State agent for October, 1875,	74 00
Warrant No. 1669, issued to C. H. Foster, Treasurer, November 30, 1875, for postage, etc., from July to November 30, 1875,	396 43
Warrant No. 1686, issued to J. H. Goss, Judge, December 4, 1875, for expenses to and from Tallahassee in attendance upon the Supreme Court bench in July, 1875,	27 00
Warrant No. 1778, issued to C. H. Foster, Treasurer, December 29, 1875, for postage, expressage, etc., for the month of December, 1875,	81 60
Warrant No. 78, issued to E. M. Cheney, January 10, 1876, for services as State agent for November, 1875,	86 00
Warrant No. 346, issued to Western Union Telegraph Company, April 18, 1876, for telegrams from January 1st to March 31, 1876,	32 95
Warrant No. 347, issued to C. H. Foster, Treasurer, April 18, 1876, for postage, &c., from January 1st to March 31, 1876,	106 49
Warrant No. 405, issued to Southern Express Company, May 24, 1876, for services performed by Patterson & Meek, assisting State Attorney in the Richard case,	58 40
Warrant No. 461, issued to C. H. Foster, Treasurer, June 29, 1876, for postage, &c., for quarter ending June 30, 1876,	37 98
Warrant No. 460, issued to M. L. Stearns, June 28, 1876, for postage, telegrams and express charges for Executive office,	70 75
Warrant No. 492, issued to C. H. Foster, Treasurer, July 27, 1876, for postal cards, stamped envelopes, &c., purchased in July, 1876,	23 98
Warrant No. 569, issued to Southern Express Company, November 25, 1876, for expressage on packages for Treasurer and Comptroller from July to November 30, 1876,	26 05
Warrant No. 570, issued to C. H. Foster, Treasurer, November 25, 1876, for postage, &c., for September, October and November, 1876,	30 32

Warrant No. 602, issued to Southern Express Company, December 26, 1876, for expressage on packages for Treasurer and Comptroller in December, 1876,	21 70
Total,	\$2 564 33

Mr. Cottrell moved that two hundred copies be printed ;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, A prolonged session of the present Legislature is an evidence of increased taxation, and is inconsistent with the pledged reform promised the people during the late canvass ; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the Assembly be, and hereby are, respectfully ordered to adjourn their respective houses at 12 o'clock, M. on March 1st ;

Which was read, and referred to the Joint Committee on Adjournment.

Assembly bill No. 120 :

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

Was read the second time.

Under a suspension of the rule, the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Assembly bill No. 157 :

To be entitled an act making County Treasurers the Treasurers of the School Fund in their respective counties,

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Orman, was recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Lykes, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.