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Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood and Walls—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

The doors being opened, Mr. McKinnon moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 24, 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, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—13.

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 corrected and approved.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 24, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Joint Enrolling Committee report that they have this day, February 24, A. D. 1877, presented to his Excellency George F. Drew, Governor of the State of Florida, for his approval, the following enrolled acts, properly certified and endorsed, to-wit:

An act to change the name of the Bethel Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida.

An act to amend Sections 64 and 65 of an act for the assessment and collection of Revenue, approved February 17, A. D. 1874.

An act to amend the 1st Section of a bill to be entitled an act for the pay of State Attorneys and County Judges, approved February 1, 1869.

An act defining the duties of the Attorney-General in reference to State Attorneys and Cabinet officers.

An act to amend Section 3 of an act defining the duties and powers of State Attorneys, and authorizing the Judge to appoint a Prosecuting Attorney in the event of the absence of the State Attorney, approved June 22, 1869.

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

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 24, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they have examined and find correctly enrolled

An act for the better protection of Cattle in this State.

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

Which was read.

The following bill was introduced by Mr. Lykes:

Senate bill No. 65:

To be entitled an act making appropriations for the years 1877 and 1878;

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Lykes, further consideration of the bill was postponed until Monday next, at 4 o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Assembly bill No. 144:

To be entitled an act to construct a Canal from the headwaters of the Matanzas river to the headwaters of the Halifax river, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Mr. Orman moved to recommit the bill, with amendments offered by Mr. Wallace;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 35:

To be entitled an act to authorize the Collectors of Revenue to receive certain indebtedness of the State for Taxes.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the bill be referred to a special committee of three;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Hendry, Walker and McKinnon were appointed said committee.

Assembly bill No. 131:

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

Mr. McKinnon moved that a committee of conference be appointed, consisting of three, to confer with the Assembly in reference to Senate amendments to Assembly bill No. 131;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Walker, McMeekin and Durkee appointee said committee.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Durkee introduced Senate bill No. 66:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Sterling and Jacksonville Railroad Company;

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

By Mr. McMeekin:

Senate bill No. 67:

To be entitled an act in relation to Railroads held under lease;

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

A memorial relating to the recession of part of the Naval Reservation in Escambia county to the State of Florida;

Which was adopted.

Senate bill No. 62:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Solomon Rouse of Hamilton county,

Was read the second time.

Ordered to be engrossed for the third reading.

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

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Brantley introduced

Senate bill No. 68:

To be entitled an act to authorize the destruction of certain bonds, cancelled coupons, Comptroller's warrants and Treasurer's certificates in the offices of the Treasurer and Comptroller.

The bill was read the first time and, on motion of Mr. Brantley, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third times and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

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

Howell, McGuire, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Walker and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee and Richard—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Special Committee on Senate bill No. 35 made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 24, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Special Committee to whom was referred Senate bill No. 35:

To be entitled an act authorizing the Collectors of Revenue to receive certain indebtedness of the State for Taxes,

Have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage, with the accompanying amendments.

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. HENDRY, Chairman.

W. WALKER.

The committee offers the following amendments;

In 1st section, after the word "scrip," insert "of any denomination that may be issued by the State for the purpose of defraying the State expenses."

In section 2, after the word "indebtedness," insert "which is legal and authorized to be received for taxes under the existing law."

In section 3, to come in before the word "provided," insert "and to pay the special school tax authorized to be collected by the Constitution."

In section 4, after the word "1873" in the 5th line, insert "and to pay the special school tax authorized to be collected from the State according to the Constitution."

In section 4, line 1, strike out the word "Governor" and insert "Comptroller."

Mr. Lykes offered the following amendment:

Provided, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to invalidate any law now binding upon the State to pay any of its obligations, as heretofore provided for.

Mr. Orman 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, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Wallace—15.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Lykes, McMeekin and Walls—4.

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for the third reading.

The Joint Enrolling Committee made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 24, 1877. }
HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Joint Enrolling Committee report that they have compared with the roll the bills and resolutions named below, and find them correctly enrolled, to-wit:

Assembly bills Nos. 123, 139, 101, 93, 27, 157, 117, 155, 162, 17, 166, 49, 114, 168, 80, 141 and 171.

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

Which was read.

The Special Joint Committee on Assembly bill No. 164 made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 24, 1877. }
HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Special Joint Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 164:

To be entitled an act to extend the time for the Collection of Taxes for the year 1876 to the 1st of May, 1877,

Have carefully considered the same, and beg leave to make the following report: The undersigned are in favor of and recommend its passage.

WHITFIELD WALKER,
Chairman on the part of the Senate.
W. A. HOCKER.

The undersigned, members of same committee, recommend that it do not pass.

P. P. BISHOP,
Chairman on the part of the Assembly.
J. F. McCLELLAN,
J. H. DURKEE.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 24, 1877. }
HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 62:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Solomon Rouse of Hamilton county,

Have examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Chm'n.

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

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 24, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has refused to recede from its non-concurrence in the Senate amendments numbers one and three, and has receded from its non-concurrence in Senate amendments numbers two and four, and has concurred in Senate amendment number five of Assembly bill No. 131, to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature, and ask that a Committee of Conference be appointed to consider Senate amendments numbers one and three, and have appointed Messrs. Bishop, McClellan, Thompson of Nassau, Lesley and Knight 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.

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 131 was taken up on its second reading. Mr. Cottrell moved that Messrs. Walker, McMeekin and Durkee be the committee asked for in the message;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 164:

To be entitled an act to extend the time for the collection of Taxes for the year 1876 to the first day of May, 1877,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Richard moved to amend the title by striking out "May" and inserting "October."

Mr. Cottrell moved that the further consideration be postponed until Monday;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Railroads made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 23, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 27 :

To be entitled an act granting certain rights to the Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Company, beg leave to report that they have had said bill under consideration, and a majority of the committee have instructed me to report back certain amendments thereto, and to recommend that the bill be passed as thus amended.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. BARNES, Chairman.

Which was read, and Senate bill No. 27 was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday morning ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Howell, McKinnon, Meacham, Richard and Wallace—9.

Nays—Messrs. Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Walker, Walls and Weeks—13.

So the Senate refused to adjourn.

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

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

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McMeekin, the Senate adjourned.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—18.

A quorum present.

Senate bill No. 27 :

To be entitled an act granting certain rights to the Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Company,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Lykes moved that the rule be suspended, and the bill be 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, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—20.

Nays—Mr. Osgood—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 23, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 60 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Sanford Telegraph Company,

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

Very respectfully,
W. D. BARNES, Chairman.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 24, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate bill No. 35 :

To be entitled an act authorizing the Collectors of Revenue to receive certain indebtedness of the State for Taxes,

Have examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Chm'n.

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

Senate bill No. 60 :
To be entitled an act to incorporate the Sanford Telegraph Company,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Lykes moved that the rule be suspended, 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, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—20.

Nays—Messrs. Osgood and Wallace—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 24, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 43 :

To be entitled an act to procure a digest of the Laws of Florida, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the Senate concur in the amendments of the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was read and the bill, with the amendments from the Assembly, was taken up.

Upon the question of concurring, the Senate refused to concur in Assembly amendments.

Senate bill No. 35 :

To be entitled an act authorizing the Collectors of Revenue to receive certain indebtedness of the State for taxes,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Lykes moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday ;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 24, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate bill No 27 :

To be entitled an act granting certain rights to the Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Company,

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Chm'n.

Which was read.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Long introduced

Senate bill No. 69 :

To be entitled an act supplemental to an act changing the Boundary Line between Marion and Levy counties.

Mr. Cottrell objected to its introduction, on the ground that it was repealing a law passed at the present session.

Mr. Hendry offered a resolution asking Congress to appropriate twenty thousand dollars for the special purpose of improving the Navigation of the Caloosahatchie river ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Long presented a petition from the County Commissioners of Marion county protesting against the cutting off a portion of Marion and attaching it to Levy county.

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

CONFIRMATIONS.

T. A. Bass, to the office of Tax Assessor for Brevard county.
M. G. Gonzalez and R. E. Anson, as Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Pensacola.