

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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. McKinnon from the Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report on Senate bill No. 19,

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, January 15, 1879.
HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Taxes and Finance, to whom was referred 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, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and unanimously recommend that it do pass.

A. D. MCKINNON, Chairman.

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

Mr. McKinnon then took the President's chair, when the orders of the day were proceeded with.

Senate bill No. 20 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved Feb. 17, 1874,

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Finance.

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,

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

Senate Bill No. 4 :

A bill to be entitled an act relating to Official and Legal Advertisements, approved February 27, 1877,

Was read a third time, and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones of the 32nd, Jones of the 8th, Judge, Lee, Leslie, Long, Lykes, McMeekin, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson and Walker of the 23rd—27.

Nays—Walls—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Lykes called up the resolution in reference to the re-establishment of the Steamboat Mail Route on the Suwannee ;

Which was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Leslie introduced Senate Bill No. 21 :

A bill to be entitled an act for the Relief of Thomas Jackson of Hillsborough county ;

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Bishop J. T. Peck, D. D., Rev. J. B. Ford and Rev. C. A. Fullwood were invited to seats on the floor.

Mr. Genovar offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, We have learned with regret of the death of Mr. John Drysdale, the Door Keeper of the Assembly :

Resolved, That, in respect therefor, this Senate now adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning ;

Which was adopted.

The Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Tavener W. Falkner, Clerk of Circuit Court, Dade county.

John Adams, Judge of County Court, Dade county.

John T. Peacock, to be Assessor of Taxes and Collector of Revenue for Dade county.

REMOVALS.

Adam C. Richards, from the office of Assessor of Taxes and Collector of Revenue for Dade county.

R. B. Potter, from the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dade county.

THURSDAY, January 16, 1879.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones of 32nd, Jones of 8th, Judge, Lee, Long, Lykes, McMeekin, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson and Walker of 23rd—27.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Long, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with, and the Journal approved.

Mr. Durkee offered a resolution in regard to License tax ;

Which was read, and on a motion referred to the Committee on License and Taxes. Mr. Eagan called for the yeas and nays which were:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Gen-