

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the Senate took a recess until 5 minutes before 12 M.

The Senate was called to order at 11:55 A. M.

The Senate being informed by their Sargeant-at-Arms that the Assembly was ready to receive the Senate for the purpose of declaring the result of the vote for United States Senator, proceeded to the Assembly Hall.

The President took the chair.

The rolls of the Senate and Assembly were called, and a quorum present.

The journals of both Houses, so far as they related to the vote for United States Senator on yesterday, were read and approved.

The President announced that the Hon. Wilkinson Call, having received a majority of all the votes cast in each House, in the Senate and the Assembly on yesterday, was duly declared elected United States Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Hon. S. B. Conover on the 4th of March next.

Mr. Walker of 23rd moved that a committee of three be appointed to inform the Hon. Wilkinson Call of his election as U. S. Senator;

Which was agreed to.

Messrs. Walker of 23rd, McClellan and Dennis, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Dennis moved that a committee, also, be appointed to inform his Excellency, the Governor, of the election of Mr. Call, on which the President appointed the same committee.

The committee, after a brief interval, introduced the Hon. Wilkinson Call to the Joint Assembly and reported that they had performed the duties assigned them and asked to be discharged;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Call then addressed the Joint Assembly, accepting his election with appropriate remarks.

Mr. Meacham then moved that the Joint Assembly adjourn *sine die*;

Which was agreed to.

On the Senate assembling in the Senate Chamber, it was moved by Mr. McKinnon that the Senate adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was agreed to and the Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 23, 1879.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Messrs. Allen, Barnes, French, Genovar, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Walls and Wallace—17.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the reading of the journal was dispensed with, and the journal approved.

Mr. Hatcher presented a memorial in relation to a Branch of the United States Land Office in Walton county;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Allen presented the petition of Geo. D. Allen, Collector of Revenue;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Richard presented Senate bill No. 37, to be entitled an act to Incorporate the Black Creek and Starke Railroad and Steamboat Company;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Allen presented Senate bill No. 38, to be entitled an act in relation to Marriages, and to provide for Proving and Recording Marriages in certain cases;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McAuley presented Senate bill No. 39, to be entitled an act to fix the Pay of Members of the Legislature, and Officers and Attaches;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 35:

To be entitled an act for the Incorporation of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Florida, Was taken up for its second reading.

Mr. McKinnon moved to amend by striking out in section 5 the words "fifty thousand dollars" and insert "ten thousand dollars;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McMeekin moved that section 5 be further amended by the addition of the following words:

*Provided*, That no property except such as is used exclu-

sively for the purposes of the order, shall be exempt from taxation ;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. McKinnon, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Assembly joint resolution No. 5 was taken up and read the third time and put upon its passage, with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Judge, Leslie, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walls and Wallace—27.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed, title as stated, and was ordered to be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 28 was taken up for a second reading.

Mr. Wallace moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture ;

Which was agreed to by a division, 14 in favor and 11 against.

Memorial to Congress requesting that a Branch of the United States Land Office be established at Freeport, Walton county, West Florida,

Was taken up, read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Petition of Geo. D. Allen, Collector of Revenue for county of Munroe,

Was read, and referred to Committee on Claims.

Senate bill No. 37 :

To be entitled an act to Incorporate the Black Creek and Starke Railroad and Steamboat Company,

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

Senate bill No. 38 :

To be entitled an act in relation to Marriages and to provide for Proving and Recording of Marriages in certain cases,

Was read the first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill No. 39 :

To be entitled an act to fix the Pay of Members of the Legislature, and Officers and Attaches thereof,

Was taken up, read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

D. B. Wadsworth, to be Assessor of Taxes for Madison county.

W. H. Waring, to be Collector of Revenue for Madison county.

FRIDAY, January 24, 1879.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tem. 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, Long, Lykes, McAuley, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23rd, Walker of the 6th, Walls and Wallace—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the reading of the journal was dispensed with and the journal approved.

Mr. McKinnon took the chair.

Mr. French presented bill No. 40, to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3,044 of 1877, being an act for the Protection of Game and Wild Birds ;

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

Mr. Hagan presented Senate bill No. 41, to be entitled an act to repeal an act for the Protection of Game and Wild Birds, approved February 27, 1877 ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 40 :

To be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3,044 of 1877, being an act for the Protection of Game and Wild Birds,

Was taken up and read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, the rule was waived and the bill read a second time.

Mr. Hagan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Agriculture ;

Which was agreed to.