

SATURDAY, January 11, 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, Eagan, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Judge, Lee, Leslie, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Walker of the 23d and Walls—22.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Judge offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee are hereby instructed to make full and complete investigation as to the constitutionality of the 4th paragraph, Section 11, Chapter 1976, also Section 6 Chapter 1977 Revenue Laws, and to report in such manner as they may deem proper ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hagan presented a petition from the citizens of Manatee county ;

Which was referred to the joint committee on Fee Bill and pay of Jurors.

Mr. Lesley offered a petition from the Tampa and Peace Creek and St. Johns R. R. Co. ;

Which was referred to Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Walker, of 23d District, offered a bill to limit and define the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace ;

Which was referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Niblack presented a bill to be entitled An act imposing a tax and prescribing the mode of collecting the same, on the privilege of selling wine, ardent spirits and malt liquors within the State of Florida ;

Which was referred to Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Walls offered a resolution to appoint a committee, to be known as the South Florida Railroad Company; which was afterwards withdrawn at the request of Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Richard moved that Senator McClenny be excused from attendance until Monday next.

The following messages were received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, January 10, 1879.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate

that the Assembly has appointed Messrs. Sharon, Bryan and Monroe upon the joint committee, on the part of the Assembly, to investigate the books of the offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, January 10, 1879.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has appointed Messrs. Sharon, Bullock, Harris, Bell and Witherspoon upon the joint committee, on the part of the Assembly, to investigate the question of the legality of all State bonds issued from 1870 to the present date.

Also, appointed Messrs. Brush, Yonge, Canova, Trapp and Proctor, on the part of the Assembly, upon the joint committee to revise the Fee Bill.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, January 10, 1879.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: By request of the Senate, I am directed by the Assembly to return Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, relative to Federal interference by deputy marshals and others, at elections held under State laws.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Mr. Thompson moved that the resolution on Federal Interference, returned from the Assembly, be put again on its first reading ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walker of the 23d, presented a bill entitled An act to provide for an election to enable the people of Florida to declare whether they will meet in Convention to revise their Constitution, to elect delegates thereto, to fix the time and place of such Convention and the compensation of its delegates and officers, and also for a subsequent election to ratify or reject such revised Constitution ;

Which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and 150 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. McKinnon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chairman of standing committees of this Senate be authorized to procure from the public printer printed slips containing the names of members of their several committees and a notice to such members that the committee will meet at a time and place to be named in said notice, and that the chairman of committees shall fill up these slips and give to the several members of their respective committees full notice of the time and place of such meeting ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Barnes offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to have 200 hundred copies of the Governor's Message, with the Reports of the Heads of the Departments, printed for the use of the Senate in pamphlet form ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hagan introduced a bill to amend Section 11 of an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved February 14, 1874 ;

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State :

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 11, 1879. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—In obedience to a provision of the Constitution, I have the honor of placing before the Assembly the acts vetoed by the Governor after the adjournment of the last Legislature, and deposited in this office, viz: Senate bill entitled "An act granting certain rights to the Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Company"; Senate bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Withlacoochee Navigation Company."

The vetoes accompany said bills.

Respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM,
Secretary of State.

Which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion, Mr. Walker of the 23d was permitted to withdraw the resolution presented by him on the 9th inst., in regard to a revision of the Constitution.

Resolution of Mr. Niblack, that had been placed among the orders of the day, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On motion, the Senate went into executive session.

The doors being opened, Mr. Hagan moved that the President appoint committees to act with the committee appointed by the Assembly to examine the books of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and to investigate the bonds ;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Speer and Genovar on the committee to examine the books of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and to investigate the bonds.

Messrs. Niblack, McMeekin and Durkee on the committee to investigate the bonds.

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

CONFIRMATIONS.

E. J. Vann, to be Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, vice Wm. Bryson, term expired.

E. F. Labutat, Charles Robinson and Edw. J. Raney, to be Commissioners of Pilotage of Franklin county.

MONDAY, January 13, 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, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones of the 8th District, Judge, Lee, Long, Lykes, McMeekin, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Walls—24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was corrected and approved.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, January 13, 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 Assembly Joint Resolution to