

Mr. Long moved to reconsider the vote to lay on the table.
Mr. Orman moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Orman Osgood, Richard, Wallace and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Walker and Walls—11.

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

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

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

REMOVALS.

T. A. McDonnell, from the office of State Attorney for the 4th Judicial District.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Hinton J. Baker, to be County Judge of Nassau county.
S. Y. Finley, to be State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District.

Wm. H. Walker, to be Sheriff of Wakulla county.
J. B. Smith, Sr., to be Collector of Hamilton county.

TUESDAY, February 20, 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. Brantley, Cottrell, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—16.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

Mr. Wallace offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Legislature meet in joint session on Wednesday, February 21, at 12 o'clock, M., for the purpose of electing a State Printer, according to an act approved August 6th, 1868;

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

Mr. Richard moved to reconsider Senate bill No. 135;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Claims made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 162:

To be entitled an act for the relief of William Wagner of Dade county, and Isaiah Hall and John Shurrer of Monroe county; and, also,

Assembly bill No. 159:

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

Have considered the same, and it is the opinion of the committee that when parties violate the laws of the country in which they live, and have had a fair and impartial trial by the courts and a jury of their own peers and condemned, they should remain under the condemnation of the law, unless some good reason is shown, which has not been done. Your committee, therefore, unanimously recommend that the above mentioned bills of relief do not pass.

Respectfully,

A. D. McKINNON, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 99:

Entitled an act to incorporate the Gainesville Hotel Company,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and believing that the general incorporation law provides sufficiently for the incorporation of Hotel Companies, recommend that said bill be indefinitely postponed.

F. M. McMEEKIN, Ch'n.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 36:

To be entitled an act supplemental to an act to provide a general law for the Incorporation of Railroads and Canals,

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

Very respectfully,
F. M. McMEEKIN, Chm'n.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Assembly bill No. 143:

To be entitled an act to punish Trespass upon the Public Lands and to provide for the appointment of Timber Agents and defining their powers and duties,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. McMeekin offered the following amendment:

In the 1st Section, in the last line but one, after "Juniper" insert "Pine;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Durkee offered the following amendment:

In line 17, printed bill, strike out "and" and insert "or" and after "months," in line 18, insert "at the discretion of the court;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following amendment:

"Or for making and constructing or repairing working tools and implements to be used upon the farm," to come in after "use," third line from bottom, on printed bill.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Richard offered the following amendment:

In lines 18 and 19, strike out "actual settlers upon the Public Lands," and insert "person or persons;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. McGuire moved to amend by striking out all of section 3;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Barnes offered the following amendment:

In 10th line, section 3, strike out all between the words "Statelands" and the words "any sheriff," in the 15th line;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McGuire offered the following amendment:

The Governor is hereby prevented from appointing Timber Agents in any county.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following amendment:

Strike out after the word "shall," in the 4th line, all to "have," in 6th line of printed bill;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Patterson offered the following amendment:

In 6th section, line 7 (printed copy), strike out all from "timber" to, and in 8 line,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following amendment:

Section 7, line 4 (printed copy), strike out all after the word "case" down to "the agent," in the 5th line, and insert after "seizure" in 5th line the words "shall not;"

Which was adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 37:

To be entitled an act to amend an act to regulate and fix the fees of the Secretary of State,

Was read.

Mr. Wallace moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report:

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

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 131:

To be entitled an act to fix the pay of the Members of the

Legislature, and officers and attaches thereof, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that the allowance of pay, as embodied in the second section, to the Messenger of the Senate, be so amended as to read: "Six dollars per diem," in lieu of "three dollars per diem." With this amendment, we recommend the passage of the bill.

Respectfully,
W. WALKER, Chairman.

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

Senate bill No. 42:

To be entitled an act to provide for the Redemption of Lands sold for Taxes,

Was read.

The amendments proposed by the committee were adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for the third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 109:

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 provide for the appointment of Receivers when such statements are refused or false,

Was read.

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

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Education made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 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 Fund in their respective counties, (same bill was reported on favorably, but recommitted by order of the Senate,) beg leave to report that after carefully reconsidering the same, (as in first report,) recommend the passage of the bill.

G. C. BRANTLEY, Chm'n.
F. M. McMEEKIN.

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, February 20, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Joint Enrolling Committee have examined, and find correctly enrolled, the following bills:

An act to repeal an act to make provision to defray the expense of a Residence for the Chief Executive Magistrate of this State, approved January 13, 1851.

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.

Memorial to Congress for an increase of mail service to semi-weekly between Live Oak and New Troy, Florida.

Resolution relative to the payment of Engraved Comptroller's Warrants.

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

Which was received and read.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to return to the Senate Assembly bill No. 27, and request that the Senate amendments thereto be engrossed and returned to the Assembly for consideration, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 124:

To be entitled an act to amend Sections 64 and 65 of an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the rule was suspended and the bill 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, Johnson, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.

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

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 125 :

To be entitled an act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act for the Pay of State Attorneys and County Judges, approved February 1, 1869,

Was read.

Mr. McKinnon offered the following amendment :

“Strike out \$2.50 and insert \$3.00.”

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Hendry, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Walker, Wallace and Walls—12.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Howell, Johnson, Osgood, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—9.

So the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

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

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

Assembly bill No. 128 :

To be entitled an act to fix the per diem to be allowed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court as Librarian, and to the Clerk in the Comptroller's office, and to further define the duties of the Private Secretary of the Governor and the Librarian of the Supreme Court,

Was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 129 :

To be entitled an act to prohibit Officers from Speculating in or Purchasing evidence of indebtedness of the State or County,

Was read.

Mr. Meacham moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment :

Strike out all before shall, “Clerk, Sheriff, county officer,” and insert “no Tax Collector, no County Treasurer, Comptroller and Treasurer of the State.”

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

“And that no person shall buy or sell State indebtedness for less than one hundred cents on the dollar ;”

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment by Mr. Meacham was not agreed to.

Mr. Barnes offered the following amendment :

In section one, insert after the word “Sheriff,” “or his deputies ;” and after the word “Clerk,” “or his deputies ;”

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment :

Strike out the first section and substitute the following : “That no State or county officer shall speculate in State or county indebtedness.”

Mr. Lykes moved to lay the bill, with amendments, on the table ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cottrell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, Meacham, Orman, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—11.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Durkee, Howell, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Osgood, Patterson and Walls—10.

There being a tie, the President voted yea.

So the motion to lay on the table was adopted.

Mr. Meacham moved a reconsideration of the vote.

Mr. Richard moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table ;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, 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, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—18.

A quorum present.

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

The doors being opened, the following communication was received from the Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, February 20, 1877. }

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

SIR: In obedience to Senate Resolution of the 19th inst., requiring "that the Treasurer of the State do report at once the amount of Comptroller's Warrants, popularly known as Green-back Scrip, in the Treasury," I have the honor to say that of the above described scrip there are \$57,639.

Very respectfully,
WALTER GWYNN, Treasurer.

Which was read.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 1877. }

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

SIR—The Joint Enrolling Committee report that they have this day, 20th of February, A. D. 1877, presented to his Excellency George F. Drew, Governor of this State, the enrolled acts named below, properly endorsed and certified for his approval, to-wit:

An act to repeal an act to make provision to defray the expense of a Residence for the Chief Executive Magistrate of this State, approved January 13, 1851.

Memorial to the Congress of the United States asking an appropriation for improving the navigation of the Suwannee river, in the State of Florida.

Memorial to the Congress of the United States for increase of mail service between Live Oak and New Troy.

Concurrent Resolution relative to the payment of Engraved Comptroller's Warrants.

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

Which was received and read.

Assembly bill No. 123:

To be entitled an act to amend Sections 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of an act entitled an act to fix and regulate the Fees and per diem of certain Officers, therein designated,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the rule was suspended, the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

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

McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Walker and Walls—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Richard, Wallace and Weeks—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 1877. }

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

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

Senate bill No. 19:

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

Senate bill No. 42:

To be entitled an act to provide for the redemption of Lands sold for Taxes,

Have examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Ch'n.

Which was received and read.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 1877. }

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

SIR—Your committee on Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 55:

To be entitled an act to revive sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and to repeal section 38 of an act to provide for the creation of Corporations, and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, approved August 8th, 1868, and to repeal Chapter 2016 of the Laws of Florida, approved February 12th, 1874,

Beg leave to report that they have examined said bill, and recommend its passage.

F. M. McMEEKIN, Ch'n.

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

Assembly bill No. 131:

To be entitled an act to fix the Pay of Members of the Legislature and Officers and Attaches thereof,

Was read the second time.

Mr. McKinnon moved to amend by striking out \$4 and insert \$5 for doorkeepers;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Richard moved to amend by striking out \$6 and inserting \$4 for members.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman offered the following amendment:

Strike out "six" and insert "seven" for pay of members of this Legislature.

Mr. Lykes moved that the vote be taken on striking out \$6 per diem for members;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hill, Long, Lykes, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Wallace and Walls—9.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Richard, Walker and Weeks—10.

So the motion to strike out was lost.

Mr. Lykes offered the following amendment:

"The Recording Clerks of the Senate and Assembly shall be allowed five days after the Legislature adjourns to write up the Journals of each House;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Weeks offered the following amendment:

"That each Senator that desires to be paid four dollars per day for his services as such, be requested to let remain in the Treasury all his pay over that amount which he desires to be paid to himself and other Senators."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the rule be suspended, and the bill read the third time;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and to place the bill back on its second reading;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walker moved to reconsider the motion of Mr. Orman to strike out \$6;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, 11 o'clock A. M.;

Which was agreed to.

The Joint Committee on Apportionment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Special Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of re-apportioning the representatives to the Assembly and re-districting the State into Senatorial districts, beg leave to report that they have examined the same in its every aspect, and are of the opinion that it is incumbent upon this Legislature, under the provisions of the Constitution, to make such apportionment.

Your Committee have endeavored to get all the data possible from the various counties from which they might determine upon a just and correct basis from which to make such re-apportionment. They find in some counties, from the great discrepancy that exists between the number of the registered voters and the vote polled at the last general election, it is evident that the latter would be no just basis upon which to calculate, and in such cases have used great discrimination in arriving at the actual number of resident inhabitants and registered voters of such counties, and made the apportionment accordingly.

In conclusion, they beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, which they recommend do pass.

Very respectfully,

H. T. LYKES, Chm'n.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Lykes, the rule was suspended, and the bill accompanying placed on its second reading, and fifty copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed, and made the special order for to-morrow at 10.30 o'clock, A. M.;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has indefinitely postponed Senate bill No. 32:

To be entitled an act to exempt dealers in certain Medicines from a Special Tax.

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

Which was received and read.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 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. 17 :

To be entitled an act for the protection of Game and Wild Birds; also

Assembly bill No. 57 :

To be entitled an act to authorize William Miller to construct a Canal in Washington county,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was received and read.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 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. 174 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 9 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Wimico and St. Joseph's Bay Canal and Navigation Company, approved February 18, 1872,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was received and read.

Assembly bill No. 57 :

To be entitled an act to authorize William Miller to dig a Canal in Washington county,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.
Assembly bill No. 17 :

To be entitled an act for the protection of Game and Wild Birds,

Was read, and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Walker, McKinnon and Walls.

Assembly bill No. 74 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 9 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Wimico and St. Joseph's Bay Canal and Navigation Company, approved February 18, 1872,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. McGuire offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Hon. John Varnum be requested to furnish to this Senate a statement showing when and to whom the loan of \$16,500 was made by him as Treasurer of the Agricultural College Fund, and upon what security said loan was made, and that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon Mr. Varnum for such information, and report without delay to this body ;

Which was adopted, and the following Senators appointed as a committee : Messrs. McGuire, McMeekin and Durkee.

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

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

REMOVALS.

Joseph Llambias, George S. Greno and Adolphus N. Pacetti, from the office of Commissioners of Pilotage for St. Auguste.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Ignacio Lopez, Michael Usina, John S. Masters, John T. Carr, to be Commissioners of Pilotage for the port of St. Augustine.

R. M. Morgan, to be Collector of Taxes in Gadsden county.