

Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones of the 8th, Judge, Lee, Lykes, McAuley, McClenny, McMeekin, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Richard, Speer, Thompson and Walls—22.

A quorum present.

Mr Lykes presented the petition of John Wallace, and Mr. Richard the petition of S. T. Overstreet, which were referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Under suspension of the rule, Mr. Lykes introduced Senate Bill No. 1, entitled "An Act to supply Deficiencies in the appropriations for the years 1876, 1878 and 1879;"

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, Mr. Meacham was excused until Monday next.

Mr. Thompson moved that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint an additional page or messenger;

Which was read, and put upon its passage.

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Durkee, Eagan, Genovar, Hagan, Jones of the 8th, Lee, Lykes, Meacham, Orman and Thompson—11.

Nays—Messrs. French, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, Leslie, McAuley, McClenny, McMeekin, McKinnon, Richard, Speer and Walls—12.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Hagan offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire and report whether it is in the power of the Legislature to provide by law for a reduction of the price of State lands;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Walker of the 23d District offered the following resolution:

*The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows:* That this Legislature agrees to and admits the necessity for an entire revision of the Constitution of the State of Florida contemplated by a joint resolution of the last Legislature entitled "A Concurrent Resolution relating to the call of a Convention to revise the Constitution," and duly published as required by Section 2, Article 17, of said Constitution.

Mr. Walker of the 6th District moved that the consideration of the resolution be postponed until Saturday at 11 A. M.;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, January 9, 1879.

Hon. Noble A. Hull, President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted Senate Joint Resolution No. 1,

for the appointment of a joint committee to revise the Fee Bill.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Mr. McAuley moved to call up the unfinished business of the last Legislature;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 A. M., to-morrow.

FRIDAY, January 10, 1879.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones of the 8th, Judge, Lee, Leslie, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McMeekin, McKinnon, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Walls—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

Which was agreed to, and the journal approved.

Mr. Barnes offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to "Lands Sold for Taxes," "Suspension of Taxes," "Uniformity of Taxation," "Licences," and the "State Debt," be referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation;

That so much thereof as relates to "Common Schools" and "Agricultural College," be referred to the Committee on Education;

That so much thereof as relates to the "Penitentiary," "Asylum" and "Rewards," be referred to the Committee on Appropriations;

That so much thereof as relates to "Lands and Immigration" and "Board of Immigration," be referred to the Committee on Immigration;

That so much thereof as relates to "Internal Improvements," be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation;

That so much thereof as relates to "Roads and Road Laws," "Public Buildings" and "Board of Health," be referred to the Committee on State Affairs;

That so much thereof as relates to the "Seminole War Claims," be referred to the Committee on Claims;

That so much thereof as refers to "Agricultural Statistics," be referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

That so much thereof as refers to "Elections and Election Laws," be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

With instructions to report, by bill, resolution or otherwise, for the action of this body.

Mr. Thompson moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Speer offered the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act to direct the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to sell certain lands and pay certain debts therein named;

Which was referred to Committee on Judiciary.

There being no objection, Mr. Thompson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to ask that joint resolution relating to the employment of Federal officers at elections be returned to the Senate;

Which was adopted.

The President appointed Messrs. Thompson, McMeekin and Walker as such committee.

Mr. Barnes offered the following:

Senate Bill No. 3:

To be entitled an "Act to amend Section 2, chapter 1099, of the laws of Florida;"

Which was read for the first time by its title and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Assembly and ask that joint resolution relating to the employment of Federal officers in elections be returned to the Senate, reported they had performed their duty, and were discharged.

Mr. Niblack offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, By the provisions of an act, entitled "An act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State," approved January 6th, 1855, certain lines of Railroads, designated in said act, were declared to be proper improvements to be aided from the Internal Improvement Fund, therein created; *and whereas*, According to

the provisions of said act a large amount of money belonging to said fund was, in manner and form as provided by said act, expended in aid of said several lines of Railroads, designated in said act, and that the Trustees of said fund received for the money so expended certificates of stock in said Railroads, according to the amount of aid rendered to each; *and whereas*, Since the issuing of said certificates of stock to the Trustees of said fund, said Railroads have been sold, and said stock become of no value; *and whereas*, Since the sale of said Railroads, a large amount of land belonging to the Internal Improvement fund has been disposed of in payment of interest due on the first mortgage bonds of said Railroad companies, for which the said Trustees received no valuable consideration in behalf of said fund; therefore,

*Be it resolved*, That the committee on Railroads and Telegraphs be and they are hereby instructed to make full and complete investigation of the cause, manner and legality of the sale of said Railroads, and such other matters connected therewith, in which said Trustees in behalf of said fund are interested, and report by bill or otherwise such action as may be necessary for the interest and protection of said fund; and further, that said committee shall enquire into and ascertain what is necessary to be done by the Legislature to secure an early completion of the original lines of Railroads as designated in said Internal improvement law.

Mr. Barnes moved that the resolution be placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Thompson introduced the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 4:

To be entitled an act to amend section 4 of an act entitled "An act relating to official and legal advertisements," approved February 27, 1877;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Printing.

Mr. Niblack gave notice that on to-morrow he would introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act imposing a tax, and prescribing the mode of collecting the same, on the privilege of selling wines, ardent spirits and malt liquors within the State of Florida.

On motion of Mr. Lykes, the Senate went into executive session.

The doors being opened, on motion of Mr. Lykes, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.