

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

change and correct the boundary lines of the Collection District of St Marks, and for other purposes.

Also, adopted Assembly Joint Resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress relative to Beacon Lights and Fog Bells on the St. Johns river, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

Which was read.

Also, the following:

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 authorizing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly to appoint a joint committee of five to examine the Digest of Laws and report thereon as soon as practicable, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

Which was read.

Mr. Walls offered the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly be, and hereby are, impowered, authorized and requested to adjourn their respective houses on Saturday, the 22d of February, 1879, at 12 o'clock M., in order that the members thereof may attend the State Fair at Gainesville, Alachua county, on the fourth Tuesday of said month;

Which was read.

Mr. McMackin moved that the resolution be laid upon the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Leslie offered the following resolution:

The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows: That our Senators and Members of Congress representing the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States, are hereby requested to introduce a bill, and to use their exertions for the passage of the same, granting to the Tampa Peace Creek and St. Johns River Railway Company the right of way through the Government lands on the line of road leading from Tampa, Florida, to the St.

Johns river for the distance of one hundred feet from the centre of road-bed on each side of said line of railway.

Mr. Thompson moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes introduced the following resolution:

The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows: That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to procure the re-establishment of the Steamboat Mail Route from Troy on the Suwannee river to Clear Water Harbor via Cedar Keys, Crystal river, Homosassée, Bay Port and Anclote;

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

Mr. Durkee offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The right of the Senator from the 10th District, Hon. Dennis Eagan, to a seat in this body has been called in question for the alleged reason that he is holding an important Federal position,

Resolved, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be instructed to investigate the legal title of said Senator to a seat in this body, and report its conclusions to this Senate.

Mr. Durkee moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no motion to lay upon the table, or reconsider and lay upon the table, made for the purpose of cutting off debate and due deliberation, shall be considered as in order, and all rules or orders of the Senate inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded.

Mr. Walls moved that it be laid upon the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hagan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to enquire into and report to the Senate what amount of the public land, if any, has been deeded by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to a corporation known as the Peace Creek Immigrant and Navigation Company.

Mr. Hagan moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Allen offered the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 9:

A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Thomas Forrester, of Monroe county;

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

Mr. Walls offered the following bill :
Senate Bill No. 10:

A Bill to be entitled An act to allow married women to testify in all civil cases where their husbands are not disqualified ;

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

The following communication from the Comptroller was received :

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, STATE OF FLORIDA, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 11, 1879. }

Hon. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I have the honor to furnish the information annexed, in compliance with the following resolution, offered by Hon. Mr. Niblack, and adopted by your body on the 9th inst. :

“Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to furnish for the information of this Senate an aggregate statement of the amount of revenue received from licenses on each profession, occupation and business for the fiscal year 1878.”

The receipts at the Treasury for the past fiscal year for licenses from the several counties was \$49,988.00, while the annexed list shows only \$38,390.00. This discrepancy arises from the fact that in many cases parties do business on the simple receipt of the Collector of Revenue for the tax and do not get a license from the clerk, as the law contemplates they should do ; and this list shows only what the clerks report. Collectors of Revenue generally return so much money as derived from Licenses.

The difference of \$11,598 might, for all practical purposes, be apportioned to the different occupations in the accompanying list.

Respectfully,
C. DREW,

Comptroller.

SOURCES FROM WHICH LICENSES ARE DERIVED BY THE STATE,
CALLED FOR BY RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF 9TH JANUARY,
1879:

From Merchants selling general merchandise	\$ 8,200.00
From Liquor Dealers	22,700.00
From Practicing Physicians	1,010.00
From Druggists	1,040.00
From Keno and Pool Tables	155.00
From Public Exhibitions	380.00
From Land Agents	15.00
From Boarding Houses	400.00

From Eating Houses	435.00
From Peddlers	240.00
From Hotels	1,075.00
From Butchers	410.00
From Billiard Tables	510.00
From Practicing Lawyers	290.00
From Livery Stables	350.00
From Insurance Agents	380.00
From Express Agents	120.00
From Banks	400.00
From Photographers	60.00
From Dentists	90.00
From Undertakers	20.00
From Bakers	20.00
From Auctioneers	60.00
From Sewing Machine Agents	30.00

\$38,390.00

Which was read and ordered spread upon the journals, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Durkee offered the following :

Senate bill No. 11 :

A bill to be entitled an act to Encourage and Protect the Manufacture of Manures ;

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

Mr. Walls gave notice that he would at some future day introduce the following :

That I will, at an early date, introduce and press for successful passage, a bill prohibiting clerks and deputy clerks of registration from excluding qualified electors from registering as the Constitution requires ; and making the ballots voted by the electors a part of the precinct and county canvassers' returns, and for other purposes.

Mr. Durkee introduced the following :

Senate bill No. 12 :

To be entitled an act in regard to Trespasses ;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A message from the Governor by his Private Secretary was received.

Mr. McKinnon introduced the following :

Senate bill No. 13 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of an act authorizing William Miller of Washington county to dig a Canal from the Choctawhatchie river to Tucker Bayou ;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

The President appointed Messrs. Barnes and Bryson on the Joint Committee to examine the Digest of the Laws and report thereon.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, W. J. Jones, Senator from the 32d District, came forward and was sworn in.

Mr. Walker of 23d, offered bill No. 14, entitled a bill to repeal act approved March 2, 1877, in relation to the restriction and extension of incorporated cities and towns;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The Committee on Printing made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, January 13, 1878.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 4, report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully,

J. C. RICHARD, Chairman.

Which was read.

Senate bill No. 4:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 4 of an act entitled an act relating to official and legal advertisements,

Was read for the second time and ordered engrossed for third reading.

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

The doors being opened, Mr. Leslie introduced Senate bill No. 15:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to Prevent Excessive Rates of Pilotage, approved February 14, 1874;

Which was read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

On motion of Mr. Patterson, the Senate adjourned to 10 A. M. to-morrow.

CONFIRMATIONS.

J. A. Johnson, to be Sheriff of Lafayette county.

TUESDAY, January 14, 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, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones of the 8th, Lee, Long, McMeekin, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23rd and Walls—20.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Meecham, the reading of the journal was dispensed with—the journal corrected and approved.

Mr. Walls rose to a question of privilege, and had read an extract from the *Sun & Press* of the 12th, in which he was charged with having, by treachery and perfidy, caused the loss of Republican votes in Alachua county. He made a denial of the charge.

Mr. Niblack presented petition of J. G. Thornton, of Western Union Telegraph Company, asking reduction of taxation; Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Lykes presented memorial of the Great Southern Railway Company;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Joint Resolution in reference to Federal Interference by deputy marshals and others at elections held under State laws,

Was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Resolution from the Assembly instructing our Senators and Representatives relative to Beacon Lights and Fog Bells on the St. Johns river,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Joint resolution to change and correct the boundary lines of the Collection District of St. Marks, and for other purposes,

Was read and referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Mr. Walls offered the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly be and hereby empowered, authorized and requested to adjourn their respective house on Saturday the 22d of February, 1879, at 12 o'clock M., in order that the members thereof may attend the State Fair at Gainesville, Alachua county, on the 4th Tuesday of said month;