

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;

Which was read.

Mr. Walls moved its adoption ;

Which motion was lost.

Joint Resolution No. — from the Assembly authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the Assembly to appoint a joint committee of five to examine the Digest of Laws and report thereon as early as practicable,

Was taken up, read and adopted.

The following bills were introduced :

By Mr. McMeekin :

Senate bill No. 16 :

To be entitled an act to enlarge the rights and obligations of married women, in respect to their sole and separate property, and their releases of dower ;

Was read for the first time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. McKinnon :

Senate bill No. 17 :

To be entitled an act declaring Sandy Creek in Walton and Holmes counties navigable ;

Was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Leslie :

Senate bill No. 18 :

To be entitled an act to grant certain swamp and overflowed lands to the Tampa, Peace Creek and St. Johns River Railway Company ;

Was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Barnes :

Senate bill No. 19 :

To be entitled an act to ratify and confirm the reduction of taxes authorized by the Governor for the years 1877 and 1878 ;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The Judiciary Committee made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, )

TALLAHASSEE, January 14, 1879. }

TO THE HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 3, entitled An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 1,099, of Laws of Florida, beg leave to report, that they have

had said bill under consideration, and recommend its passage, with the words "in relation to Replevin" added to its title.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BARNES, Chairman.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill No. 3 :

To be entitled An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 1,099 of Laws of Florida in relation to replevin,

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Senate then went into executive session.

The doors being opened, on motion of Mr. Barnes, the Senate adjourned to 10 A. M., to-morrow.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

S. M. Sparkman, State Attorney for the 6th Judicial Circuit.

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 1879.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones of 32d District, Jones of 8th District, Lee, Leslie, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer and Thompson  
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A quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Bishop Peck.

On motion of Senator Judge, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

The journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Niblack introduced the following bill :

Senate Bill No. 20 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874 ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.